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PREFACE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM HELD AT TÂRGU MUREŞ

It seems that hardly a month goes by without an archaeological conference of some sort, somewhere. Some of those who attend such meetings my late wife maintained should be called 'conference groupies' and she certainly regarded me as one of those. There is no doubt, however, that very often it is a case that small is beautiful. Certainly the larger gatherings such as the EAA, the European Association of Archaeologists or AFEAF, the Association Française pour l'Étude de l'Âge du Fer give one opportunities to meet people and visit places. However, personally I have gained more from the more restricted gatherings such as Kelti, the meeting of the Slav countries or AG Eisenzeit or, in the last decade, the gatherings at Târgu Mureş. Here, where informality — and low cost! — has brought together young and old, in alternative years being associated to studies of specific aspects of the Bronze and Iron Age has given many the chance to learn at first hand something of the later prehistory of Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

Not only has Sándor Berecki and his small but unstinting group of assistants managed to organise the Colloquium itself but each year seems to have widened still further their net which now extends from France to South Australia but also has managed to gather together the papers to be printed with considerable alacrity by the local publishing house of Editura MEGA (no relation!).

I am looking forward to the next volume. And of course to the next colloquium.

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