

NEW COPPER AND BRONZE OBJECTS DISCOVERED IN THE ALBA AND SIBIU COUNTIES

SUMMARY

The authors are presenting some unpublished copper and bronze finds from the Alba and Sibiu counties. The copper axe found at Vălișoara - "Dealul Velii" (fig. 1/1) may be dated in the Eneolithic period. The next object is a "shafthole axe", probably made of copper too and discovered at Pianu de Jos - "Lisca" (fig. 1/3), which may be dated in the Early Bronze Age. A bronze socketed axe from Cugir (fig. 1/6) could be dated in Ha B, while the bronze bracelet from Bucerdea Vinoasă (fig. 1/4) belongs to a type which had been used for a long time, starting from Br D until Ha B. The bronze spearhead from Aiud (fig. 1/2), as well as the socketed axe from Șeica Mare (fig. 1/5) belong to the hoards of Cincu-Suseni type, dated in Ha A1. All these objects are enriching the knowledge about the tipology and diffusion of copper and bronze artefacts in south-western Transylvania. Finally, there is another important find, which is significant for the technology used in casting the bronze objects. It is a fragmentary sandstone core of a mould for casting socketed axes, found at Țelna (fig. 1/7).
