

**The National Széchényi Library cordially invites you  
to the presentation of the  
Apollonius pictus. An Illustrated Late Antique Romance around 1000  
Apollonius pictus. Egy illusztrált késő antik regény 1000 körül**

**This volume gives the reader side by side a facsimile and a manifold account of a thousand-year-old manuscript (OSZK, Cod. Lat. 4), the oldest known illustrated copy of the late antique Latin adventure romance “History of Apollonius, King of Tyre” (*Historia Apollonii*). In addition to the thirty-eight uncoloured pen-and-ink drawings depicting the adventures in a cartoon-like cinematic narration, the fragmentary Budapest manuscript comprises half of a very early and valuable redaction of the text. The contributors investigate the tortuous history of the manuscript up to the present, its unique blend of late antique and Ottonian visual language, the alternating practices between illustrator and scribe in the joint transmission of depictions and the text, and a full account of its Old Saxonian glosses. The appendix invites the reader to continue exploring multiple aspects of the manuscript and includes the first full critical transcription of its Latin text.**

**The commentary volume was edited by  
Anna Boreczky and András Németh**

**The presentation will be made by  
Prof. Ernő Marosi  
Prof. Zsigmond Ritoók**

**at 15:30 on Wednesday, March 28, 2012  
on floor VIII in the National Széchényi Library  
(1827 Budapest, Budavári Palota "F" building)**

**After the presentation, the volume will be offered for sale at a 20 % discount.**

**The original manuscript will be on display during the event.**

