

From the Academy to Academy...

The year 2018 has become an extremely important moment in the history of our magazine, we may even say: a dramatic moment. *Acta Archaeologica Carpathica*, owned and funded by the Polish Academy of Sciences, by a sudden decision of the vice-president of that institution, Professor Edward Nečka, was practically deprived of his continued existence. The letter BUPN-DUN/228/2017, from 27. Oct. 2017 informs us of that decision.

The editors' remarks included in this letter were highly harmful to the magazine's image, which early in its existence in communist times, tried to be a letter of an international character, which the then geopolitical situation did not support.

In the current situation, the Archaeological Commission of the Cracow Branch of the Polish Academy of Sciences, current owner of the title, held discussions and took legal steps to prevent the liquidation of this journal of international reputation, scientific prestige and outstanding recognition within the Central European publishing market. On March 9, 2018, with the Commission's approval, the editors of this journal applied to the Polish Academy of Sciences to transfer *Acta Archaeologica Carpathica* to the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cracow, which has agreed to the transfer. After preliminary examination of the case by the District Court in Warsaw (reference number VII Nr Rej Pr 503/18) and after an agreement between both Academies, it was assumed that the next volume of the LIII for 2018 would still be sponsored by the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences. In a short time, however, the journal's publication authority under the Polish Academy of Sciences will end.

In light these decisions, the staff of *Acta Archaeologica Carpathica* has changed. By a letter of 24 November 2017, the undersigned resigned as editor in chief, an action which the Commission did not accept during a secret ballot and entrusted the previous editor in chief with performing this function in the future. On April 25, 2018, the current editor, Marcin Wołoszyn, and earlier the secretary of the magazine Paweł Jarosz, resigned from the editorial office, motivated

by the excessive amount of scientific work he had to perform. In this situation, Anna Kraszewska and Magda Cieśla, employees of the Institute of Archeology of the Jagiellonian University, agreed to take up these functions and joined the editorial office of *Acta Archaeologica Carpathica* to help publish the journal up to volume LIII.

At this point, as the magazine's main editor, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Associate Professor Marcin Wołoszyn, and Paweł Jarosz, for many years of excellent work on the magazine and its publication, for acquiring great and valuable foreign contributions for publication and promoting the magazine's image which, thanks to their work can now be counted among the leading archaeological scientific magazines in Poland. Thanks are also due to Barbara Chudzińska, who helped in the editing of the last (LII) number of *Acta*.

In all this difficult operation of magazine transfer to another address, many people bestowed trust on the editor, for which he is truly obliged. Those people were Professor Jan Ostrowski – President of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor Szczepan Biliński – General Secretary of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor Jan Machnik – President of the Carpathian Prehistory Commission of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor Janusz Kruk – the Director of the Second Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor Jan Chochorowski – President of the Archaeological Commission of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Cracow, Elżbieta Kujawska – Director of the Publishing Department of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Justyna Chat from the Publishing Department of the Cracow Branch of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Kraków and many other persons.

The great vision of the magazine's creator and its first editor, Professor Andrzej Żaki will be upheld. No administrative decisions can hinder the fulfilment of his founding vision of its content that addresses the increasingly important cultivated sub-discipline of mountain archaeology. This journal will continue to be annually responsible for a wide-spread of archaeologists from the Carpathian countries, and all who relate to that topic of the mountains in general.

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