

VOLUNTEERING IN EXCAVATIONS AT MESOLITHIC SITES



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We warmly invite You to participate as a volunteer in the excavations conducted under the research program “Mesolithic Communities of the Chełmno-Dobrzyń Lakeland - daily life, mobility, external contacts and relationships with the environment”.

The excavations will take place in July and August 2019 on several sites located in the subglacial valley of Grodno and Plebanka lakes (about 40 km from Toruń, central Poland). The majority of works will be conducted on the area of site **Paliwodzizna 29**, where numerous remains of the **Mesolithic and Late Palaeolithic features** have been discovered, such as hearths and other stone structures (possibly remains of the tar kilns), flint scatters and pits of a probably ritual origin. In the „wet” part of site, beside flint artefacts, organic ecofacts (mammal and fish bones) and artefacts have been found. The site was used during the entire Mesolithic, but the most interesting phase can be dated to the Preboreal and represent one of the earliest Mesolithic settlements in Poland (perhaps even connected to the Palaeolithic background). Differentiation of the sediments that are excavated on the site, guarantees the **versatility of education gained during the excavations and ability to discover the unique archaeological artefacts**. Detailed information about the project can be found at the website: www.searchingformesolithic.umk.pl The short movie presenting archaeological survey from the year 2018 can be found here: <https://youtu.be/DUqTmlxchSM>

During the excavations we also plan to carry a **multi-faceted experimental archaeology program** (for details please contact us by e-mail). As a standard, the volunteers will be able to try themselves in the flint knapping, working in amber and wood with use of replicas of the prehistoric (stone and bone) tools, pottery burning and birch tar production. Here you can find a short relation of the experiments performed during the last year excavations, written by one of the volunteers: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/327582045_Experimental_Archaeology_in_NCU_-_Newsletter_no_3_2018-3

Volunteers participating in the study are **guaranteed a free accommodation in the expedition base and** (depending on the number of applicants) **free catering**.

All interested please contact with dr hab. Grzegorz Osipowicz by e-mail address: grezegor@umk.pl

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME !

