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"CAROL I"



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30TH COMMISSION: *MORTUARY PRACTICES IN
PREHISTORY AND PROTOHISTORY*



ASSOCIATION FOR STUDIES OF FUNERARY
ARCHAEOLOGY - ROMANIA (ASFA)



15TH INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM OF FUNERARY ARCHAEOLOGY

*Interdisciplinary Methods of Research for Prehistoric
and Protohistoric Funerary Monuments*

PROGRAMME AND ABSTRACTS

Organizing Committee:

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**BRĂILA
20th-22nd May 2016**

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 20 May 2016

- 10.00-15.00 - Welcome and registration of the participants

SESSION: 15.00 – 18.00

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. dr. Ion NICULIȚĂ

- Cristian Schuster (Romania), *From this World to the after World: considerations regarding the funerary inventory of the Bronze Age burials from Southern Romania*

- Radu Băjenaru (Romania), *New data on Tumulus 5 at Medgidia*

- Alexandra Comsa (Romania), *The children in the Monteoru culture. An anthropological Overview*

- Alin Frînculeasa (Romania), *The Câmpina Cemetery (Prahova County) and the Late Bronze Age in Northern Wallachia*

- Valeriu Cavruc (Romania), *Buried in the settlement. Case study: The Bronze Age graves in the Păuleni site*

- Discussions

- 18.00-Official Opening Ceremony of the 15th International Colloquium

- Speakers: officials, organizers and participants

- Book presentation:

- Istros, XXI/2016. *In Honorem Valerii Sîrbu*
(Prof. dr. Cristian Schuster)

- V. Sîrbu, C. Borangic, *Le poignard sica au nord du Danube*
(200 av. J.-C.-106 ap. J.-C.). *Sémiotique martiale du pouvoir*, Brăila
(Dr. Maria-Magdalena Ștefan)

- 19.30 – Dinner

SATURDAY, 21 May 2016

SESSION: 9.00-13.00

CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Tomasz BOCHNAK

- Katarina Dmitrović, Marija Ljuština (Serbia), *Towards Reconstruction of the Bronze Age Funerary Ritual in Western Serbia*

- Marija Ljuština, Katarina Dmitrović (Serbia), *The Right or Merit to Be Buried? A Contribution to Social Aspects of the Bronze Age Funerary Practice in Western Serbia*

- Lyubava Konova (Bulgaria), *Warrior's grave from Novo Selo, region of Stamboliyski. Some new aspects of the funerary rituals and inventory of the Early Iron Age "chieftain" graves in Thracia*

- **10.30-10.45. Coffee break**

CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Marija LJUŠTINA

- Valeriu Sîrbu, Diana Dăvîncă (Romania), *Children Burials in Northern Thracian Settlements during the Iron Age.*

- Dragoş Măndescu (Romania), *The Necropolis from Valea Stâinii (Argeş County) and a Comparative Approach to the Late Hallstatt Ferigile Group Features*

- Ion Niculiţă, Aurel Zanoci, Mihail Băţ (Rep. of Moldova), *Funeral constructions and rituals - indicators of social differentiation in the area East of the Prut in the 6th-3rd centuries BC*

- Diana Dimitrova (Bulgaria), *Burial Practices V-IV c. BC. According to the Archaeological Excavations of Tumuli in the Region of Upper Tundzha River (Where the River Turns Shartly to the South).*

- **Discussions**

- **13.00-14.30.Lunch**

SESSION:15.00-18.30

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. dr. Cristian Schuster

- Maria-Magdalena Ștefan, Valeriu Sîrbu, Dan Ștefan (Romania), *Decoding the monumental funerary space of Hellenistic Kallatis. Tumuli, roads and plots*
- Anca Ganciu (Romania), Philippe Charlier (France), *Reinhumation in the Getic world, “worshiping ancestors” or a special funeral ritual*
- Tomasz Bochnak, Katarzyna Skowron (Pologne), « *Les sépultures invisibles* » dans la culture de Przeworsk – deux pistes d’interprétation à partir des données de sciences naturelles
- **16.30. Coffee break.**

CHAIRPERSON: Aris Tsaravopoulos

- Dina Papathanasiou, Aris Tsaravopoulos (Greece), *Discussion on burial customs in a “cemetery” of south-eastern Attica, Greece*
- Evangelos Kroustalis, Gely Fragou (Greece), *Excavations on the Acropolis of Paliocastro on the island of Kythera, Greece: Investigating the Relation between the Settlement and the Cemetery*
- Liana Oța, Valeriu Sirbu (Romania), *Close to the Limes – Sarmatians from Wallachia, Moldavia and Banat*
- **Discussions**
- **20.00 – Dinner**

