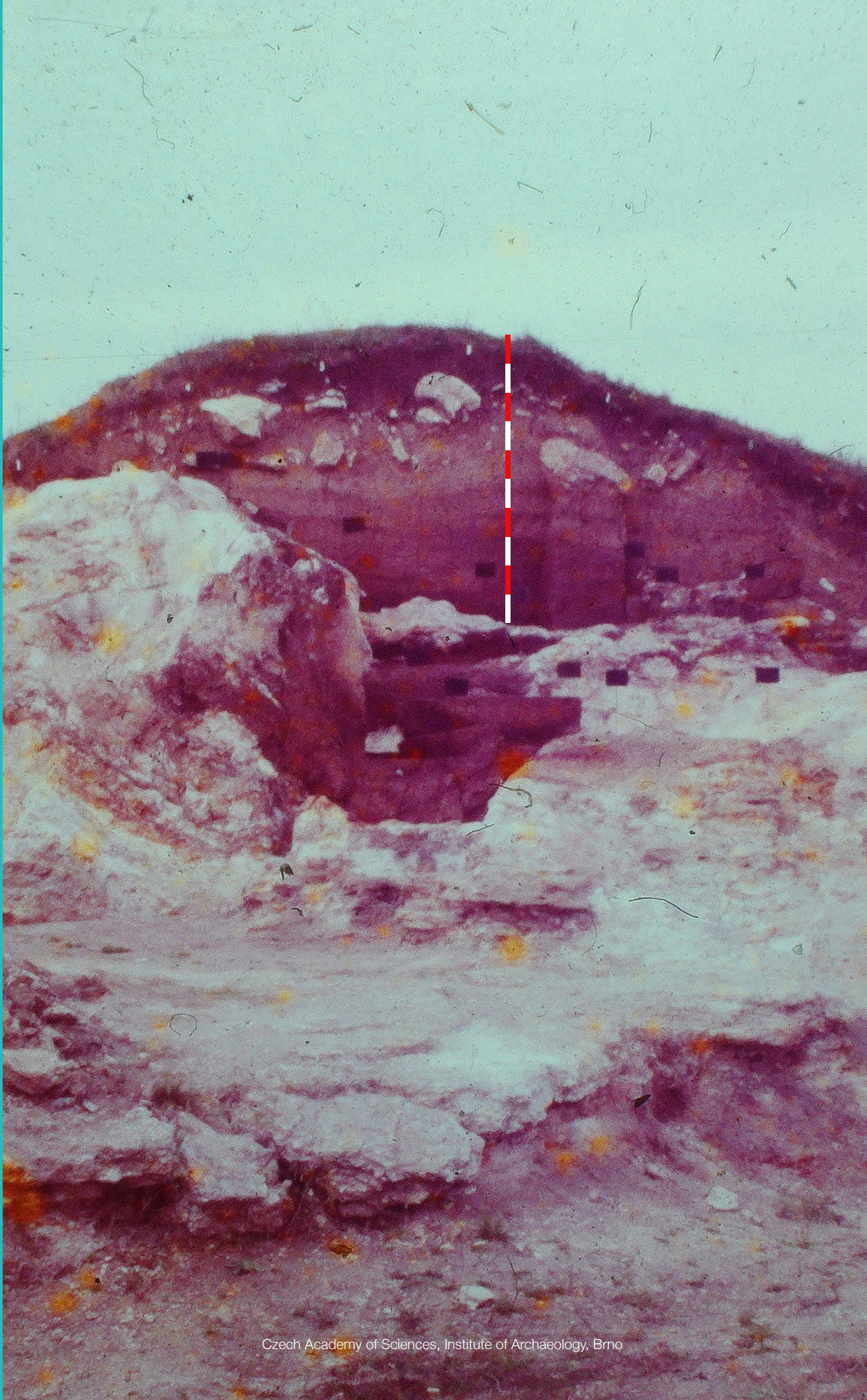


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Preface

Dear readers,

It is with great joy and pride that we present to you the book “Solving Stone Age puzzles: From artefacts and sites towards archaeological interpretations”, which is the result of the collective efforts of leading Central European specialists in Paleolithic archaeology, Quaternary geology, anthropology, paleoecology and other related fields. This edited monograph gathers in 18 chapters a diverse set of knowledge that can be an inspiration for further research in the subject fields and demonstrates how putting together fragments of archaeological research, starting with a basic and patient study of archaeological sources, can enrich our understanding of the life of people in the Stone Age.

The presented publication is a tribute that pays homage not only to science and knowledge, but especially to an important personality who is still unstoppably dedicated to unravelling Paleolithic puzzles. That person is Lubomíra Kaminská, a prominent Slovak archaeologist, whose work significantly contributed to the expansion of our knowledge about the Paleolithic and Mesolithic settlement of Slovakia and Central Europe, and thus developed the research potential for future generations of not only Slovak Paleolithic researchers. To celebrate her 70th birthday, we, her colleagues, friends, and students, have decided to collect these contributions as a reflection of her immeasurable contribution to the archaeological community and as an expression of our admiration and appreciation.

Teamwork is behind every success, so at this point we also want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the creation of this monograph. Many thanks are owed to the reviewers of the monograph as a whole and the reviewers of individual chapters. It was their professional comments and suggestions that made an invaluable contribution and significantly improved the final form of the monograph. In this regard, Jana Mellnerová-Šuteková deserves special thanks. Our thanks also go to our colleagues from the Palaeolithic Centre of the Institute of Archaeology of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Brno, Petr Škrdla and Vitali Usyk, who provided us with important scientific feedback for some of the studies included in this book. Special thanks go out to Ondřej Herčík for the preparation and unification of the map materials, which enliven the book in many ways. No less important for us was the cooperation with the graphic studio Pixle, with Pavlína Doležalová and Filip Mond, whose creative touch gave our work visual excellence. We thank Sean Mark Miller, who proofread the text of the entire book, and also Matúš Benkovič and Milan Rydvan, who handled the translation of two chapters. Jakub Knobloch and Hedvika Břínková did an enormous amount of demanding work, especially related to the preparation and proofreading of the bibliography. And, last but not least, we must express our deep gratitude to the Brno Archaeological Institute’s editorial department, Markéta Kamenská and especially Martina Kudlíková, without whose tireless work, dedication, and consistent care, this book could never have seen the light of day.

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On behalf of all the authors,
Martin Novák and Adrián Nemergut

