

## EDITORIAL

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*Aristotelica* 5 (2024) begins with two articles, one dealing with mathematical physics, the other with biology, illustrating the journal's commitment to covering technical and scientific issues as these relate to Aristotelianism. Both the articles of Sergey Trostyanskiy on 'Pseudo-Archytas on Time's Existence' and of Maria Varlamova on 'Alexander of Aphrodisias on the Causes of Animal Generation' in fact highlight the importance of evaluating Aristotelianism in light of other schools of philosophical thought, such as the Neopythagoreanism of Late Hellenistic and Imperial age, and of the commentary tradition, as represented most notably by Alexander of Aphrodisias.

The core of the remaining part of the issue is made up of a dossier of three further articles, in the 'Notes and Discussions' section. Once more, special attention is paid to textual constitution and transmission as a factual basis for further cutting-edge research. The new dossier is a follow-up to a previous one in *Aristotelica* 3 (2023), consisting of two articles on *Physics* VIII 1. Evidence was provided there for a previously neglected *lectio difficilior* at 250b13.

Given the theoretical relevance of the reading of ms. J at 250b13, it is especially welcome that the dossier includes, first of all, a highly critical response by Pieter Hasper and Rüdiger Arnzen; then, Wians' response to Hasper and Arnzen; and, finally, Silvia's new contribution. As well as taking into account the comments and remarks from Monica Ugaglia, Laura Folli and Maria Varlamova, Silvia responds in detail to Hasper and Arnzen; but she also praises them for a detail they discovered concerning the passage in ms. E, Par. gr. 1853, one to which she gives special weight in her contribution.

The main textual data at stake are found in ms. J, the oldest codex of Aristotle's *Metaphysics* and his *corpus physicum* (i.e., the *Physics*, *De caelo*, *De generatione et corruptione* and *Meteorologica*). An image of this manuscript can be seen on the journal's cover.

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The exploration of ms. J is in line with our first *Editorial*, which appeared in *Aristotelica* 1. There we announced our programme of focusing on textual issues, including, among other matters, the readings of the earliest manuscripts of Aristotle's works, especially those which have so far been neglected. The dossier provides a model of the kind of lively debate which the journal actively seeks to promote.