

Preface

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The publication of this project is inevitably overshadowed by the sad passing of its principal organiser Dr Paola Tomè, who died in December 2017 after a long battle with cancer. The conference and volume were her idea, and could not have come about without her. Her courage and determination over the last year of her life, and her constant commitment to the study of Italian humanism, give a shining example to us all; she is much missed by a world-wide network of scholarly friends and collaborators as well as by close colleagues and her loving family. We dedicate this book to her memory.

Giancarlo Abbamonte nobly took on the role of principal editor of this volume after Paola Tomè's death, and Stephen Harrison would like to thank him most warmly for his generosity in accepting this onerous task. Both of us would like to thank Franco Montanari and Antonios Rengakos, General Editors of *Trends in Classics*, for accepting this book for the series, and all those at De Gruyter who have made the volume possible.

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