

Preface

In the course of the establishment of the Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology (OREA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in 2013, it seemed appropriate to further develop and reorganise the established journal *Archaeologia Austriaca*. The journal, from now on, will carry the name *Archaeologia Austriaca – Zeitschrift zur Archäologie Europas / Journal on the Archaeology of Europe*. It is published by the Austrian Academy of Sciences Press and issued by the OREA Institute, fortunately as in the past in cooperation with the Institute of Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology of the University of Vienna.

Archaeologia Austriaca is an archaeological journal founded in 1948 as a successor of the *Wiener Prähistorische Zeitschrift* (1914–1943), covering palaeoanthropology, prehistory and the early history of Austria. In the course of the launch of the OREA Institute in 2013, the journal's geographic and cultural emphasis on the archaeology of Europe will be further expanded beyond Austria. Research on Austrian archaeology will continue to be a central focus of this journal, embedded in a wider European spectrum. *Archaeologia Austriaca* covers all periods from the Palaeolithic to modern times which are subject to archaeological, anthropological and interdisciplinary investigations, including those involving the natural sciences. Publication languages are predominantly German and English.

The journal's editorial board consists of Barbara Horejs, Michaela Lochner (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences), Michael Doneus, Timothy Taylor, and Claudia Theune (Institute of Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology of the University of Vienna).

In the course of the new launch it was also necessary to reconstitute the advisory board. The new board consists of ten members of international institutions and who, in addition to their scientific expertise, constitute a balanced selection concerning gender and nationality. We welcome Alexandra Busch (Romano-Germanic Central Museum, Mainz), Svend Hansen (German Archaeological Institute,

Berlin), Jan Klápště (Charles University Carolinum, Prague), Carola Metzner-Nebelsick (Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich), Marie Louise Bech Nosch (Saxo-Institute, Copenhagen), Ernst Pernicka (Curt-Engelhorn-Centre Archaeometry gGmbH Mannheim and University of Heidelberg), Stephen Shennan (University College London), Sofija Stefanović (University of Belgrade), Jiří Svoboda (Masarykovy University, Brno) and Biba Teržan (University of Ljubljana).

Submissions and the review process occur via Open Journal System OJS. Contributions will be subject to high-quality international peer review. *Archaeologia Austriaca* will be an open-access journal. Accepted papers will continuously appear online accompanied by English and German abstracts and keywords. The journal will be published once a year in print and online with colour and black/white illustrations. The journal will not only include papers but research reports, themed sections and book reviews. Additionally there will be an annual Best Paper Award. The best paper will be selected by the Editorial and Advisory boards after the publication of the journal.

The present double volume is opened by six articles in English, German and Italian, followed by a special section on the Migration-period graves of Gobelsburg, Lower Austria, two reports on the Early Bronze Age cemetery of Neumarkt an der Ybbs, Lower Austria, and one book review. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the scientific editor Estella Weiss-Krejci, and all the authors who have contributed to this volume. I hope that the new design of *Archaeologia Austriaca* will be well received by readers as well as present and future authors.

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