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Editors' Preface

On March 26, 1996 Sándor Bökönyi would have celebrated his 70th Birthday. The present volume was intended as a *Festschrift* by friends and colleagues from all over the world to honour that occasion. However, by a combination of tragic circumstances following a seemingly trivial accident, Sándor Bökönyi died – prematurely and unexpectedly – on December 25, 1994. The intended *Festschrift* therefore can be dedicated only to his memory – that of a very human person, beloved by many, and of a great scholar who made a decisive impact on prehistoric research in Europe and elsewhere.

The response to our initial invitation to contribute to the intended *Festschrift* was tremendous. With regard to the multiple interdisciplinary relations which characterized Bökönyi's research interests not only archaeologists and archaeozoologists but also historians, anthropologists and comparative linguists were invited to contribute, which they did gladly. The results surpassed the editors' anticipations by far who had to deal with 54 contributions, some of them textually quite tricky, which (even in a compressed form) have amounted to a volume of over 700 pages. These, combined with other circumstances, account for the long period of gestation and the regrettable delay in bringing out this volume, for which we wish to apologize to the authors who have shown remarkable patience.

The editors hope that this volume with its great many outstanding contributions marks a decisive advance in research and thus will be a worthy tribute to the memory of a great scholar who himself was innovative in many ways.

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The Editors