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Preface

The second Aguntum Workshop – held in November 2016 – was dedicated to the Drava River as a route of transport, not only in terms of commodities, but also in terms of ideas. The subjects of the lectures ranged from river routes as connectors between regions in a more general way to the material culture of various settlements along the Drava from Austria to Slovenia and Croatia. I am very happy that we are now able to publish selected topics of the numerous exciting Aguntum Workshop contributions. The subjects addressed are transport by river as a major kind of commercial pottery distribution in Northern Italy (A. Gabucci), archaeological features connected to rivers used as trading routes (D. Cottica, P. Ventura, J. Horvat and M. Auer), GIS-based analyses of accompanying road networks (P. Marko, S. Lamm, J. Gspurnig) as well as the material culture of Roman settlements along the Drava in today's Austria (J. Rabitsch, K. Ramstetter, V. Sossau), Slovenia (Z. Modrijan, E. Schindler-Kaudelka, M. Janezić, M. Vomer Gojkovič) and Croatia (S. Filipović, V. Kusik).

The contributions highlight especially the importance of the Drava for connecting the provinces of *Noricum* and *Pannonia* during the entire Roman Period and Late Antiquity. Therefore, after initiating the Aguntum Workshops with a micro regional approach regarding Roman settlements in the area of present-day Eastern Tyrol (*Ager Aguntinus I*) we are now expanding our scope to address the connection routes of this region to the East and South.

The papers are arranged alphabetically according to the author's name. Due to new EU laws regarding data privacy it was not possible to print private e-mail or postal addresses, therefore contact addresses are consciously omitted. However, in times of easy accessible internet information it will be possible to find the authors' contact details if needed. Alternatively, the editors are ready to forward any requests to the authors.

In accordance with the international approach of the second Aguntum Workshop most contributions are in English, but also articles in German and Italian are present. It took some time to publish these *acta*, because it was very important for the editors to establish a peer review process for this and future volumes. In this context, it is a great pleasure for me to thank our reviewers for their crucial insights and contributions and for helping to increase the legibility and comprehensibility of this book.

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