

Press Release

Archaeology and Epigraphy

A congress in Berlin to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum

On 21st and 22nd November the Foreign Office and the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Arts and Sciences will be hosting a meeting of internationally renowned Classical scholars and archaeologists who will be discussing their findings in the field of epigraphy. The occasion for the meeting is the 150th anniversary of the Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum, the collection of Latin inscriptions founded by the Nobel Laureate **Theodor Mommsen** in 1853. The actual anniversary of the formal foundation of the CIL is on 22.12.2003.

1st November 2003 saw the 100th anniversary of the death of the classical scholar Theodor Mommsen from Berlin. With the Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum, Mommsen created an authoritative work of fundamental importance for classical studies with a significance extending beyond his death right up to the present day; from the very beginning, publication of the volumes in the series has been in the hands of the publishing house **Walter de Gruyter**.

On the eve of the Congress, the research team on the Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum and de Gruyter Publishers will join in the Leibniz Room of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy to present the latest volumes in the series - the Index numerorum, a two-volume search book for the CIL by Andreas Faßbender, and **Die griechischen Personennamen in Rom** (Greek Personal Names in Rome), a name dictionary by Heikki Solin.

The Congress and the new volumes in the CIL serve to enhance our knowledge of historical inscriptions and to advance research in Ancient Studies.

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