



KAREL VALOCH: SOME REMARKS FROM THE PERSONAL MEMORY

It has always been a great honour for me to know Karel Valoch personally. First time we met in Krakow (Poland) in 1989 and last time it was in Cologne (Germany) in 2006. I was even meeting, among some other places, Karel in his native city of Brno in 1989 and 1990. I had a number of very interesting and fruitful talks to Karel discussing many different Palaeolithic Archaeology subjects and, I must say, I still remember some very important lessons I've got from him. We also were corresponding by e-mail sending one to another our new publications and have been sometimes even sharing new ideas that were coming into our minds. I really must admit that I was always telling my colleagues that Karel Valoch is that kind of truly outstanding archaeologist, both the scientist and the person, who loves just archaeology and not himself in archaeology, why each of us, Palaeolithic archaeologists, should try being like him. Now he passed away and we definitely miss him. One of the Karel's most important works was excavations at Kůlna Cave in between 1961–1976 and then analysis of recovered finds (see Valoch 1988). Both Neanderthal bone remains (Micoquian layer 7a) and flint artefacts from Micoquian layers 6a–9b are probably the most known among colleagues when they think about Kůlna Cave and the Karel's investigations there. That's why

selecting a subject for my paper and choosing the Crimean Micoquian one, I think that Karel would like such my idea keeping in mind his Kůlna Cave Micoquian studies...

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