

## PREFACE

It is with great pride and pleasure that we open the preface to this year's *Proverbium* Volume 42 with wonderful news: *Proverbium* has been officially indexed in two highly esteemed databases, Scopus and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). These recognitions affirm the journal's consistent commitment to scholarly excellence and position it alongside the most respected publications in the field. The Scopus review team highlighted several strengths that contributed to our successful indexing. They commended the journal's regular publication of academically rigorous and internationally relevant articles, the consistency between the journal's content and its stated aims and scope, and the clarity and transparency of its editorial policies. This encouraging feedback serves as both a validation of our efforts and a motivation to continue the diligent work required to uphold and enhance the journal's quality.

In our continued effort to meet the high demands of international proverb scholarship, we are also pleased to announce that our Online Supplement Series has been granted an ISSN (3044-3873), officially elevating the series to the status of a recognized periodical. We look forward to publishing more high-quality monographs that explore diverse aspects of proverbial studies worldwide.

The publication of this 42nd volume would not have been possible without the expertise, dedication, and hard work of our contributing authors and reviewers. This year, over twenty scientific articles were submitted for consideration. Our sincere gratitude goes to our reviewers, whose careful readings and insightful evaluations have ensured the continued high standard of our publication. We extend heartfelt thanks to: Dragana Antonijević, Saša Babič, Péter Barta, Fionnuala Carson Williams, Charles

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This volume features contributions in three languages—English, French, and German—reflecting the truly global scope of our field. The articles span a rich variety of topics: from Latin proverbs and the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and paremiology, to studies on Albanian proverbs, the Tangkhul paremiological minimum, proverb semantics, proverbial expressions in poetry, Anglo-American anti-proverbs, and Biblical proverbs. Each article offers fresh perspectives and underscores the enduring relevance of proverbs in both historical and contemporary contexts.

In addition to the research articles, this volume also presents two insightful book reviews, one on postproverbials in Nigerian languages and another on a German-Bulgarian phraseological dictionary. We are also thrilled to feature three important bibliographies, including our traditional listings meticulously compiled by Professor Wolfgang Mieder and, for the first time in *Proverbium*, a bibliography of Hausa proverb studies by our fellow paremiologist, Patryk Zajac.

We are proud and excited to share this volume with our readers. It represents a milestone for the journal and a testament to the vibrancy and diversity of paremiological scholarship today. As we look to the future, we remain committed to fostering dialogue, collaboration, and innovation among paremiologists worldwide.

With gratitude for your continued support and enthusiasm for the field,

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