



6th international conference:

Early Iron Age in Central Europe



July, 1-4 2026
Osijek, Croatia

Preliminary program

July, 1 2026 (Wednesday)

12.00 – 14.30 Arrival and registration

14.45 – 15.00 Opening the conference

15.00 – 19.00 Presentations

Chair: Martin Trefný

Brina Škvor Jernejčič – Petra Vojaković

The Beginning of the Iron Horizon in Slovenia. New AMS Dates from Ljubljana Cemeteries

Petra Stipančić

Early Iron Age central graves on the Kapiteljska njiva in Novo Mesto

Mira Majdán

Jakab-hegy revisited. The excavations of Török Gyula in 1947-1948

Domagoj Dujmić

New cremation grave on Dalj – Busija necropolis, 115 years after Viktor Hoffiller's last excavation on Busija

Ivan Drnić – Daria Ložnjak Dizdar

Prehistoric skeletal graves from the Vukovar – Lijeva Bara site

Coffee break

Chair: Anna Józefowska-Domańska

Bogdan Petru Niculica – Ioan Bejinariu

The Beginnings of the Iron Age in the North-Eastern Carpathian Region: Bronze Deposits, Production Centres, and Long-Distance Connections

Tamás Hajdu et al.

Early Nomads – A new bioarchaeological project on Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age populations in East Central Europe

Matija Črešnar – Tamara Leskovar – Luka Gruškovnjak – Petra Stipančić – Katarina Udovč – Philip Mason – Carina T. Gerritzen – Tom Bonnants – Christophe Snoeck

Integrating bioarchaeology into the Early Iron Age studies at the south-eastern fringes of the Alps

Emma M. Legrand – Daria Ložnjak Dizdar – Hrvoje Potrebica – Hannah F. James – Christophe Snoeck:

Mobility and land-use in Northern Croatia during the Early Iron Age

New insights from ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr analysis and GIS modelling at Sotin and Kaptol

Luka Drahotusky-Bruketa

Digging into Iron age culinary practices at Kaptol – Gradca, Croatia: Organic residue analysis of pottery from the Eastern Hallstatt cultural circle



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July, 2 2026 (Thursday)

9.00 – 12.30 Presentations

Chair: Martin Golec

Anna Józefowska-Domańska – Tomasz Gralak – Joanna Słomska-Bolonek – Adrianna Niżnik-Karmowska – Bogusława Wolska – Adam Budziszewski

Sword Graves at the Edge of the Hallstatt World: Elite Landscapes in South-Western Poland

Martin Trefný – Helena Březinová

Notes on the funerary rite of the social elite of the Bylany culture in central and northwestern Bohemia and its interpretation

Hrvoje Potrebica

Ritual and Status: The Role of Bronze Vessels in Kaptol Group Funerary Assemblages

Zuzana Golec Mírová

Elites, Landscape and Changes: Centralization and decentralization processes of the 14th–4th century BCE in Moravia

Anja Hellmuth Kramberger

Beyond a Bronze Age "Satellite": Monbrodo as a Coastal Hub in Iron Age Istria

Coffee break

Chair: Domagoj Dujmić

Luka Gruškovnjak – Petra Vojaković – Sašo Porenta – Agni Prijatelj – Helena Grčman – Branko Mušič – Barbara Horn – Matija Črešnar

Inside Early Iron Age Centres: Settlement Layout, Built Environment and Lifeways in the South-Eastern Alpine Region

Hrvoje Potrebica – Janja Mavrović Mocos – Franka Ovčarić – Luka Drahotusky-Bruketa – Julia Katarina Fileš Kramberger

Development of Hilltop Settlements in Prigorje Region and the Požega Valley (Northern Croatia) from the Late Bronze Age to the Late Hallstatt Period

Saša Kovačević

Shaping the Land, Shaped by Rivers: Early Iron Age Settlements and Princely Burial Mounds in the Plitvica and Bednja Rivers Basins

Tomasz Gralak

The newly discovered settlement complex from the Hallstatt period in Brzoza, Strzelin County, Poland

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch



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Chair: Claudia Panenka

Ioan Bejinariu

Cultural interferences at the beginning of the Iron Age in southwestern Romania

Marko Dizdar

Time of Change – South-eastern part of the Pannonian Plain around and after 600 BCE

Katarina Dmitrović

Mound I at Krnjine in Mrčajevci near Čačak, Serbia. A burial from the edge of the Glasinac world

Bence Soós – András Jáky

Old and new habits. Late Hallstatt cemeteries and burial customs in the Balaton region

Coffee break

Chair: Zoltán Czajlik

Szabolcs Czifra

Iconographic Analysis of Decorated Vekerzug Daggers and Knives

Georgeta El Susi

Animal offerings in Scythian necropolises from Transylvania (Romania)

Katarzyna Trybała-Zawiślak

The Hillfort in Chotyniec (SE Poland) – The Western Gate of Scythia

Tomasz Gralak

The geometry and measurements of the Hallstatt period architecture in Heuneburg

Coffee break

Chair: Holger Wendling

Boris Kavur – Martina Blečić Kavur

Translucent luxury: Eye beads with prunts in Early Iron Age Novo Mesto

Georg Tiefengraber

Hallstatt and its southern neighbours in the Late Hallstatt and Early La Tène periods

Dragan Božič

The chronology of the Dolenjska Hallstatt group reconsidered. From Gabrovec 1965 to Teržan 2025

Mitja Guštin

The Transition from the Early to the Late Iron Age at the Edge of the South-Eastern Alps: The Case of Iron Shaft-Hole Axes

Anja Mlakar

Reimagining the Iron Age from Below: Community Heritage and Reenactment at an Archaeological Festival



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19.00 – 19.45 Poster presentations
20.00 Social evening

July, 3 2026 (Friday)

7.00 – 19.00 Excursion

July, 4 2026 (Saturday)

9.00 – 12.00 Presentations
Chair: Hrvoje Potrebica

Mila Erceg

Rituals of the Dead: Cremation, Memory, and Myth in Early Iron Age Europe and Homeric Greece

Joanna Słomska-Bolonek

Miniature Loom Weights – A Phenomenon of the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age (Poland - Germany)

Vanessa Baratella

Early Iron Age connections between Northeastern Italy and Central and Eastern Europe: a pathway through bronze productions

Miloslav Chytráček – Lukáš Kučera – Martin Golec – Zuzana Golec Mírová – Doris Mischka – Katja Hagemann – Vojtěch Zemek – Jan Martínek

The transfer of amber along the Amber roads between 800–370 BCE in Europe

Coffee break

Chair: Daria Ložnjak Dizdar

Micol Masotti

Pottery evidence for Early Iron Age interaction networks between the Veneto Region and Central and Eastern Europe: the case study of Padua

Petra Vojaković – Luka Gruškovnjak – Jaka Burja – Barbara Šetina Batič – Matija Črešnar

From Smelting to Smithing: Iron Production and Settlement Organisation in the Early Iron Age South-Eastern Alpine Region

Szilvia Gyöngyösi – Péter Barkóczi – Géza Szabó

New technologies in the Carpathian Basin in the light of the metal finds from the Regöly tumulus

Caleb Ranum

Archaeobotanical Evidence for Inter-Regional Connections in the Early Iron Age? The Case of Bitter Vetch in Central Europe

12.00 – 12.30 Final discussion and closing of the conference



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