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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As decided in Oxford and Salzburg, the next (68th) Session of the Société Internationale Fernand De Visscher pour l'Histoire des Droits de l'Antiquité (SIHDA) will be held in Naples (Italy), at the University «Federico II», in the Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza. The conference shall begin in the afternoon of **Tuesday 16th and end on Saturday, September 20th, 2014** (the day for which excursions are planned). The general theme will be:

Regulae iuris. Their roots in experience and legal logic, their practical consequences.

Please note that this is a very broad topic, and one moreover that is very important to the Roman legal system, to other legal traditions of antiquity, and to those of the Middle Ages, as well as to those of the modern age. According to a well established custom, however, you are free to select a topic of your choice independent of the general theme.

As customary for the SIHDA, individual papers will be scheduled for 20 minutes each and in a number of parallel sessions.

We remind you that, in principle, French is the official language of the congress, but in conformance to our traditions, German, English, Spanish and Italian are also welcome.

Naples is one of the great Mediterranean cities, well-known for its history and natural beauty. Founded by the Greeks in the eighth century BC, until 1861 it was the capital of the Kingdom of Naples and the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, the largest state of Italy prior to unification. The University of Naples «Federico II» is the oldest secular State University in the world, having been founded by Emperor Frederick II, *Stupor mundi*, with a *littera generalis* of 1224.

The participation fees, the price of (optional) excursions, and the terms of payment will be specified in a second circular, along with the e-address of the conference web site, which will accommodate registration and e-submission of abstracts for the papers.

At all events, we are, of course, already at your disposal in case you have any questions to ask or requests to make.

In anticipation of welcoming you here in Naples, please, dear Colleagues, accept our warmest greetings.

Naples, the 20th February 2014

Carla Masi Doria



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