Circular on the 62nd Annual Meeting in Brno
April 14th – 18th, 2020
at the invitation of the
Moravské zemské muzeum (Moravian Museum)

Dear members and friends of the Hugo Obermaier Society,
Dear colleagues!

At the invitation of the Moravské zemské muzeum, the Annual Meeting of the Society 2020 will be held in Brno. The meeting’s main topic is:

“Back to the Gravettian – Chronology and Regionalization“

We hereby announce the call for papers and posters.

Your contribution (presentation of max. 20 minutes and/or poster) can, but does not have to be related to the main topic. We ask for your comprehension that in case of too many proposals we might have to ask you to present your contribution as a poster. The presentation of posters will be given a proper session. Please send the abstract of your presentation/poster (MS-Word format) until January 31st, 2020 to info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de. We encourage you to include one black and white figure (TIFF or JPEG) in your abstract.

Registration for the meeting and the excursions can be made online at the society’s website www.obermaier-gesellschaft.de/tagungen.html. The online registration opens on December 1st, 2019. If you participate as an accompanying person, please register also individually. The SEPA bank details are IBAN DE36 6009 0100 0349 5270 08 and BIC VOBADESS. This information is also shown after the online registration. Please transfer the conference fees until March 1st, 2020. Registration for the excursions follows the order of payment. The 2nd circular with the conference programme and more detailed information will be sent to all registered participants some weeks before the conference. Further information on the society and the Annual Meeting can be found at our website: www.obermaier-gesellschaft.de.

Since the conference booklets are accessible online, we refrain from automatically sending the printed version by mail to those members not participating in the meeting. If you wish to receive a printed version of the 2020 booklet, please let us know until January 31st, 2020 by sending an email to info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de.
Preliminary Programme

Conference venue: Sál Břetislava Bakaly (Břetislav Bakala Hall), Žerotínovo nám. 6, 658 78 Brno (Map 1, Point 1): https://www.gotobrno.cz/misto/sal-bretislava-bakaly/

**Tue, April 14th, 2020**

13:30 Opening of the conference office at the Sál Břetislava Bakaly  
15:00 Welcome by our hosts, the General Director of Moravian Museum Dr. Jiří Mitáček, the director of Historical Museum of Moravian Museum Dr. Hana Dvořáková, and the president of the Obermaier Society

15:15 – 17:15 Presentations (Coffee break 17:15 – 17:45h)  
17:45 – 19:30 Poster-Session

Welcome by the head of Pavilion Anthropos: Dr. Petr Kostrhun. The exhibition is open during the evening.

**Wed, April 15th, 2020**

09:00 – 13:00 Presentations (Coffee break 10:30 – 11:00)  
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break  
14:30 – 18:00 Presentations (Coffee break 16:00 – 16:30)

18:30 Public evening lecture by Dr. Martin Oliva: From the Mesolithic to the Hallstatt Age: a large chert mining in the "Krumlov Forest" Area  
Dietrichsteinský palác (Dietrichstein Palace), 1st Floor, Zelný trh Square (Map 1, Point 2): http://www.mzm.cz/en/dietrichstein-palace/

20:00 Conference Dinner

**Thu, April 16th, 2019**

09:00 – 13:00 Presentations (Coffee break 10:30 – 11:00)  
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break  
14:30 – 18:15 Presentations (Coffee break 16:00 – 16:30)

18:30 Society’s annual general meeting

20:00 Get-together
**Excursions**

*Fri, April 17th, 2020* Excursion A: **Sites of Moravský kras (Moravian Karst)** (probably 8:30 – ca. 18:00)

1. Kůlna Cave – the most important Palaeolithic site of Czech Republic; 2. Balcarka Cave – the Magdalenian occupation; 3. Výpustek Cave – a revision of human occupation (research 2010-2015), an exposition focused on the Moravian Karst archaeology, a bunker and a factory in the cave; 4. Žitného Cave and other small caves in Křtiny Valley; 5. Býčí Skála Cave – Magdalenian and Hallstatt occupations
**Sat, April 18th, 2020** Excursion B: The Gravettian of the Pavlov Hill region (probably 8:30 – 18:00)

Map 3: [https://mapy.cz/s/relunajemo](https://mapy.cz/s/relunajemo)


**Arrival/Departure/Transportation**

**Travel by a train:**
If you opt for a train connection with Brno, please pay close attention to the choice of destination. Currently, the main train station (Brno-hlavní nádraží) is under construction (the expected date end of reconstruction is 31st December 2019) and actually works only for local connections. Most trains (EC, IC etc.) have 2 stops in Brno - Brno-Židenice and Brno-dolní nádraží (Map 4, point 1). The best way to reach the centre of Brno is the Brno-dolní nádraží station. Next year, the main station may be operating normally (information will be updated), in which case this station is the best option. In front of the station, the main tram transport hub is situated. You can use it in a case you have accommodation in a more distant destination.

**Travel by a bus:**
For bus connections with Brno you can choose according to companies two stations: bus station at the Grand Hotel (Benešova street, Map 4, point 3) or Brno-Zvonařka (Map 4, point 4). Both stations are close to the city centre.
Travel by airplane:
To travel to Brno you can also use air connections from several destinations (London, Berlin, Milano). To get to the centre of Brno, use a taxi or a public transport linking the airport (Map 4, point 5) and the main train station in Brno (Map 4, point 2).
Bus number E76 Brno Airport - Main Station (journey time approximately 20 minutes)
Bus number N89 Brno Airport - Main Station - night bus service, in operation between 11:00pm and 05:00am (journey time approximately 20 minutes)

Map 4, link to a web page: [https://mapy.cz/s/juvataska](https://mapy.cz/s/juvataska)

1 – Brno–dolní nádraží (temporal Train Station)
2 – Brno–hlavní nádraží (Main Train station)
3 – Brno–Bus station near Grand Hotel, Benešova třída Street
4 – Brno–Zvonárka (Bus station)
5 – Brno–Tuřany international airport (BRQ)
6 – Moravian Museum, Dietrichstein Palace
7 – Břetislav Bakala Conference Hall

Travel by a car:
Brno is situated on the intersection of two highways that connect Brno with Prague, Ostrava and Bratislava. Vienna accessibility is also good. A relatively complex parking system has been introduced in Brno for a fee. Therefore, we recommend using either the car parks at the hotels or the car parks, which are located on the outskirts of the city centre, making them excellent access to most conference locations (see Map 5).
Accommodation in Brno:

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More expensive:

Less expensive:
5. Apartments & Hostel Mitte: [https://hostel-mitte.hotel.cz/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI-Zf29LXI5QIV0-F3Ch0M1QxHEAAAYASAAEgL6GPD_BwE](https://hostel-mitte.hotel.cz/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI-Zf29LXI5QIV0-F3Ch0M1QxHEAAAYASAAEgL6GPD_BwE)
Maps 6 and 7: https://mapy.cz/s/ravosodosu

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