

Conference programme

A World in Motion
Between Tradition and Transformation in the
Tumulus Culture along the Danube
Budapest, Hungary
22–24 April 2026
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Location: Institute of Archaeology ELTE RCH
Research Centre for Human Sciences of Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Conference hall, ground floor
H-1097 Budapest, 4 Tóth Kálmán Street

Day 1 — Wednesday, April 22, 2026

11.00– Registration

13.00–13.30 *Opening Speech and Introduction to ‘A World in Motion’ Conference*

Session 1 — Still or shifting? The dynamics of chronology

13.30–13.50 Alexandra Găvan: *From the Middle Bronze Age to the Late Bronze Age in the Eastern Hungarian Plain: An Overview of Absolute Dates*

13.50–14.10 Anna Szigeti et alii: *Between Tradition and Transformation in the Eastern Great Hungarian Plain: A New Chronological Study of the Hajdúbajos–Cehăluț Ceramic Style*

14.10–14.30 Victor Sava: *Exploring Ceramic Chronology and Cultural Links in the Late Bronze Age Cemetery of Pecica-Situl 14, Western Romania*

14.30–14.50 Daria Ložnjak Dizdar and Stašo Forenbaher: *When did the Southern Urnfields Begin? The Relationship Between the Middle and Late Bronze Age in the Southern Carpathian Basin*

14.50–15.20 Coffee break

15.20–15.40 Brina Škvor Jernejčič and Bine Kramberger: *From Litzen to the Early Urnfield Culture: New Insights into Chronology and Population Dynamics in the Westernmost Pannonian Plain and the Southeastern Alps*

15.40–16.00 Jakub Godiš and Matej Styk: *New ¹⁴C-AMS Data on the Tumulus Culture in Danubian Lowland, Slovakia*

16.00–16.20 Klára Šabatová and David Parma: *From Relative to Absolute: Radiocarbon Dating and the Chronology of Tumulus Culture in Moravia*

16.20–16.40 Aleksandar Kapuran and Mario Gavranović: *Tumulus Culture in the Central Balkans in Light of New Research and Absolute Dates*

16.40–17.10 Discussion after the session

17.10–17.40 Poster presentations by flash talks

Day 2 — Thursday, April 23, 2026

8.45–9.00 Registration

Session 2 — How far is near enough?

9.00–9.20 Mario Gavranović: *Middle Bronze Age Copper Raw Material Networks Between Central Europe, Italy and the Balkans*

9.20–9.40 Gábor Sánta et alii: *Archaeometallurgical Analyses of Metal Objects from the Tumulus Period: Case Studies from the Danube–Sava–Drina Region*

9.40–10.00 Ákos Mengyán et alii: *Social Interaction, Traditions and Trade in the Tumulus Period: Compositional Analyses of Ceramics, Glass Beads and Stone Axes from the Maklár Cemeteries (NE Hungary)*

10.00–10.20 Mateusz Cwaliński: *A Close Relationship: The Role of Amber in the Tumulus Culture*

10.20–10.50 Discussion after the session

10.50–11.20 Coffee break

Session 3 — What makes a place worth living?

11.20–11.40 Barry Molloy: *A Climate of Plenty? Comparing Landscape–Community–Climate Intersections in the Plains of the Carpathian Basin 1550–1200 BC*

11.40–12.00 Attila Demény et alii: *Middle Bronze Age Humidity and Temperature Variations, and Societal Consequences in East-Central Europe*

12.00–12.20 Boris Kavur and Martina Blečić Kavur: *No Tumuli in the Tumulus Culture?*

12.20–12.40 Nóra Szabó: *Choosing Space, Managing Storage: Settlement Location and Everyday Economy in the Tumulus Culture*

12.40–13.40 Lunch break

13.40–14.00 Gábor Szilas: *Settlement-structural Changes during the Tumulus Culture Period in the Area of Budapest*

14.00–14.20 David Parma: *Settlement Networks of the Middle Bronze Age in Moravia (Czech Republic)*

14.20–14.50 Discussion after the session

Session 4 — What connects and what divides us?

14.50–15.10 Wolfgang David: *‘From South-east to North-west? – From North-west to South-east?’ The ‘Spread’ of the Middle Bronze Age Tumulus Culture along the Danube: Archaeological Evidence and History of the Historical Interpretation of a Phenomenon*

15.10–15.30 Magdolna Vicze: *The Question of Tradition and Transformation on the Százhalombatta-Földvár Tell Settlement*

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–16.20 Györgyi Parditka and Paul R. Duffy: *The Lower Körös: Home of the Reluctant Late Bronze Age*

16.20–16.40 Orsolya Gyurka: *Hajdúbagos–Cebăluț Pottery in Focus: Stylistic Characteristics and Social Dynamics*

- 16.40–17.00 Péter Mali: *Not Yet, But not Anymore. Tumulus Phenomenon on the Cultural and Chronological Boundary*
- 17.00–17.20 Florin Gogâltan: *Foreigners and Locals in the Southeastern Carpathian Basin: Insights from an Older Funerary Discovery at Mokrin*
- 17.20–17.50 Discussion after the session
- 19.00– Evening reception

Day 3 — Friday, April 24, 2026

- 8.45–9.00 Registration

Session 5 — How deep are biographies buried?

- 9.00–9.20 Katharina Rebay-Salisbury: *Bridging the Analytical Gap: Inhumations and Cremations in Middle Bronze Age Burial Transitions*
- 9.20–9.40 Tamás Hajdu et alii: *Complex Bioarchaeological Analysis Reveals Radical Changes in Mobility, Diet and Social Structure Around 1500 BCE at the Carpathian Basin*
- 9.40–10.00 Kristóf Fülöp: *The Technology of Cremation: Rethinking Ritual, Knowledge, and Practice*
- 10.00–10.20 Hannah Skerjanz: *In the Midst of Change. Middle Bronze Age Funerary Practices in Upper and Lower Austria*
- 10.20–10.40 Emília Pásztor et alii: *Similarities and Differences – Analysis of the Burial Rites of Early Tumulus Culture*
- 10.40–11.10 Coffee break
- 11.10–11.30 Polett Kósa et alii: *Limited Sample, Extensive Insight: Evaluating a Small Late Bronze Age Cemetery from Máty-Méhes-dűlő East*
- 11.30–11.50 Mateusz Stróżyk: *Early “Urnfield” Traditions in the Middle Bronze Age (1600–1300 BC): Evidence from Cemeteries in Western Poland*
- 11.50–12.10 Szilvia Guba: *Influence or Presence? The Role of the Tumulus Culture in the Formation of the Piliny Culture Cemetery in Zagypálfalva*
- 12.10–12.40 Discussion after the session
- 12.40–13.10 Closing remarks

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