EVALUATION 2015
DEPARTMENT OF MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY

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Main research topics

- Processes of genesis and formation of state (centralisation of power structure) from sites such as Prague, Budeč, Klenany, Libice nad Cidlinou, Libušín, Sázava, Stará Boleslav
  a: re-evaluation of the Přemyslid domain model
  b: process of Christianisation of the society (transformation of funerary rites, types and development of church architecture)

- Beginnings of the Early Medieval Bohemia (settlement structure, formation of elites, cultural phenomena etc. in the course of 6th-9th centuries)

- Every-day life (material culture, technology)

- Interdisciplinary research – is involved in majority of the topics, especially: chronological studies (independent scientific dating), material culture studies, GIS applications etc.

- Settlement patterns and material culture – the so-called High Medieval transformation (till 2012 including castellology)
Is it necessary to change the publication politics?

DMA contribution to the Institute’s evaluation, according to Quality profile:
24 % of Institute’s evaluated outputs – 24 % are in the two highest Quality groups.
Examples of main research outputs

Bohemia and Prague, 9th-10th C.: state of the knowledge

blue area: distribution of the Great Moravian jewellery

evidence of the Christianisation process from 11th C.

Budeč - the Ducal curtis

Budeč
Age and personal structure, activities 2011–2014

Evaluated team 2015: 14 researchers, incl. retired researchers

Human sources (department together)
Person / work load (approx.)

Archaeology, fundamental research: 12 pers. /6.4 w. l.
Archaeology, field-work: 2 pers./1.1
Archaeology, educational activities: 4 pers./0.4
Work for institution, edd. boards: 1 pers./0.4
Work for institution, management: 3 pers./1
Prague archaeology project: 5 pers./1.2

Current state of the department: 14 researchers, incl. retired researchers
outside of team: since 2013 3 pers. focusing on the research project of urban archaeology;

Department of Medieval Archaeology staff change, 2015–2016:
☐ personnel change in the team (1 person, cat. 30–40 years)
☐ new competition for urban archaeology field, prior the end of 2015;
☐ personnel change: competition 2016-2017: for a research-worker focusing on the EM Bohemia beginnings and interregional studies (1 person, cat. till 30)
Structure of activities in 2010–2014, and a vision for future
Research for practice – Service for research

Rescue excavations till 2014: about 14% of the team capacity

Applied research, service for research, work for institution:

about 50% of team capacity, work for institution: about 11%
a series of projects focusing on research methodology, evidence and database systems, sustainability of archaeological cultural heritage (protection and effective future evaluation).

Editor-in-chief:
DMA, Martin Ježek

Rescue excavations – Northern Bohemia coal basin, Petr Čech

Rescue long-term excavations,
Prague – Vyšehrad
B. Nechvátal - L. Varadzin

Eds.: J. Klápště (DMA)
M. Šmolílková

Eds.: I. Boháčová
P. Sommer
participation in organisation of research (esp. in Central Europe): editorial boards, institutions, EAC, councils of sciences, conference organisations etc.

International Boards and Committees:
P. Sommer: Commission of the History of Architecture ICOMOS, Wroclaw • Comité permanent de l’UISPP • Europäisches Romanik-Zentrum Halle • Corresponding member of the German Archaeological Institute
J. Klápště: Medieval Europe Research Congress Committee • Corresponding member of the German Archaeological Institute
T. Durdík: Comité Castella Maris Baltici • Permanent Board of the Castrum Bene Society
J. Mařík: Europae Archaeologiae Consilium • Scientific Board of the EAA Annual Meeting 2013

Editorial Boards:
Archeologické rozhledy (WOS) • Archaeologica Pragensia • Památky Archeologické (WOS) • Archaeologia historica Polona • Zeitschrift für Archäologie des Mittelalters • Wratislavia antiqua • Castellologica Bohemica, till 2012 • Studia archaeologica Slovaca • Archaeologia historica • Ruralia • Studia Mediaevalia Bohemica • Český časopis historický • Zprávy památkové péče, till 2012 • Hereditas monasteriorum • Miscellanea historia • Staletá Praha • Forum urbes medii aevi • Kwartalnik historii kultury materialnej • editorial board Geistewissenschaftliches Zentrum Leipzig

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Popularisation

Popularisation as a part of post-research activities – presentation of selected results of research:

Participation in numerous short-term as well as permanent expositions, accompanying publications, archaeological site presentations etc.

Prague-Vyšehrad, project of recovery of the archaeological site, I. Boháčová

Dep. MA team participation esp. in a project led by the IA of the CAS, Brno, v.v.i. and other

The Benedicines…
Educational activities

Predominantly lecture one-semester-long courses, supervising students

especially in Prague (Charles Uni, Uni of Chemistry and Technology, Czech Technical University), Fac. of Art of Uni Olomouc, České Budějovice, Hradec Králové, Pilsen etc.

Occasionelly, students (incl. foreign) are involved in various types of research projects.
On-going projects:
1-3 Research for practice

as a source for fundamental research

1 Integrate Information System of Prague Archaeological Sources: an on-line GIS system as a part of the Archaeological Map of the Czech Republic (2013-2017, Min. of Culture of the Czech Rep.)
IA CAS, Prague, v.v.i – National Heritage Institute, dep. Prague
Example of creating a general information system exploiting the first-class archaeological site of Prague

by I. Boháčová

2 Heritage and long-term systematic preventive excavations at the Prague-Vyšehrad Stronghold (since 1920s), since 1966 the IA CAS, Prague, v.v.i
Example of continuity in the heritage as well as unearthing the ‘archaeological treasure trove’

by L. Varadzin

3 Heritage and long-term systematic preventive excavations at the stronghold of Libice (Central Bohemia, Kolin distr.) Since 1890s
Example of application of new technologies for research as well as heritage management

by J. Mařík

4 Sázava – terminated long-term excavations (1968-1995) of Medieval monastery
Example of Processing the key archaeological site

by P. Sommer
1st example: Integrate information system of Prague archaeological sources (2013-2017, Min. of Culture)

GIS and interdisciplinarity

on-line information system – the prerequisite for missing systematic research
2nd example: Long-term excavations of Prague-Vyšehrad Stronghold

excavated areas 1924–2010 - since 1966 conducted by the IA of the CAS

triconch (1924–2014)

previous reconstr. (1970)

square area c. 287 sqm!
Archaeological site with St Lawrence basilica: from long-term excavations and heritage to recent research

1924-1925

1934

1970-2011

project of the site recovery 2011

2014
**3rd example: Libice – long-term excavations of Early Medieval stronghold**

1890s: excavations conducted by non-professional archeologists

1949–1973: systematic excavations of the inner bailey (5,000 m², 4.5% of the inner bailey area)

Since 1974:
- Rescue excavations (51,000 m²)
- GIS mapping
- Reconstruction of agglomeration
- Palaeobotanical research
- Economic model of the hinterland

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Libice: non-destructive research

2008–2015: non-destructive research of the inner bailey:

- Aerial photographs
- Terrain modelling
- Geophysics
- Surface collections
- Metal detectors
4th example: Sázava – terminated long-term excavations of Medieval monastery, Processing


At present: work on the concluding monography (2018)

Themes: earliest Czech sacral architecture, liturgy, monastic culture, burial practices, laical hinterland
Thank you for your attention

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