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A Year Full of Changes

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The first issue of the IANSA Journal in 2022 is published at a time of great worldwide changes. Our journal is no exception. Looking at the journal's copyright page, you will find major changes in the composition of the editorial board. Our long-time Chair of Editorial Board Jaromír Beneš has decided to step down from his position. He is not leaving the board of the journal, but he can no longer devote himself with the intensity that such a position requires. We would like to thank him for the years spent running the journal. Jaromír Beneš significantly contributed to the fact that today the IANSA journal is included in the first quartile among archaeological journals (according to the Scimago Journal and Country Rank SRJ 2020 index) and indexed in several important databases.

Lenka Lisá, who has been a long-time member of the journal's board, and was actively involved in its birth, was elected Chair of the Editorial Board. Associated Professor Lenka Lisá, PhD. was the first advocate of modern geoarchaeology in the Czech Republic, and she continues to promote geoarchaeology as fundamental to 21st-century archaeology. She is employed at the Institute of Geology of the Academy of Sciences in Prague and her main job is research in the field of geoarchaeology. Lenka Lisá graduated from Masaryk University in Brno, where she subsequently defended both her doctoral and associate professor degrees. For several years, she worked as an associated fellow at Darwin College in collaboration with Prof. Martin Jones of the McDonald Institute at the University of Cambridge. Here she also became interested in methods of micromorphology in archaeological contexts. Subsequently, she successfully began to disseminate this methodology in archaeological research, in the Czech Republic and abroad. Lenka Lisá has been teaching Geoarchaeology for a long time at West Bohemian University in Pilsen and at Masaryk University in Brno, and occasionally at Charles University in Prague or the University of Hradec Králové. She also mentors students in bachelors, masters, and doctoral programmes.

Another significant development that took place in 2021 is the change in publishing institutions. The journal is currently

published by two institutions. The Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové, so far co-publisher, became publisher of the journal and joined the Olomouc Archaeological Center (ACO) in this role. We believe that spreading the publisher's competencies between the two institutions will facilitate the continued development of our journal.

Another aspect of our continued development concerns the merging of the Editorial and Advisory Boards. Until now, the journal has had an Editorial Board supported by an Advisory Board. The Editorial Board consisted of predominantly Czech and Slovak colleagues and functioned as the main component in processing the individual issues of the journal and approving major changes. The Advisory Board made suggestions on the development of Open Access, journal indexing, and digital content and presentation, among others, acting as an advisory body with minor editorial contributions. While this role was essential in the first decade of IANSA, the time has come for a new stage in the journal's life. In particular, we have decided that although the magazine is based in the Czech Republic, an international journal requires an international editorial board. Therefore, we have acted to merge these two boards. The new board is headed by Lenka Lisá from Prague, and has as a new Vice-Chair the former Chair of the Advisory Board, Roderick B. Salisbury from Vienna. The board now has members from Austria, Germany, Italy, and the United States, in addition to the Czech Republic and Slovakia. We hope that this progress will increase the status of the journal, as well as improve and expand the scientific content. However, personnel changes will not affect our overall thematic scope.

In the last few years, the first issue of the journal has always been in the form of a general issue and the second issue focused on a special thematic issue. This year's issue 2022/1, although general, is primarily a geologically-themed issue including papers related to topics such as landscape analysis, provenance of materials, geophysics, and ancient topography. However, the reader will also find an article devoted to zooarchaeology. A paper by Matouš Holas

provides information about the possibilities of landscape analysis based on historical and cartographic sources. In this case, the results of the analysis helped to find a place for a geophysical survey, which confirmed the location of a relic of field fortifications for the Austrian artillery near the baroque Hospital Kuks near Jaroměř. There are two geophysical studies, one from the South Ural published by Vladislav Noskevich and Natalia Fedorova. The paper presents ground-penetrating radar (GPR) prospection as a useful method for the detection of former wells. The second geophysical paper, written by Peter Milo and his team, introduces the use of different geophysical methods for the prospection of a mediaeval site near Dolní Věstonice in Southern Moravia. Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT) and GPR focused on the rampart, while a third method – magnetometry – was used to survey the inner part of the site. Based on the results, it was possible to identify some of the construction features of the fortification and locate the course of the no-longer-existing rampart and several settlement structures. The paper related to petrographic research, written by Ihor S. Nikitenko and his team, discusses the provenance of the stone material of a moulds complex site of the Late Bronze Age at Tokivske 1 in Ukraine. The discovery of the place of stone mining near Tokivske 1 and finds of similar moulds in other regions give grounds for considering the monument to be not only a centre of metalworking but

also stone-processing. The last paper, related to geoscience and written by George Malaperdas, discusses possible interpretations of ancient topography using habitation Model Trend Calculation (MTC). He applies this method to the example of the Mycenaean Spercheios Valley in Greece. This issue also contains a paper related to archaeozoological analyses, written by Alina Veiber. The paper introduces the archaeozoological analysis of the animal remains from the Mesolithic site of the Kukrek Culture Igren 8 in Ukraine. The results of the comprehensive analysis illustrate mainly the variability of the economic strategy of Mesolithic tribes in a riverine area.

As usual, the issue ends with a backstory about a chosen institution and written by members of that institute; traditionally there is also one or more book reviews. This time we have managed to connect these parts. The backstory introduces the Department of Analytical Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Palacký University in Olomouc. It is followed by a book review of a publication titled “Modern chemical analysis in archeology Part 1”, recently published by members of this same department. Dear readers, we hope the issue 2022/1 will be of interest to you and we look forward to hearing your reactions in our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/IANSa-156512664413371> or at Twitter <https://twitter.com/IANSaJournal>.