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HiSoMA Fellowship Report

As a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Rijeka (Croatia) interested in cultural exchange between the Adriatic and other European regions, I see Laboratoire HiSoMA in Lyon as the ideal academic center for upgrading my research. My work concentrates on the ecclesiastic connections between important Benedictine abbeys in the area of the Lyon Diocese and the monasteries in Dalmatia (Croatia), with an emphasis on the insufficiently known abbot of the Benedictine monastery of St. Chrysogonus in Zadar, originally from the area of Lyon – Jean de Oncieu.

I was conducting research activities, for which I was given a one-month Bourse HiSoMA fellowship, from February 28 to March 31, 2023, having received accommodation in the Résidence Fort Saint-Irénée. I carried out my research in accordance with a prepared program, in collaboration with the following institutions: Archives départementales de l'Ain, Bibliothèque HiSoMA, Bibliothèque de la Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée, Bibliothèque Diderot de Lyon, Laboratoire HiSoMA, Université Lumière Lyon 2 and Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3. Of particular importance were visits to well-equipped libraries in Lyon, as many books that are important for my research are not available in Croatia.

In addition to research done in archives and libraries, as part of the envisaged activities, I also conducted field research focusing the sites that are crucial for a better understanding of the topic. These are the following Benedictine abbeys and locations in the wider vicinity of Lyon: Abbaye de Saint-Rambert-en-Bugey, Abbaye de Saint-Claude, Abbaye Saint-Pierre de Baume-les-Messieurs and the village of Oncieu. In the scope of my fellowship, I also visited Avignon, which helped me gain a deeper understanding of the

research context. I visited numerous historical sites of Lyon too, such as LUGDUNUM – Musée & théâtres romains and Primatiale Saint-Jean-Baptiste-et-Saint-Étienne.

I am particularly honoured and grateful that I had the opportunity to present my research – at a seminar held on March 16, 2023 in Salle Reinach, I gave a presentation entitled *Jean de Oncieu, abbé du monastère Saint-Chrysogone de Zadar (Croatie): Les relations inconnues entre l'Église de Lyon et la Dalmatie médiévale au prisme de l'histoire de l'art et de la littérature monastique*. My presentation prompted a very constructive dialogue with researchers, which resulted in several valuable propositions and ideas regarding the direction of my further research. I am extremely grateful for that.

The Bourse HiSoMA research fellowship and my stay in Lyon allowed me to strengthen my international scientific network. Especially valuable were the conversations with the French researchers I had the opportunity to meet. I am genuinely grateful for the suggestions and ideas they kindly shared with me on this occasion. I would like to thank Madalina-Claudia DANA, Patrice FAURE and Marie-Celine ISAIA. Beside members of the academic community based in Lyon, researchers from other French scientific institutions were most helpful as well. I would especially like to thank Sébastien BULLY (French National Centre for Scientific Research/UMR ArTeHiS) and Morana ČAUŠEVIĆ-BULLY (Université de Franche Comté/UMR Chrono-Environnement, Besançon). I would also like to thank my dear colleague Isabella GONCALVES for creating a pleasant and stimulating working environment, to Aurora BEREZIAT and Maryline BRENNNA, as well as all the other members of Laboratoire HiSoMA who helped making my stay in Lyon as productive as possible. Finally, I owe an immense gratitude to Stéphane GIOANNI, for the mentorship and valuable advice. His generous help was of tremendous importance to me. Once again, I am most grateful for having this opportunity.

Best regards

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