

FWF Project 21198-G18

The project which ran from 2008-2012, *„Der ferne Kaiser. Herrschaftspraxis, Netzwerke und Kommunikation Sigismunds von Luxemburg (1368-1437) als Kaiser und König der drei Reiche Deutschland, Ungarn und Böhmen“* was made up of an international blend of co-workers from Austria, Germany, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary and incorporated in the Austrian-German historical publication firm, Regesta Imperii. In the course of the project, essential research results on Sigismund's lordship and charters were made public: The conference volume, *„Kaiser Sigismund (1368-1437) – Zur Herrschaftspraxis eines europäischen Monarchen“* (Vienna 2012, 564 pages) whose 19 contributions from Austrian, German, Swiss, Czech, Slovakian and Hungarian historians presents a multifaceted illumination of the administration, conflict resolution, granting of charters, and the ceremonial behavior of Sigismund. The first volume of the revised edition of Sigismund's "Regesten" (scientific abstracts of documents), *„J. F. Böhmer, Regesta Imperii XI. Regesten Kaiser Sigismunds (1410–1437). Band 1: Die Urkunden und Briefe aus den Archiven und Bibliotheken Mährens und Tschechisch-Schlesiens“* (Vienna 2012, 303 pages), a big step in the edition of Sigismund's documents and letters, after more than 100 years of an editorial stand-still in German-speaking regions, and demonstrates that many unedited sources and yet unknown sources of the emperor can be found. The monographic study, *„Herrschaft und Urkunden Sigismunds in Mähren“* is completed as a manuscript. The translation and reworking of the Hungarian Zsigmondkori oklevéltár's "Regesten" during this project (record books from the time of Sigismund), whose first publication will appear in 2013 via Regesta Imperii-Online, will enable a great number of Sigismund's charters, foremost of Hungarian provenience, to be presented to a (predominantly non-Hungarian) scientific community and will make it possible to integrate Sigismund's reign in Hungary much more precisely in his European total rule and to see a much clearer picture of his "reigning from afar". The project leader and project staff have given lectures and published essays on these aspects. Furthermore, charters of Sigismund have, with few exceptions, been secured from all relevant archives and libraries from Bohemia, Upper and Lower Usatia and Silesia and serve as the basis for further volumes of the revised edition of Sigismund at Regesta Imperii. Project staff also participated in the organization of the international conference *„Kommunikation im Krieg im späten Mittelalter“* which took place over several days in Prague, in 2011. The establishment of an office of the Sigismund Regesten at the Masaryk University in Brno (CZ) upon the initiative by the project leader can be counted as a great success. Overall the Institute for Medieval Studies at the ÖAW was able to establish itself as an international center of research on Sigismund – due to the location of the project therein and whose scientific findings and wide-ranging cooperation were met with much recognition.