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The 27th International Congress of Papyrology, under the High Patronage of the President of the Republic of Poland, gathered more than 300 scholars from the papyrology field in Warsaw. In keynote papers the experts in singular fields of papyrology were called upon to present the rest of our community with the novelties and curiosities rather than with a comprehensive and tedious list of the most recent literature. And so each morning of our five-day Congress was dedicated to one of the more general branches of papyrology; a common topic that would bring together a number of papers in which the speakers aimed to bring back the integrity to the shattered picture of papyrological science. We have decided to publish these snapshots of the discipline ad 2013 before the general Proceedings, creating thus a special issue of the Journal. We hope that in such a way these images would become more accessible to the scientific world of Classics.
Wills in the Roman empire: a documentary approach
By Maria Nowak

The present book deals with the testamentary practice as seen through papyri, tablets, doctrinal and literary sources, manuscript tradition, etc. mostly in the period after the constitutio Antoniniana. The aim of Wills in the Roman empire: a documentary approach is to reconstruct how people applied law and how testamentary practice looked like in everyday life: how wills were made and opened, what was the meaning of particular dispositions. These questions constitute a part of a wider discussion concerning the level of knowledge and application of Roman law in the provinces after the edict of Caracalla. The book is supplemented with four Appendices, where all wills from the Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine periods are collected for the first time in scholarly literature.