

Preface

The collected essays in this volume present the results of the conference titled “Methodius of Olympus’ Writing *De lepra* as an Example of the Entire Edition of the Corpus Methodianum –Interdisciplinary Approaches”. The conference was held on April 8–9, 2021 at Friedrich Schiller University Jena.

Demonstrating the diverse and interdisciplinary nature of the writings in the *Corpus Methodianum*, this volume serves as a background commentary on the new edition of Methodius’ *De lepra*, which is being published alongside it. This new edition was also prepared by the editors and will be published by De Gruyter as volume 31 of the series *Die Griechischen Christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten Jahrhunderte. Neue Folge*.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on travel, the conference was held online. However, the participants’ cooperation made it a successful experience. We thank everyone for their contribution!

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