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Editorial: *Pnyx* Anew

A new year and a new volume; this is the fourth issue of *Pnyx: Journal of Classical Studies*. In last year's editorial, we included a reflection on our past, and we signalled 'New Beginnings.' This time, we continue to transform as we look forward – to a 'new beginning' then, once again.

This year marks several changes, which are evident from this very issue. First and foremost, Stefanos Apostolou, the Editor-in-Chief and co-founder of *Isegoria*, has resigned from his position as he moved to a new role. This change signalled the first transformative move – we salute our new Assistant Editor, Dr Christopher Simon (University of Chicago, US), and welcome our Editorial Assistant, Amanda Marley, MA (Radboud University, the Netherlands), to their new role. With the new team, we embark on the next chapter of *Pnyx*, with discussions underway for some structural innovations to further realise the community project that Isegoria Publishing is, a plan we hope to communicate soon.

Second, we decided to move to an annual publication schedule as the journal needs time to establish a footprint and attract further contributions. A yearly publication will allow for a solid number of articles and academic book reviews published, providing a stable platform for the audience and the time needed for the journal to be indexed into critical scientific databases such as the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and SCOPUS, among others. However, this change in the frequency of publication comes with the introduction of a new feature – *First Read* articles. In particular, one of the main objectives of *Pnyx* is to provide a quality, robust (two rounds of peer review), and speedy publication. While publishing annually (every June) will allow for more substantial issues, it definitely hampers speed. Here is why the introduction of *First Read* matters: received publications will be published immediately upon successfully clearing the review process and become readily accessible online for all stakeholders before being collected into a single volume annually. Thus, despite the change in publication schedule, we ensure a speedy publication journey that immediately affects both authors and audiences.

As we progress and experience change, we look forward to hearing from you – your views on our endeavours, your contributions (research article, book review, or suggestions on newly-published books), or your ideas for collaborative projects. Together, we thrive!

With warm wishes,
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