



EDITORIAL

This issue of the journal *Anthropologie* contains the reprints of eight articles written by Karel Valoch, who died on 16th February 2013. Karel Valoch became a constituent member of the *Anthropologie* Journal Editorial Board in 1962 (together with Jan Jelínek) and continued to support the Journal for a remarkable 51 years. Our aim was to collect together some of the important contributions Karel Valoch made to Central European Pleistocene archaeology in this journal over the decades – a representative tableau of his distinguished professional career.

Five of the eight papers published here were originally written in German and we hope their English translation provided here makes them more readily available to the widest international audience. The articles have had only minor editorial changes and printed almost in their original state. For several of the articles the editors added abstracts and key words, which were missing from the original versions. Tables and the format for references have been unified according to the current Guidelines for authors. The articles are ordered according the year of their original appearance.

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In addition to this issue, we are also preparing another Special Issue dedicated to the memory of Karel Valoch, to be edited by Martina Galetová and Alan Bilsborough. Several leading international authorities on Palaeolithic archaeology and human evolution in the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic have accepted the invitation to contribute to this issue in honour of their unforgettable colleague.

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