## FOREWORD

Institute of Comparative Law (Serbia), in cooperation with "Josip Juraj Strossmayer" University of Osijek Faculty of Law (Croatia) and University of Pécs Faculty of Law (Hungary) has initiated a new international conference, Regional Law Review. Our goal was to create an opportunity for lawyers from various European countries to gather in one place and discuss current issues in the field of law. Unfortunately, the well-known events that marked the current year made it impossible for the conference to be held as we had planned.

Nevertheless, a significant number of authors from a number of countries responded to the invitation to publish papers as well as to participate in the abridged version of the Conference. A total of 22 authors from eight countries researched and presented the results of their researches in the form of 18 scientific papers that you will find in this collection. The Conference was held on October 16 in the form of the online meeting. We owe a great deal of gratitude to everyone who participated in it and made it possible to call the first edition of RLR Conference a success.

I would like to thank the members of the Scientific and Organizational Committee, the representatives of all three institutions that jointly organized the conference, as well as all the reviewers (a total of 25 reviewers from 10 countries) who certainly played significant role in establishing the academic standard of the quality of published papers. My gratitude is also directed to all those who worked diligently on the organization of technical and essential details of the Conference and proceedings, and above all for the selfless help of my colleagues from the Institute of Comparative Law, who bore significant burden of the organization. We jointly discovered new means of academic and scientific communication in a world trapped by a pandemic – thank you for that.

Due to our liberal policy of using citation methods, two styles have been used in the collection, with several different variations. I think that in a way such freedom of expression contributes to the dynamics of reading the texts and (in a technical manner) corresponds to the diversity of topics covered by researchers.

What I can conclude with great certainty is that in the coming years – and I am sure that we will be able to work and interact in significantly more favorable circumstances – RLR Conference will grow into a traditional and unavoidable gathering of lawyers from all over Europe.

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