

INTRODUCTION

Ten years have passed since the appearance of the first volume of *Archaeologia Baltica*, an edition that was conceived and edited by habil. dr. Vytautas Kazakevičius (11.10.1953–7.9.2005). Five volumes of *Archaeologia Baltica* were published during the next decade. Starting with the sixth volume, Klaipėda University Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology, in cooperation with the Lithuanian Institute of History, will become the editors and publishers of this archaeological magazine, which is important to both Lithuania and the entire Baltic region.

Until 2005, Vytautas Kazakevičius was the managing editor of the magazine. The last volume of *Archaeologia Baltica*, which was ready in 2002, is being published just now. From the viewpoint of the editorial board and the authors, the research articles are still topical and are being published, with some exceptions, as they were presented three years ago. The new editorial board has accepted several recently written articles. Three articles were omitted, as they have been published in other scholarly journals. In this volume of *Archaeologia Baltica* articles in German remain.

The new editorial board will strive to establish a close dialogue between researchers, theoretical schools and other different disciplines that represent the Baltic region, and will aspire to discuss problems that are important to archaeologists of the entire Baltic region.

The structure of the journal has been changed. *Archaeologia Baltica* will present original research articles, reports, discussions, reviews, and comments on the latest research publications. Some volumes of *Archaeologia Baltica* will be designed for conference papers on Baltic region archaeology.

This periodical, published in English twice a year, will contain articles by Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, German, Polish and Russian archaeologists, and by archaeologists from other countries, with material from different chronological periods, discussions on social and economic phenomena of prehistoric societies, on technological changes, and on the latest anthropological research of burial grounds.

The editors of *Archaeologia Baltica* are interested in cooperation and invite archaeologists from all academic institutions and museums within the Baltic region to contribute to this journal. This will stimulate the development of archaeology. Finally, by discussing and expressing our views, we will contribute to the further progress of archaeology, to the overall benefit of the subject.

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