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Abstract

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The current issue of Be-JA brings the readers back to the already established practice of publishing proceedings of scientific fora (see vol. 4, issue 2, 2014).

It includes articles that are based on presentations from the 22nd EEA meeting at Vilnius, Lithuania (31.08–04.09.2016) that were presented in the session “Lithic raw materials in prehistory: sourcing, network distribution and use”, organized by Clive Bonsall (University of Edinburgh), Maria Gurova (NAIM-BAS, Sofia) and Pierre Allard (CNRS, Paris).

Lithic raw materials had an important role in the economic, social and ideological aspects of prehistoric lifeways. The session attracted contributors from Europe and the USA addressing three key themes: raw material sourcing and procurement in prehistory; distribution networks; factors governing the choice of raw materials for specific tasks. The research questions of this session are among the most discussed and intensively studied problems in prehistory that have attracted wide interest from the EEA membership. The paper and poster presentations were accompanied by lively and stimulating discussions. Some of the participants have agreed to publish their papers in a special issue of our journal. The latter has been prepared for publication by the three session co-organizers – Clive Bonsall, Maria Gurova and Pierre Allard, and by Be-JA language editor Bisserka Gaydarska.

Editor-in-chief

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