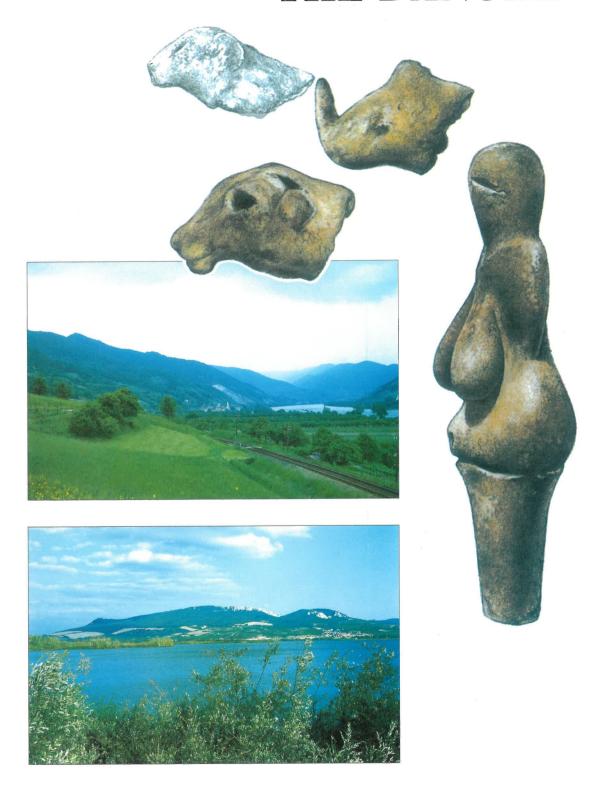
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#### INTRODUCTION

As a result of the 80 years-tradition of regional Upper Paleolithic research at the foot of the Pavlovské Hills, the friendly rural atmosphere, and local wine, Pavlov, Dolní Věstonice and Mikulov hosted several international workshops and meetings during the past decade. The last one in this series, the Gravettian along the Danube, has been organized on November 20.-21., 2002, by the Paleolithic and Paleoethnology Research Center of the Institute of Archaeology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Brno and Dolní Věstonice), in the castle kindly provided by the Regional Museum at Mikulov, and with the generous support by the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Foundation (Paris), the Council of American Overseas Research Institutes (Washington, D.C.), and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (New York).

The meeting at Mikulov was divided in two parts: the first one resuming the newly accumulated evidence concerning prehistory of the Danube river, a major European communication axis, about 30 - 20 thousands years ago. The contributions we ordered from the west to the east: south Germany, Austria, Moravia, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia and Bulgaria, including comparative overviews from Italy and northern Russia, and general synthetic papers as seen from the Belgian and American perspectives. The second part informed about the long-term and multifacetted project of processing and publishing the site of Pavlov, excavated by Bohuslav Klíma in 1952-1972, and still providing a wealth of materials to be analysed or re-analysed from several viewpoints.

This two-fold structure of the Mikulov meeting is also reflected in the publications. The volume now at hand covers the first part, starting with introductory overviews of the culture, the stratigraphy and the chronology, continuing to regional papers and new field discoveries, and concluding with a couple of general papers. Our next publication will be the third volume on Pavlov (Southeastern part, excavations 1954-1956) which will include the remaining presentations from Mikulov, accompanied by additional contributions, so as to complete the general picture of this part of the Pavlov site.

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