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Notice of a Romanian Translation of Plato

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This edition is the first-ever collection of Plato's complete works in Romanian and is coming out at Humanitas - one of the most prestigious publishing houses in Central and Eastern Europe. The first volume has been very well received and acclaimed as an "editorial event" (to quote from just one major Romanian newspaper, *Romania Libera*, July 3, 2001).

The edition contains both new and previously published translations by some of Romania's most distinguished classicists and philosophers. The first volume (including the early dialogues down to the *Protagoras*) was published in 2001. Volumes II (*Meno, Phaedo, Symposium, Cratylus, Phaedrus*) and IV (*Sophist, Statesman, Philebus, Timaeus, Critias*) are forthcoming in 2002. Volume III (*Republic, Parmenides, Theaetetus*) and V (*Laws and Letters*) are to be published in 2003.

This five-volume edition of Plato's *Complete Works* will be accompanied by *The Humanitas Companion to Plato* (edited by C. Partenie, Bucharest: Humanitas, forthcoming 2002). The *Companion* contains 40 essays on Plato representing the best recent work available from Romanian scholars and covering all the major themes of Plato's philosophy. The editor has contributed an introductory essay on the 40 papers gathered in the volume and on the main philosophical problems they deal with. A selective bibliography is appended as a guide to further reading.

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