

## **Ancient History and Ancient Historians in the 20th century: Dis Manibus Pavel Oliva**

23rd November 2023 marks the centenary of Prof. Pavel Oliva (born Ohrenstein, 23. 11. 1923 – 5. 3. 2021). To honour the influential Czech historian of ancient Greece, a conference “Ancient History and Ancient Historians in the 20th century: Dis Manibus Pavel Oliva” will take place at the Villa Lanna (V Sadech 1/1, Praha 6 – Bubeneč) on 22nd–24th November 2023. Please accept our invitation to present a paper at the conference.

The preferred topics of contributions are the following:

- appraisal of Pavel Oliva’s contribution to the study of ancient Greece and Pannonia;
- the influence of both the dictatorships Pavel Oliva was confronted with on his life and work;
- Pavel Oliva’s role in the scholarly community, his contacts with other scholars in both East and West.

Contributions on the following topics will also be welcome:

- areas of Oliva’s professional interest, i.e. esp. Solon, the social history of Sparta, history of Greece in the Hellenistic era, Marcomannic Wars;
- lives of classicists persecuted by totalitarian regimes;
- use and misuse of ancient history in 20th-century politics.

Keynote speakers:

Stephen Hodkinson (the University of Nottingham, emeritus)  
The Modern Mirage of Spartan Militarism;

Oswyn Murray (Balliol College, Oxford, emeritus)  
The Republic of Letters between East and West;

Lukas Thommen (Universität Basel)  
Gleichheit und Freiheit im spartanischen Kosmos.

The conference languages will be English and German.

If you are interested in active participation in the conference, please send the preliminary title of your contribution and its short annotation (max. 300 words) to [nyvlt@ics.cas.cz](mailto:nyvlt@ics.cas.cz) by 15th March 2023.

Applicants will be notified by 17th April 2023 at the latest.

The active participants will be asked to pay a conference fee of 1000 CZK / 42 EUR to the account of the Czech Union of Classical Philologists (Jednota klasických filologů); see below for payment instructions.

Please note that the number of non-speaking participants in the Villa Lanna is limited. If you would be interested in attending the conference via ZOOM or Teams, please notify [nyvlt@ics.cas.cz](mailto:nyvlt@ics.cas.cz) by 15th March 2023.

Looking forward to seeing you,

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