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## Societas Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae

The joint meeting of the AIEGL Bureau and International Committee was held in Bucharest on 2nd and 3rd September 2026. The meeting takes place in Romania 49 years after the VII CIEGL and at the same time as the official constitution of the AIEGL in Constanța. Furthermore, Bucharest was chosen as the venue for this last meeting in recognition of their generosity shown in deciding not to put itself forward as a candidate to host the XVIII CIEGL Congress (2032), in order to support Budapest's bid, which has now been confirmed.

Following a warm welcome from our Romanian colleagues and a splendid visit to the National Museum for the History of Romania, the participants made their way to the George Severeanu Museum. There, they were met by Radu Băjenaru (director of the Vasile Pârvan Institute of Archaeology) and Dan Pîrvulescu (deputy director of the Bucharest Municipal Museum). Following an interesting series of three presentations on 'Greek and Roman Epigraphy in Romania after 1989' (by Florian Matei-Popescu, Lucrețiu Mihailescu-Bîrliba and Dragoș Hălmagi), the AIEGL joint meeting began.

The meeting reviewed the activities and finances of AIEGL for the period 2023-2026, confirming a balanced financial situation and discussing preparations for the XVII CIEGL in Bologna (2027). Participants agreed to reform the Association's grant schemes by replacing the two annual Géza Alföldy Stipendia of €1,500 with a single annual grant of €3,000, alternating between support for research stays and publications, and by restructuring grants for epigraphic courses into one annual grant for introductory training and one for advanced specialization. The Bureau also considered measures to strengthen AIEGL's legal and financial standing, including affiliation with a host institution, the creation of a permanent postal address, and improved management of its funds through savings or investment options. Membership issues were discussed, including the future appointment of honorary members, clearer rules for fee exemptions, and possible changes to regulations governing members who fail to pay annual dues, although no agreement was reached on the latter proposal. Finally, members were encouraged to identify candidates for the next Bureau and International Committee (2027-2032), and the Secretary-General was asked to provide data on the

geographical distribution of members to help strengthen representation in under-represented countries. The meeting concluded with a reception hosted by the Vasile Pârvan Institute of Archaeology.

The following day, guided by our colleague Florian Matei-Popescu, the participants visited the city of Constanța with its splendid lapidary, as well as ancient Histria, where the participants toured not only the archaeological museum but also the archaeological site.