

PROVINCIAL REPORT OF DIOECESIS EUROPAE CELTICAE ET GERMANICAE BY DUX CN. CORNELIUS LENTULUS

1. Number of current Nova Roman citizens in your provinces:

132

2. Web addresses of the main internet forum of the province, and all additional provincial forums that are public:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/britannia.novaroma.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gallia.novaroma>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/germania.novaroma.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thule.novaroma.org>

2.1. Monthly average number of messages in the main provincial forum:

40 (combined number)

2. 2. Average number of Nova Roman citizens posting per month:

9

2.3. Total number of members (citizens and peregrini combined) in the provincial forum:

220

3. Number of those real life gatherings in the reported period in which at least 5 citizens of the province participated:

0

4. Reenactment groups that officially cooperate with the province:

Legio XIV Comitatensis (Project Quartodecimani)
allied legion

5. Names of all candidates for the governorship:

Cn. Cornelius Lentulus

6. Petition for waiving the requirement of personal meetings:

I request that a waiver be granted from under the requirement of personal meeting. Our dioecesis encompasses about a dozen macronational countries with very different regulations and in this period it was excessively difficult to organize anything more substantial.

COMMENTARII CN. CORNELI LENTULI DUCIS ET LEGATI PRO PRAETORE

In the period to be reported, the Dioecesis of Europa Celtica et Germanica saw a rapid increase in activity and expansion into the world. I am proudly reporting to the senate that we have established our first allied legion, the Legio XIV Comitatus, maintained by the Project Quartodecimani, under the direct command of tribunus militum C. Flavius Constantinus Aeneas Stilicho, our quaestor, a leading figure in the world of Roman reenactment, living history and cultural revivalism. I continue my report with presenting the state of development in the constituent subprovinces of the dioecesis. As an administrative unit of Nova Roma, having the status of a province, while nominally defined as dioecesis with subprovinces that serve as special superregions under development to become full provinces again, the Dioecesis Europae Celticae et Germanicae was one of the most active and productive territorial units of Nova Roma even if all of the individual constituent areas are still in need of further progress.

Germania

The first **recruited legion** of the dioecesis, the **Legio XIV Comitatus** is headquartered in Provincia Germania, which makes Germania **the most developed part of the dioecesis**, the one which is closest to be released from this temporary administrative unity. I have been working with **my legatus C. Artorius Praeconinus** to bring Germania to the degree of development when it can be a real province again who has been doing an excellent job, recruiting some new active citizens and taking care about the provincial citizens whom he ought to represent. I must particularly **praise** him for helping the German Nova Romans in the flooding of the previous year and the Sarmatian Nova Roman war refugees this year. Germania is really starting to get into shape, but there is still much work to do, however.

The province lacks a really active online forum: the one we currently have is too silent and there is no real sense of community or comradeship among the forum members.

Real life meetings are rare, and small. **This is going to change with the establishment of our first legion**, though, and in the upcoming months, I will continue to work on recruiting all members of said legion and also its partners and the other groups and individuals cooperating with this legion. I already mentioned **quaestor C. Flavius Stilicho**, tribune of the legion, who is a guarantee for our province for further growth, increased number of public events and meetings, and connection to all important authorities in the world of Roman reconstructionism. Several great plans are based on his future active involvement which will surely make Germania one of the most active and greatest provinces of Nova Roma.

Another great asset in building the province is **quaestrix Ti. Octavia Carnuntina**, who helps us to establish connections in the Roman reenactment and revivalist community, and as a practicing cultrix, she is an important contact for all current and future cultores in Germania. From the point of view of Roman religion, we have two other important builders of the province: **D. Gratus Ludovicus** and **Albia Corvina** who run the **Mos Maiorum blog**, the largest Roman religion blog in German language. They regularly reference Nova Roma and advise their readers to connect with us, doing great service to our work of rebuilding the province. Similar cultural mission is done by another resident of the province, **D. Claudius Aquilius**, who runs the **“Decimus Claudius” Roman archaeology Instagram channel** with several dozens of thousands of followers and contributes to the civic life of Germania.

I have also personally visited the province, participated as one of the assistant organizers of the **Carnuntum Late Roman Festival last year in August**, and offered sacrifices for obtaining the favor of the gods on the province, its citizens and for its continued development. This was the main provincial event in the reported period. In this same period, legatus C. Artorius worked on a **Roman villa building project** and on **establishing a new Roman reenactment team**.

As a summary, I can gladly state that we are expanding in the areas of reenactment, Roman religion, archaeology and we are in the phase of recruitment in the circles around our Legio XIV Comitatensis. **Our focus of development** in the next period will be to develop a **functional online forum**, and to **develop our official involvement in our allied legion**. My prognosis is that Germania can be declared a real province, and be detached from the dioecesis next year, if everything develops the way it has been. My recommended candidate to be the first new governor of Germania is legatus C. Artorius Praeconinus, who should alternate in the position with C. Flavius Stilicho in the next couple of years.

