

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN THE AREA OF THE MIDDLE — MUREŞ

SUMMARY

The author reports some new discoveries performed on the occasion of an archaeological travelling in the area of the Middle-Mureş (Alba County) in the autumn of 1968 (Fig. 1).

From *Aiudul de Sus* (The Upper Aiud) there are described fragments of ceramics, chalice's feet, neolithic fusaroles of burned clay belonging to the Petreşti Culture (Plate I; 1—11), ceramic fragments from the end of the bronze age and the beginning of that of iron (Noua Culture) (Plate II/1—4), and a fragmentary „Scythian“ jar (Plate II/5).

From *Gura Arieşului* (The Mouth of the Arieş) the author presents neolithic fragments of ceramics belonging to the Turdaş Culture (Plate III/1—2), from the bronze age (Plate III/4—8) two of which belong to the Sighişoara-Wietenberg Culture (Plate III/7—8), fragments of ceramics from the first period of the iron age (Plate III/9, 10 — „Scythian“ cup) and from the feudal period (Plate III/11—13); from the IX—Xth centuries. To these pieces from The Mouth of the river Arieş it is added a stone chisel (Plate III/3).

From *Lopadea Veche* (*Lopadea Română*) (Old Lopadea or Romanian Lopadea) there are presented fragments of ceramics belonging to the Coţofeni Culture (Plate IV/1—30) from the transition period from the neolithic to bronze; miniatural jars, fusaroles, a figurine fragment and a stone axe-hammer (Plate V/31—41), as well as, ceramics fragments from the Sighişoara-Wietenberg Culture (Plate VI/1—7), a vessel (eneolithic?) (Plate VI/8) and a war axe (Plate VI/9).

From *Meşcreac* there are described Roman materials (Plates VII/1—15; VIII/1—6).

From *Păgida* the author is presenting neolithic ceramics of the Boian type (Plate IX/1) and Dacian vessels (Plate IX/2, 3, 4, 5?, 6, 7).

These new discoveries serve to complete the repertory of these localities demonstrating the uninterrupted continuity of life that had been manifested during the milleniums in the valley of Middle-Mureş, an area extremely rich in archaeological vestiges.