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For some time now and for a number of reasons, this journal has looked forward to presenting ARDIT, an association of young medievalists.

First, because ARDIT embodies the ideal of cross-disciplinarity that underlies the Institute for Research on Medieval Cultures (IRCVM) as well as our Master's and Doctoral programmes in Medieval Cultures. Moreover, in these young people we see the future of medievalism in our university, which transcends the existing distances between the different specialities. Secondly, since its inception, ARDIT has been very active, especially in generating spaces for debate and establishing links between young medievalists at an international level.

This is why we decided to let the members of the association themselves have their say, and they have provided us with the following text in which they show us who they are and what they do. ARDIT Medieval Cultures is an association of graduate students that includes both Master's and PhD students in Medieval Cultures and has strong ties with the Institute for Research on Medieval Cultures (IRCVM) of the University of Barcelona.

This association was born in 2012 with the aim of becoming a meeting point and a space of exchange for young researchers, essentially Master's and PhD students, who came from a variety of research disciplines within the field of medievalism. ARDIT gathers a group of members—almost 100 at the moment—with different backgrounds in history, archaeology, literature, philology, and philosophy, among others. It is therefore an interdisciplinary association of students that aims to be the bridge between many fields of knowledge that move towards a common goal. In spite of the increasing distance between us, there is synergy between all our research efforts, which we foster through the association.

More specifically, ARDIT's objective is to promote research and dissemination of the cultural legacy of the Middle Ages from an interdisciplinary perspective. To this end, it organises and collaborates in a number of academic activities, such as the Tandem Seminars, annual networking workshops, reading sessions of medieval texts, various training sessions for Master's degree students, and visits to archives. In addition, the association also organises a biannual international congress aimed at disseminating the research carried out by young medievalists, promoting

exchanges between its participants, and publishing the proceedings (the next congress will take place in 2022). It is one of the most important activities carried out by ARDIT, and is a meeting point for young researchers from many parts of Europe and also from America.

Being a member of ARDIT not only offers the opportunity to participate in all these different activities and sessions, but also to take advantage of a platform to present your own scientific research in a relaxed atmosphere where new proposals are welcome. Especially in difficult times like these, this association encourages feelings of belonging and solidarity. We all share this desire to create and, above all, to combine and exchange knowledge. This is the true heart and soul of ARDIT!

If you are or were once a student of the Master's or Doctoral programme in Medieval Cultures and you want to become a member of ARDIT, all you have to do is visit our website and follow the steps to register. If you have never enrolled in either the Master's Degree or the Doctorate in Medieval Cultures but you want to collaborate with us and participate in our activities, you can become a friend of our association, also through our website.

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ARDIT is also very active on social media, where you will find our calendar of activities and the latest news: Facebook (@arditculturesmedievals), Instagram (@arditmedieval) and Tweeter (@ARDITMedieval).

We look forward to seeing you, you will be most welcome.