Britannia

Britannia, which was a moribund province of Nova Roma in the last decade, is now really close to become a large and active community again, surpassing even the best periods of its past development in Nova Roma. I have been very closely working together with my **provincial quaestor and later proquaestor C. Petronius Stephanus Turpilianus** recruiting members for the province and establishing good relations with all Romanists in Britain. I have founded and started the initial development of our provincial forum which is the **“Provincia Britannia - Nova Roma”** Facebook group, and the ground works have been completed to prepare Britannia for growth and activities.

Over the last 12 months my provincial proquaestor C. Petronius Stephanus conducted most of the activities of the **“Provincia Britannia - Nova Roma”** Facebook group, posting **at least one message per day**, sometimes more. There was each day at least one post about the **Roman daily calendar**, concerning the traditions and historical events of the day. On certain days multiple messages are posted, including news items about recent **archaeological finds in Britain**, **archaeological conferences**, and **re-enactment events** that members of Provincia Britannia have been invited to attend. Since its creation last year this Facebook group has attracted **101 members**, although another **58 persons** have asked to join but have *not* qualified due to their living outside the territorial boundaries of Provincia Britannia. The Facebook group, which is the principle medium of communication for members of Provincia Britannia, continues to receive a significant number of views per day, there being **627 views** in the **last week** alone. There are also the occasional posts by other members of the forum. These are largely in response to my welcome messages for new members, and in response to posts about Roman re-enactment events. In the last week there were **17 comments** posted by members. Our intention is to expand membership of the Facebook group still further. We are continuing to **reach out to non-citizen members** of the Facebook group to see whether they have any interest in becoming full citizens of Nova Roma.

Provincia Britannia has participated in several events in the reported period. We have sent **invitations** to all subscribed members of our provincial Facebook group to attend the following events in **Britain**:

- 1) **Open Day** at the **Roman Circus Visitor Centre** in Colchester (May 2021).

- 2) “**Meet the Romans**” at the **Chiltern Open Air Museum** (May 2021).
- 3) The multiperiod **Chalk Valley History Festival**, Britain’s largest outdoor re-enactment and literary festival (June 2021).
- 4) “**Meet the Romans**” at the **Exeter museum** (July 2021)
- 5) “**Meet the Romans**” at the **British Museum**, a prestigious Roman event publicizing the **Nero Exhibition** (July 2021)

In the next 12 months members of Provincia Britannia will also be invited to attend more **British-based Roman re-enactment festivals** that various **living history groups** who are members of our **Facebook forum** are organising, or have been invited to take part in. The **next event** to which members of Provincia Britannia are invited to attend is the **Parilia in Rome**, which is being celebrated between April 21st and 24th. Better known as the **Natale di Roma**, it is hosted by our fellow Romanists **Gruppo Storico Romano**, the premier Roman group in Rome. Currently representatives of 24 associations from 6 European countries are attending, the event, which has attracted up to 1,500 re-enactors and 200,000 spectators in the past.

My **proquaestor Petronius** has continued in his role as roving Roman ambassador, trying to bring together various Romanist groups in mutual cooperation, specifically by encouraging their participation in each other’s events. (For example, he is the honorary member of 8 of the associations taking part in the Natale di Roma this year, which brings great opportunities both our British province and to Nova Roma in general). In this role of roving ambassador he has helped organise Emerita Antica’s participation in the Natale di Roma, and Gruppo Storico Romano’s reciprocal participation in the Emerita Ludica.

Provincia Britannia and Nova Roma are going to be represented by the proquaestor, and in some of the events, by both the legatus pro praetore and the proquaestor of Britannia, in the following **interprovincial events** this year:

- April 30th to May 1st - **Floralia** (Budapest, Hungary)
- May 6th to May 8th - **Hadrian: The War of the Picts** (Nimes, France)
- May 23rd to May 29th - **Emerita Ludica** (Merida, Spain)
- June 11th to June 12th - **Roman temple district of Tawern** (Germany)
- June 17th to June 19th – **Circus of Maxentius** (Rome, Italy)
- July 15th to July 17th - **Dacfest** (Măgura Uroiului, Romania)
- August 2nd to August 9th - **Romerfest Archeon** (Alphen ann den rijn, Holland)
- August 13th to August 14th - **Late Roman Festival** (Carnuntum, Austria)
- August 27th to August 29th - **Romerfest** (Kastell Pohl, Germany)
- September 17th to September 18th - **Romerfest** (Trier, Germany)

Proquaestor C. Petronius has also paved the way for members of Provincia Britannia to take part in the **Natale di Roma**, having received an **official invitation** addressed to this **province** of **Nova Roma** from **Gruppo Storico Romano**. Those already arranging to go includes **members** from the following **groups**, namely **Legio II Augusta** and **The Colchester Roman Society**. Efforts are now being made for **members** of **Gruppo Storico Romano** to attend a **re-enactment event** in **Britain**.

