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Overview

The Institute focuses on basic research into prehistoric and medieval history of Moravia, Czech Silesia and the wider middle Danube area. It examines the most significant Moravian sites, especially the Stone Age, the Roman era and early Middle Ages (Dolní Věstonice, Musov, Mikulčice).

Organizational structure

As an organization authorized by law, it collects data on all archaeological sites and events, provides expert services in protection of archaeological finds and coordinates archaeological activities in Moravia and Silesia.

It directs its core research activities with regard to the possibility of a significant impact in addressing historical and archaeological issues in the wider European and global context.

Three basic research centers, oriented on Paleolithic era and paleoethnology, the Roman era, the Migration Period and Slavonic and medieval archeology are complemented by the department of Moravian-Silesian prehistory and archaeological prospection:

Centre for Paleolithic Research and Paleoethnology (Base for Paleolithic Research in Dolní Věstonice) - Centre for Roman Era Archaeology and the Migration Period (Base for research of Roman military intervention in Dolní Dunajovice) - Center for Slavic and medieval archeology (Base for the Great Moravian period research in Mikulčice) - Department of Moravian-Silesian prehistory - Department of archaeological prospection - Detached department in Opava - Archive - Library - Technical and Economic Administration - Secretariat - Department of publishing activities.

Research activities, projects, grants

Currently, the Institute examines: 1) initial anatomically modern human populations (*Homo sapiens*), especially shaping of their the cultural, economic and social structures; 2) historical development of the Central European area at key stages of the expansion of the ancient Roman Empire and migratory movements between antiquity and the Middle Ages; 3) period from the arrival of the Slavs in the 6th century until the High Middle Ages, especially early

state formations in Central Europe in 8th to 10th century. Individual problem areas are studied in broad interdisciplinary and international cooperation in the context of many research projects while applying advanced scientific methods. The results are published in the editorial lines of the Institute.

International cooperation

The issues the institute deals with significantly interfere with international discussions in the field, there is intensive cooperation with European and overseas institutions, including organization of joint research and international conferences, mutual internships, exchange of scientific information and preparation of joint publications.

Cooperation with universities

The institute, together with universities, trains new scientists in accredited doctoral studies, cooperations in numerous research projects are also frequent.

Public services

The institute performs advanced conservation and reconstruction of archaeological finds and provides expertise, consulting and advisory services for government authorities and other entities. The institute library is the most comprehensive of its kind in the country, also serving external visitors and students. Likewise, the institute archive collects all archaeological information from Moravia and Czech Silesia and is available to the general public.

