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EDITORIAL

We are very pleased to present the third volume of *Praehistoria*, which turned out to be an extraordinary issue in several respects. This number can boast of the largest number of articles, with Viola T. Dobosi, Marie-Hélène Moncel, Vasile Chirica and Brian Adams as our “regular” contributors whose papers can be found in previous issues of *Praehistoria* as well. However, our gratitude goes to all the authors, who have honoured our journal with their contributions.

Unlike previous issues, the third number of *Praehistoria* contains two extra sections. The first of these is dedicated to the memory of the well-known geographer and Quaternary specialist, Márton Pécsi. The three studies in the section – by former Hungarian colleagues and students – summarise the current issues of Hungarian Quaternary research (Gy. Gábris et al., Gy. Hahn et al., Á. Ringer). The article on loess stratigraphy is a further piece in our Eurasian loess series, by giving an account of the Hungarian problems.

The other extra section presents results of the research programme conducted by the University of Miskolc, aimed at two internationally famous sites of Hungarian Prehistory located in the Bükk Mountains: the Szeleta Cave and the Istállóskő Cave. The articles cover all those important stratigraphic, chronological and archaeological issues (Á. Ringer, B. Adams, Zs. Mester, V. T. Dobosi) that we wished to present to the international body of experts. The reports should be taken as preliminary studies, until the full documentation of the research results are published in a more substantial work.

The editing of the further articles falls in line with the “traditional” structure of the journal. Four studies concentrate on anthropological issues: a new species of the Upper Eocene Adapidae by R. Protsch von Zieten, new palaeoanthropological remains from Germany by R. Protsch von Zieten et al., a possible cross-fertilisation of the European Neanderthal man and *Homo sapiens sapiens* by J. Zilhao and E. Trinkaus, and the archaeological analysis of the Out-of-Africa hypothesis by H. J. Deacon. The article by M. Patou-Mathis is on the topic of archaeozoology, it looks at the bone mining tools of Lovas. Six articles – by Á. Ringer and M.-H. Moncel, V. Chirica, A. Markó et al., A. Dédénath, R. Kertész, and Zs. Czehelszky – fall within the field of Prehistoric archaeology, concentrating on Palaeolithic and Mesolithic issues of the Old World. D. Seglie writes about Prehistoric art, while Cs. Pléh introduces the reader to the topic of evolutionary psychology, which is of great help in understanding the behaviour of Prehistoric man. The last contribution in the volume by E. Jerem et al. on the Szeleta Museum is devoted to an initiative which combines archaeology and tourism.

We hope that this third edition of *Praehistoria* will offer our readers as much satisfaction as the previous volumes and the articles will serve as incentives for many to become contributors in future issues.

The Editors