While restrictions brought about **COVID 19** has put our **archaeological dig of Bedford Roman Villa** on hold for the *last two years*, it is hoped by **next year** it will be possible to resume these excavations, and **members of Provincia Britannia will be invited to participate.**

My overall estimation is that Britannia will soon be able to become a real province again. My recommendation is that proquaestor C. Petronius Stephanus should become the first new governor after Britannia is restored to full province status when it has recruited its first legion and some more active citizens to participate in the government and live events.

Thule

I have been closely working with my provincial **scriba, and then quaestor and later proquaestor Ap. Curius Rullus** in reviving Nova Roma in Thule after the losses caused by the previous governments of Nova Roma under L. Sulla and Cn. Caesar. Our work was less successful in Thule than in Germania and Britannia, but nonetheless there have been great developments and we are over a very promising start. My proquaestor had a good work together with L. Tullia Scholastica Flaviana who has shown great support towards the province, and she showed promise as administrator for our provincial Facebook group and as potential coordinator of activities in Finland.

The **provincial Facebook group** serves as the main channel of communication between citizens, but its degree of activity is low as of yet.

Our **attempt to recruit our unofficial partner legion** was so far unsuccessful, and based on the negotiations it will not be achievable in the near future. We need to establish partnership with another legion in order to continue our progress.

We had more success in **real life programs** in Thule:

29th of May, Q. Arrio (III) A. Tullia cos.: Proquaestor Ap. Curius Rullus together with Curia Rulla marched for 7 km in full legionary kit, with furca, with members of Centuria Suionum, with which Thule is currently cooperating but only in an unofficial partnership.

10th of July, Q. Arrio (III) A. Tullia cos.: Our province participated in a one day training camp with military drill, in cooperation with proquaestor Ap. Curius Rullus.

30 July – 1 August, Q. Arrio (III) A. Tullia cos.: Our province participated in the Eketorp Iron Age castle event with proquaestor Ap. Curius Rullus together with his daughter Curia, in cooperation with the Legio VI Victrix, Cohors II Cimbria and their Swedish branch Centuria Suionum.

We have a goon number of **upcoming programs of Thule** which are all great opportunities for activities for Nova Romans in Thule:

9th of April: Military drill

29th - 31st of April: Participation in a TV-production for Swedish Television, together with Legio VI Victrix, Cohors II Cimbria. Ap. Curius Rullus together with his daughter Curia.

29th - 31st of July: Eketorp Iron Age castle event, where Tullia Scholastica Flaviana will join Ap. Curius Rullus and his daughter Curia at their home and all will then travel together to Eketorp.

Later this year: Marching in full gear. No date decided yet.

Further projects within Provincia Thule:

- 1) A landowner has given us the opportunity to build a simple marching camp on a piece of his land, in fully authentic circumstances, away from modern buildings.
- 2) Some equipment for this have been bought by the proquaestor of Thule, Ap. Curius Rullus, especially items for preparing food and to hold simple religious ceremonies.
- 3) A Nova Roman vexillum have been ordered from Valeria Corvina by Ap. Curius Rullus.

Overall, our next focus in Thule must be the development and activization of our online forum, to create a more vibrant provincial community, to bring more people together to cooperate in our projects. We also need to find a new partner legion, or possible establish one, as this is a vital step for continued growth and the increase of activity and productive service to our communities and to the world.

Gallia

The least developed and least successful part of our dioecesis “province building” project was Provincia Gallia, where I was not able to recruit local activists, with the exception of **N. Valerius Vulpes** and **Aemilia Rufa**, leaders of the group **AGORA**, which is about to become an affiliated group of Nova Roma as a result of our collaboration. I am in negotiations with several prominent local Romanists, but such a process of getting to know each other and the ideas behind Nova Roma, the advantages of affiliation and joining is a long process and is not well done if it is hurried. So far, the negotiations are in process, and I hope I can report good results next year.

I have visited the province and offered sacrifices for obtaining the favor of the gods on the province, its citizens and for its continued development.

The main forum of Gallia is **our Facebook group which needs to be more vitalized and activated.** Another focus of our efforts in the next period will be the establishment of partnership with one of the legions that I have been in negotiations.

To conclude my report, I have one request for the Senate to vote on and legislate in a senatus consultum. The countries that were included in Gallia were determined based on their predominant use of the French language. A mistake was made by adding the Netherlands to Gallia, because both the German language is more dominant in this country than the French, and the native Dutch language is closer to German than to the French. **I request the senate to decree that the Netherlands be added to Germania, to the Regio Germania Inferior et Superior et Magna.**