

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Honorable Pasquale Cascella  
Mayor of the City of Barletta, Italy

Dear Sindaco Cascella,

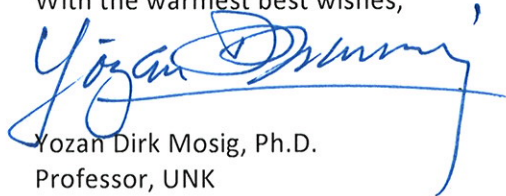
I hope all is well with you. I still remember fondly our meeting in 2014 and your kind hospitality and gift as we discussed the Battle of Cannae in your office.

I am very happy to see that the City of Barletta, together with the Comitato Italiano Pro Canne della Battaglia, presided by our mutual friend, Nino Vinella, are sponsoring the wonderful upcoming Hannibal Exhibition, "Hannibal, a Journey," beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This important event, held on the 2232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the greatest battle of Antiquity, Hannibal's victory at Cannae, will highlight the importance of the figure of the Carthaginian general and of the region in the history of the Mediterranean and the world. The promotion of the cultural heritage of Barletta and its environs will undoubtedly benefit the general public as well as the many researchers interested in the rich patrimony of the area. I thank you and congratulate you for your commitment and support. I am particularly glad to see that the bust of Hannibal from the Quirinale will be on display, after spending a month being admired at the Bardo Museum in Tunisia.

For my part, I continue with my research on the life and times of Hannibal, and with the expansion of my Hannibal Library, now counting with over 9000 books connected to Hannibal, in 14 languages, plus hundreds of periodicals, films, audio recordings, and miscellanea.

An unforgettable highlight of my two decades dedicated to Hannibal research was, of course, my visit to the place where the Battle of Cannae was fought on 2 August 216 BCE. As I stood by the memorial column in 2014, I saw the famous battle unfold in my mind's eye, and the experience left an indelible mark in my soul.

With the warmest best wishes,



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