



EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues,

Please allow me to introduce you to the journal *Anthropologie - International Journal of Human Diversity and Evolution* published by the Moravian Museum, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of its resumption. The contents of the current edition of our journal are in part a continuation of last year's Special Issue: "Hunters-gatherers and Early farmers - searching and finding archaic societies" dedicated to the memory of the Czech archaeologist doc. PhDr. Slavomil Vencl, DrSc. These, and other texts, present the latest findings from a range of international contributors.

The Covid years, 2020 to 2022, took away a lot and changed a lot, but it also presented an opportunity for new insights, reflections and corrections of our perception of the world and our role in it. However, it undoubtedly showed the importance of scientific knowledge, but also highlighted its weaknesses. The widely accessible and ethically unbound media space emphasized the importance of scientific work and knowledge, as well as the significance of precision, based on accuracy, expertise and personal ethics, in the professional narrative. Added to this, the realities that civilized Europe has not faced for decades - an aggressive war waged by the Russian Federation against neighbouring Ukraine on European soil. A fact that slowly affects all areas of public and non-public life and is reflected in the sphere of scientific platforms.

We live in time without a precedent, when history flows through us, forcing us to slow down, to stop and rethink our actions, goals and priorities. The consequences of these moments will undoubtedly be absorbed in the coming years. The role of museums is growing, not only as guardians of the relics of the past, thus "places of remembrance" for our collective national consciousness, but also especially as important places of learning and deepening knowledge through documentation, research and education. We scientists in such institutions of memory need to think about another form of a museum and about the role of museology in contemporary society. In particular, the development of digitalization and virtual presentation will form an increasingly important part of our activities. The perception of people, their sensitivity to many topics, which we also reflect in our work, is also changing. Our priority as scientists is to be prepared for this development and to meet it with our knowledge, skills and erudition. I believe that we will do so with honour, as always...

With regards,

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