SUNDAY, 22 May 2016

ROUND TABLE

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. dr. Valeriu SÎRBU

- **International Union for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences (UISPP) - 30th Commission: *Mortuary Practices in Prehistory and Protohistory***
- **Official closing ceremony of the International Colloquium.**
 - **Past, Present and Future -**
- **9.00 – 12.00 – Documentary trip in Brăila County**
- **12.30-13.30. Lunch**

- **Departure of the participants**

INTRODUCTION

This is the 15th International Colloquium of Funerary Archaeology organized in the past 23 years, one of them was in Bulgaria (Kazanluk, 1993) another in Serbia (Čačak, 2015), and the rest, in Romania: Tulcea-Brăila-Slobozia-Călărași (1995), Tulcea (1997, 2000 and 2008), Brăila and Tulcea (2003), Brăila (2010), Buzău (2004, 2009 and 2012), Sibiu (2005 and 2007) and Bistrița (2008). These scientific events had had participants from many parts of Europe and, sometimes, even from other continents.

So far, we have published 14 volumes of the funerary colloquia proceedings, all of them with excellent graphics and in languages used internationally, which had conferred a particular prestige to our scientific event; the volume from the last colloquium in Čačak is in print.

We have organised, under the aegis of the Commission 30 of UISPP, other international colloquia, in connexion with the funerary customs, such as those from Bistrița (2006), Brașov (2006), Galați (2007), Drobeta Turnu Severin (2007) and Buzău (2014), all of them followed by the publication of the proceedings.

To these we can add the two sessions organized on the Congresses of the International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences (UISPP). Namely, the session named "*Tumuli Graves – Status Symbol of the Dead in Bronze and Iron Ages in Europe*", organized in Florianopolis (Brazil), is already published in *Actes du XVI^e Congrès Mondial UISPP (Florianopolis, 4-10 Septembre 2011), Volume 2*. ISBN 9781407309897, 2012, by the British Archaeological Reports (BAR), while the presentations of the Session A16a - "*Aegean-Mediterranean Imports and Influences in the Graves from Continental Europe – Bronze & Iron Ages*", organised on the occasion of the XVII UISPP Congress, Burgos (Spain), August 31st - September 7th 2014, have recently been published, together with the proceedings of Session A3c, by Archaeopress Archaeology, volume 9 (2016).

Thus, we organised, under the aegis of the Commission 30 of UISPP, 18 international colloquia and 2 sessions at the UISPP congresses, and published 18 volumes.

These colloquia took place under the aegis of the 30th Commission of the UISPP and of the Association for Studies in Funerary Archaeology – Romania (ASAF).

Between 1996 and 2000, the 30th Commission of the UISPP was named *Funerary Practices in the Protohistoric Cultures of South-Eastern Europe*, but in 2006, on the occasion of the 15th Congress of the UISPP, in Lisbon, the Permanent Committee accepted the new name – *Mortuary Practices in Prehistory and Protohistory*, which indicates an expansion of its purpose in terms of geography and of chronology as well.

The activities of the 30th Commission can be found on the website:

<http://uispp30commission.net4u.ro/index.php>

The participants at this colloquium are well-known professors and researchers from prestigious European universities and institutes, which will provide a high level of analyses and debates, as well as good international visibility.

The programme of the colloquium includes 18 presentations, with 25 authors, from seven countries: Romania, Rep. of Moldova, Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Poland, and France.

Undoubtedly, the presentations and the debates on the topics in question will generate new data and interesting interpretations on these phenomena, given the extremely intriguing topic of the event: «*Interdisciplinary Methods of Research for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Funerary Monuments*”.

We have chosen this specific topic as the colloquium was first planned in a collaboration with the Commission 4 of UISPP - *Archaeological Methods and Theory: Formalization, quantification, mathematics and computerization-*, but, for objective reasons, we could not finalize this collaboration.

I would like to thank prof. dr. Ionel Căndea, manager of Museum of Brăila ”Carol I”, and some of my colleagues for their financial and logistic efforts and for the good work necessary to organize this colloquium

The volume of the colloquium is scheduled to be published by the end of 2016.

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