

**ΜΩΜΟΣ – IXth Meeting of Prehistoric Researchers / The Archaeology of Ritual**

**October 14–16, 2015**

**Pannonian Sea Museum of the Herman Ottó Museum, Miskolc**

**Conference Programme**

*Wednesday, October 14, 2015*

**The conference was opened by Tamás Pusztai, Director of the Herman Ottó Museum**

Introductory lectures (chaired by Judit Koós)

Gábor Kalla: The archaeology of ritual. Keynote address

Pál Raczky – Alexandra Anders: All together now – Rituals at the Late Neolithic settlement of Polgár-Csőszhalom

Zsuzsanna Siklósi – Márton Szilágyi: Rational knowledge, irrational actions?

**Structured deposits (chaired by Gábor V. Szabó)**

Péter Barkóczy – Géza Szabó – Dóra Máté – Viktória Kiss: Graves, hoards, jewellery – The linkage between structured deposits and burials in the Middle Bronze Age

Kristóf Fülöp: Life after death: The role of wells beyond providing water

Vajk Szeverényi – Anna Priskin – Péter Czukor: Structured deposits and rituals at the Late Bronze Age site of Csanádpalota-Földvár

János Gábor Tarbay: A Late Bronze Age hoard from Oltárc, or the study of ritual based on macroscopic and microscopic traits

**Ritual paraphernalia, the artefacts of rituals (chaired by Géza Szabó)**

János Jakucs – Krisztián Oross – Tibor Marton – Vanda Voicsek: Material imprints of ritual life in the southern Transdanubian interaction zone between the Central European and Balkanic Neolithic cultures

Attila László: “Clay gods” and/or ritual paraphernalia – The interpretation of the human figurines of the Erősd-Cucuteni culture

*Thursday, October 14, 2015*

**Ritual activities, ritual specialists I (chaired by Gábor Kalla)**

Márta Galántha: Boys grow into men: an initiation ceremony

Zsolt Mester – Norbert Faragó – Attila Király: Environmental determinism, ritual, tradition?

Motivations in the production of chipped stone implements

Attila Király: Useful rituals and useless techniques – A theoretical look at the archaeological identification of ritual activities

**Ritual activities, ritual specialists II (chaired by Alexandra Anders)**

Szilvia Fábrián – Márta Daróczi-Szabó – Attila Kreiter – Tibor Marton – Gábor Serlegi – Pál Sümegi: Middle and Late Copper Age ritual activities as reflected by the structured deposits at the Abony 36 site

Kitti Köhler – Antónia Marcsik – Péter Zádori – Gergely Biro – Helen D. Donoghue – Tamás Hajdu: Anthropological assessment of the Late Copper Age multiple burials uncovered at Abony-Turjányos-dűlő

Mária Fekete – Géza Szabó: Innovation – paraphernalia – rituals – interpretation

**Book launch:** Gábor Ilon: *The Golden Treasure from Szent Vid in Velem: The Costume of a High-Ranking Lady of the Late Bronze Age in the Light of New Studies* (Budapest: Archaeolingua 2015)

**Ritual space (ritual structures, ritual landscapes, ritual use of space) I (chaired by Pál Raczky)**

Krisztián Oross – János Jakucs – Tibor Marton – Kitti Köhler – Vanda Voicsek: Spaces for the living, spaces for the dead – variations on the Neolithic settlements of southern Transdanubia

Rozália Kustár – Andrea Lantos: Ritual space – foundation deposits on the Neolithic settlement at Harta-Gátórház

Bettina Bittner: Environmental psychology in the choice of the location of ritual spaces and their buildings

András Füzesi – Márton Szilágyi: The linkage between ritual and space in the Copper Age

**Ritual space (ritual structures, ritual landscapes, ritual use of space) II (chaired by Gabriella Kulcsár)**

Andtás Gulyás – Pál Sümegi: The Bronze Age tell in the Szarvas Arboretum: Preliminary findings

Gábor Rezi Kató: Baradla Cave as a ritual space

Gábor V. Szabó: The topography of Late Bronze Age deposition practices

*Friday, October 16, 2015*

**Burials as ritual activity I (chaired by Zsuzsanna Siklósi)**

Zsigmond Hajdú – Emese Gyöngyvér Nagy: A Middle Neolithic child burial in a storage jar at Polgár-Kengyel-köz (County Hajdú-Bihar)

Zsigmond Hajdú – Emese Gyöngyvér Nagy: Attitudes to death in the Bihar region in the Early Neolithic – An unusual burial group at Szentpéterszeg-Körtvélyes (County Hajdú-Bihar)

Vajk Szeverényi – Tamás Hajdu – Julia Giblin – Viktória Kiss: Rituals and human remains on Middle Bronze Age settlements

Eszter Melis – Tamás Hajdu: Expressions of sexual identity in the Early and Middle Bronze Age inhumation burials of western Transdanubia

### **Burials as ritual activity II (chaired by Vajk Szeverényi)**

Emilia Pásztor: The role of Sun symbols in the burial rites of the Vátya culture

László Gucsi: Techniques for identifying secondarily burnt pottery and the possible interpretations of their role in cremation burials

Gábor Váczi: Analysis of the sequence of events of the cremation burials in the Urnfield cemetery at Balatonendréd

### **Posters presented at the conference**

Gábor Ilon: Grindstones. Grinding and human sacrifice. Why?

Anna Priskin: Ritual grinding in the Bronze Age?

Péter Czukor: Layout of the Late Bronze Age fortified settlement at Makó-Rákos Császárvár and its setting in ritual landscape use

Csilla Farkas – Zita Hrabák: Excavation of an Iron Age building with an ornamented floor at Tenk (southern Heves)

Marcella Nagy: An Iron Age “time capsule” at Ikervár

Ádám Artúr Nyíró: The ritual function of caves in north-eastern Hungary during the Late Bronze Age

Krisztina Péró: “Quenching their hunger by delicacies from the platter and their thirst by water from the earthen pitcher” – Interpretation of an Early Bronze Age pottery assemblage

Zita Mária Tokai: Nagykanizsa-Palin – A clay extraction pit as a ritual space

Csilla Farkas – Antónia Marcsik: Human remains on the top of the Bronze Age tell at Boconád-Alatka-puszta

Szilvia Guba: The ritual use of space in the Late Bronze Age cemetery at Zagyvapálfalva

Polett Kósa: Megyaszó-Halom-oldal-dűlő: New research on the Tumulus culture in north-eastern Hungary

Kata Szilágyi: Perspectives in the interpretation of the stone implements of the domestic and ritual sphere at Alsónyék