

Foreword

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This collection of scholarly essays on various aspects of Renaissance and Baroque humanism, Neo-Latin literature, and New Ancient Greek studies is dedicated to the memory of Dr Jeanine De Landtsheer who passed away at the beginning of the year 2021; her death was as shattering as it was sudden and unexpected. Jeanine De Landtsheer was an outstanding Leuven scholar whose interests and pursuits roughly ranged from Juan Luis Vives' *De subventionem pauperum* and Erasmus' vast oeuvre, substantial parts of which she felicitously translated into Dutch, to Justus Lipsius and his impressively large circle of friends and colleagues, whose correspondence she edited with admirable devotion and unremitting zeal during the better part of her professional career.¹ Apart from, and despite, her passionate scholarly endeavours, Jeanine was also actively involved in the publication of our journal *Humanistica Lovaniensia*. Indeed, for many years she enthusiastically and energetically undertook the humble but important, labor-intensive, and hence time-consuming task of compiling the “indices codicum manuscriptorum” and “indices nominum” that adorned the journal until its transformation into an electronic open-access journal in 2018; furthermore, she dutifully assisted the editors in drawing up the annual “instrumentum bibliographicum Neolatinum”. Her work, unfailingly executed with the highest imaginable degree of accuracy, even when, in the last years of her life, her eyesight began to deteriorate, eloquently testifies to her awesome assiduity and boundless generosity – virtues which she also displayed in other areas of her rich professional and private life.²

As guest editors we found it proper and just to publish this special issue of *Humanistica Lovaniensia* in honour and commemoration of the

¹ A complete list of publications is to be found in M. Crab, I. François (ed.), Jeanine De Landtsheer, *In Pursuit of the Muses. The Life and Work of Justus Lipsius* (Gent, 2021), 25-37.

² For a more detailed description of her life and work, see especially M. de Schepper, D. Sacré, “Biography of Jeanine De Landtsheer”, in Crab, François (ed.) (as in n. 1), 13-23.

great scholar and loyal collaborator Jeanine De Landtsheer always was. In order to do so we contacted Neo-Latinists from the inner circle of her wide scholarly network and asked them to contribute to this volume. We are very pleased that most of them unreservedly accepted our offer, even though many of them were labouring under considerable pressure of time – as contemporary academics inevitably are bound to be. Needless to say, all the articles we received have been submitted to a rigorous refereeing procedure. It is to be hoped that, by compiling this volume, we have made a modest contribution to the longevity of Jeanine's name in the thriving community of Neo-Latin scholars. May her name live on in the memory of authors and readers alike “plus uno perenne saeclo”, to quote Catullus, one of the favourite poets of Jeanine's favourite humanist, Justus Lipsius.