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Motív „Zázračného dažďa“ zo Stĺpa Marka Aurélia v Ríme. V okienku: fragment terra sigillaty z germánskeho sídliska vo Veľkom Mederi (Rheinzabern, Primitivus I, III podľa určenia K. Kuzmovej).

Motif of the „Miracle rain“ from the Column of Marcus Aurelius in Rome. In the window: fragment of terra sigillata from a Germanic settlement in Veľký Meder (Rheinzabern, Primitivus I, III as identified by K. Kuzmová).

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Preface

The volume *Anodos – Studies of the Ancient World 17* brings together papers from the international scholarly conference *Connecting People, Sharing Knowledge*, held on 27th–28th September 2024 at the Faculty of Arts of Trnava University in Trnava. The event was dedicated to the life and scholarly legacy of Prof. PhDr. Klára Kuzmová, CSc., an eminent Slovak archaeologist, university teacher, and inspiring personality whose life-long work significantly contributed to the development of Classical Archaeology in Slovakia and to the international academic community. The first section of the volume consists of personal recollections, tributes, and scholarly reflections by colleagues, friends and collaborators, outlining Professor Kuzmová's professional career, her key publications, and methodological approaches. These texts also highlight her ability to connect diverse academic environments, support young scholars, and foster international cooperation between institutions. The following sections present scholarly studies by Slovak and international authors, reflecting the broad thematic scope of the conference. Contributions address topics ranging from ancient urbanism and fortification systems, the analysis of ports and trading centres, material culture, and art-historical research, to settlement studies of Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages. Other papers focus on contacts between the Mediterranean and Central Europe, the spread of technologies and craft traditions, and the re-interpretation of well-known archaeological finds in the light of new methodological approaches, including archaeometric and natural science analyses. The diversity of topics and methodological perspectives mirrors the conference's openness to interdisciplinary dialogue and reflects current trends in archaeological and historical research. A common feature of all contributions is the emphasis on deepening our understanding of cultural heritage and interpreting it within the framework of broader historical processes. The publication of this volume would not have been possible without the cooperation of several institutions and the support of the Faculty of Arts of Trnava University in Trnava, grant programmes of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, the Slovak Academy of Sciences, and the civic association *Pro Archaeologia Classica*. Our sincere thanks go to all authors, reviewers, and conference participants for their scholarly and personal contributions. We trust that this volume will serve not only as a testimony to the life and work of Professor Klára Kuzmová, but also as a lasting contribution to the advancement of knowledge and international cooperation in the study of the ancient world.

Editor

Trnava, September 2025

I.

Tributes and Remembrances

Daughters' Letters of Remembrance

Dear conference participants, dear organizers,

for the past many years, in the weeks before this conference, of which – as you know – my mum, Professor Klára Kuzmová, was the chief organizer, I would read several versions of the conference circular inviting you to the programme in Trnava and check my mum's English. She was excited about the conference and invested a lot of her time and energy into preparing it, compiling the programme, communicating with you – her colleagues and participants, reading the contributions and, once the conference was over, completing and editing the conference proceedings. She was excited, I think, not only about the conference, but also about being part of the archaeological community and essentially about being an archaeologist.

Now that she is gone, it is clearer to me than ever before that she was an archaeologist at heart. But I didn't always know how important her profession was to her, or that she was doing significant research, as she never talked about it herself. Rather, I learnt about it from others, in seemingly unimportant remarks. I knew from my grandpa – my mum's father – that she wanted to be an archaeologist from the age of four. I learnt that her favourite pottery was terra sigillata from a long-term helper at the excavation base at Iža, where me and my sister spent all summers of our childhood. Later, when I studied in Prague, in the Czech Republic, I met a young student of archaeology, who knew our mum's work and said admiringly that her name was written under all that work on Roman pottery. Finally, when our grandma died, only one year before mum's own passing, mum went to the notary to arrange the formalities in her home town. The notary turned out to be her old school mate and remembered her as the girl who wanted to study archaeology. Mum was touched when she was telling me this. No wonder: after nearly five decades she was remembered for her strong will to become an archaeologist, and now she was one.

I think that our mum achieved, with her diligence and perseverance, what she wanted in her profession, and perhaps even more, including the highest academic rank and international recognition. Now that she is gone, I miss her as a mum, but I also miss checking her English in conference circulars and in her own academic articles. I miss her talk about archaeology, about exciting new finds and projects. I miss watching archaeological documentaries on TV with her as well as visiting museums and archaeological sites. I miss the time spent with her, and I miss the time we haven't got together. Sadly, our mum cannot be here today with us, but I am sure that somewhere above, in another dimension, she is happy that the conference lives on. On her behalf, let me wish you a pleasant stay in Trnava and I hope you enjoy the programme.

Lubomíra Kuzmová

Dear conference attendees,

thank you for coming to the conference dedicated to the memory of my mother, Klára Kuzmová. The name of this conference „Connecting people, sharing knowledge“ couldn't be better as it completely describes how my mother was as a person. Always willing to share her knowledge and experience, advise, help, motivate, bring out the good in people, bring people together. She herself was very modest and never brought herself and her achievements in the foreground.

I spent all my summers in Iža, I went to daycare and kindergarten there, while she worked. I had no idea at that time that she was part of an important excavation of the Roman camp, that she worked hard on its recent listing in the World Cultural Heritage, and that she was an internationally recognized expert in her field. For me, she was a mother who was always there for me, who always showed interest in me, advised me and helped me, at the same time as doing her work and career and caring for her family and her interests. She has always been and always will be a great role model for me. I know she was a role model for her colleagues and students. It is touching to hear from former students how much she meant for them and how much she influenced them, some even saying that they would never be who they are today without her.

Each of you has personal memories of Klára. However, we will all remember her as an exceptional and unique person. She was very good, kind, friendly, at the same time wise, patient and responsible. Everyone loved her. I am glad to know that you continue in her work and I am sure she would be happy for that.

Thank you.

Ivana Kuzmová