



EDITORIAL

The current volume of *Anthropologie, International Journal of Human Diversity and Evolution* is devoted to the problems discussed during the international conference "Magdalenian: chronology – territory – settlement structures", organised in Rzeszów by Institute of the Archaeology of the Rzeszów University and Moravian Museum, Centre for Cultural Anthropology and Anthropos Institute departments.

The conference was attended by researchers dealing with the issues of LGM and the Late Pleistocene, including mainly the Magdalenian complex.



FIGURE 1. The participants of the conference, held in Rzeszów University, September 18th–20th 2018.

Among the main topics discussed during the meeting and which subsequently became the subject of articles are the issues of chronology, settlement spread, spatial and functional diversity of sites. Separate part are articles devoted to newly discovered sites.

The first series of papers is devoted to issues related to the development and spread of the Magdalenian complex. In this part the formation of the early phase of the Middle Magdalenian in south-western France (Anthony Sécher) and its spread into Central Europe (Andreas Maier, Sebastian Pfeifer) is discussed. These three papers concern two important phases of the Magdalenian: *à navettes* and *à triangles scalènes*. The two phases in France are highlighted by A. Sécher. The other two texts focus on Central European perspective: A. Maier refers to the issue of *Magdalenian à triangles*. The site of this facies of Magdalenian in Vilshoffen, Bavaria is the subject of Amira Adaieh's study. S. Pfeifer shows the possibilities of identifying the traces of Magdalenian *à navettes* in Central Europe outside of the Maszycka Cave.

Two articles are devoted to the issues of the eastern borderland of the Magdalenian complex. The text by Marta Połtowicz-Bobak poses a question about the possibility of long duration of Magdalenian in the area of south-eastern Poland. Yuri Demidenko's text poses the problem of the relationship between Magdalenian and Epigravettian visible in the material culture of Eastern European sites.

Two other works focus on the issue of spatial analysis of sites: Bolesław Ginter's and Marta Poltowicz-Bobak's on the functional-spatial analysis of the Dzierżysław 35 site, and Martin Monik's and Zdenka Nerudova's on the methods of identifying the traces of fireplaces at the sites of the late Palaeolithic.

The last group of papers written by Magdalena Sudoł-Procyk, Tadeusz Wiśniewski and the team led by Andrzej Wiśniewski are focused on the presentations of new Magdalenian sites.

The volume ends with a report by Thorsten Uthmaier from The 61st Annual Meeting of the Hugo Obermaier Society, which took place in 2019 in Erkrath and Mettmann, in Germany.

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