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Theban Tomb -61-**

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Preface

*To the memory of Ernő Gaál (1940–2005),
and to all those who participated in the exploration of Theban Tomb -61-*

The present publication endeavours to describe the archaeology of the tomb of Amenhotep, Chief physician in the Domain of Amun and Priest of Mut (Theban Tomb -61-) excavated by the Hungarian Archaeological Mission of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest between 1999 and 2008. Ten years' digging in this small mortuary monument situated on the south slope of the el-Khokha hillock resulted in a vast amount of finds ranging in date from the Eighteenth to the Thirtieth Dynasty which are presented below in a chronological order. The architectural description of the tomb is given in a chapter by Zsolt Vasáros. The mural decoration of the tomb, including the loose fragments that have been copied and studied by Zoltán Horváth, will be published in a future volume.

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