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Overview of Conferences Focusing on Legal History and Roman Law, Organized in the Czech Republic in 2015

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Several conferences, colloquia, and summer schools focusing on legal history and Roman law were held last year in the Czech Republic. On April 15th, 2015, the Czech Academy of Sciences hosted a colloquium on the topic of *Sources of church law and their edition*. Papers about church and canon law in medieval Czech lands, sources of church administration, and procedural law were presented at the colloquium. The papers will be published in English.

The Faculty of Law of Masaryk University and the Wrocław Faculty of the WSPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities organized a conference titled *25 years from the transformation* which took place on April 16th and 17th, 2015. The series of presentations pointed out legal, social, and economic aspects of transformation in the countries situated in Eastern and Central Europe. The aim of the conference was to point out development of society after the collapse of socialism.

On May 15th and 16th, 2015, the Department of Legal History, Faculty of Law of Charles University hosted an international scientific conference titled *the Seventeenth Annual Conference of Experts on Roman Law from the Czech Republic and Slovakia*. The subject of discussion was *Roman law in modern codifications*. Presentations were focused on the question of reception of Roman law in historical Czech lands and Europe. On the program also were two presentations on Roman law legal developments in Taiwan and Ukraine. Participants talked about the influence of Roman law on the example of specific legal institutions such as property rights, unjust enrichment, donation, inheritance, crimes and offenses, and much more. The papers were published in a collective monograph titled *The contemporary reflection of Roman law*.

Each year, the Faculty of Law of Palacký University organizes the *Olomouc Days of Law*. Last year's event was held on May 21st and 22nd. The subject of legal history

was covered by the section *Decrees of the President of the Republic 70 years after: Theoretical aspects, application in practice, and comparative view*. Participants discussed the decrees of President Edvard Benes, and their political and legal impact on post-war society.

In late May 2015, the interdisciplinary conference *Offences against Life and Health Yesterday and Today* was held in the conference room at the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University. The conference was organized by the European Society for the History of Law in cooperation with the Departments of the History of the State and Law, and of Criminal Law of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University. The conference was focused on offences against life and health in Roman law, in the Middle Ages, and in the Early Modern Era. Presenters also talked about the anchoring of crimes against life and health in modern codifications. Some presentations were dedicated to criminal proceedings and the profiles of offenders and victims in terms of psychology, sociology, and other disciplines.

On June 10th, 2015, the Department of History of the State and Law of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University organized the traditional *The Third Czechoslovakian Meeting of doctoral and postdoctoral Students on History of Law*. The meeting was intended for students and young researchers focused on the history of law and Roman law. The program was divided into two parts. The first part included presentations focused on the legal history in antiquity and in the Middle Ages. In the second part of the meeting there were presentations about modern history and the present.

As in previous years, the *Summer School on Legal History* was held at the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University in September 2015. The summer school is intended for bachelor, master, and doctoral students studying at one of the Faculties of Law in the Czech Republic (Brno, Prague, Olomouc, Pilsen). The subject of the summer school was *Law of succession through ages*. The summer school focused on individual legal institutions, the principles of the law of succession, and trends in legal development from antiquity to the present.

In early November 2015, the Research Library in Olomouc organized a 24th annual conference titled *Bibliotheca antiqua*. The theme of the conference was legal manuscripts, old prints, and legal history in general. The conference was attended by legal historians, historians, and librarians, who presented their research results. Papers were published in the printed conference proceedings.

The international conference *Days of Law* was held on November 18th and 19th, 2015. The conference was hosted by the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University in Brno. The subject of legal history was covered by the section *Liability in law*. Papers were focused on questions of the institution of legal liability and its development through the centuries. The contributors discussed legal liability and its regulation in civil and public law. Their papers included presentations regarding legal regulation (laws), practice of the courts, and legal practice.