

SOME CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE EARLY BRONZE AGE CULTURAL GROUPS FROM TRANSYLVANIA

SUMMARY

The study proposes a new chronology for the Transylvanian Early Bronze Age, based mainly on the calibrated C_{14} dates from Romania and the neighbouring countries.

The late phase of the Cotofeni culture reached the beginning of the EBA, which may be put around the middle of the IIIrd mil. B. C., according to the C_{14} dates from Poiana Ampoiului. The flourishing of the EBA groups (Roşia, Şoimuş, Jigodin, tumulus burials of Livezile type) was taking place in the second half of the IIIrd mil. B.C., being contemporary with the Vinkovci-Somogyvar culture and the early phase of the Mureş culture. The end of the EBA, characterised by the „besenstrich- und textilmuster keramik” has good parallels in the late Nagyrev and early Hatvan cultures, reaching the period Reinecke A₁, recently dated in the last two centuries of the IIIrd mil. B.C. and the beginning of the IInd mil. B.C.

According to our present and partial informations, the period between 2700/2600—1900/1800 B.C. (2300—1600 b.c.) may be proposed for the Transylvanian Early Bronze Age. future corrections being possible in the next years, when new C_{14} dates will be available,