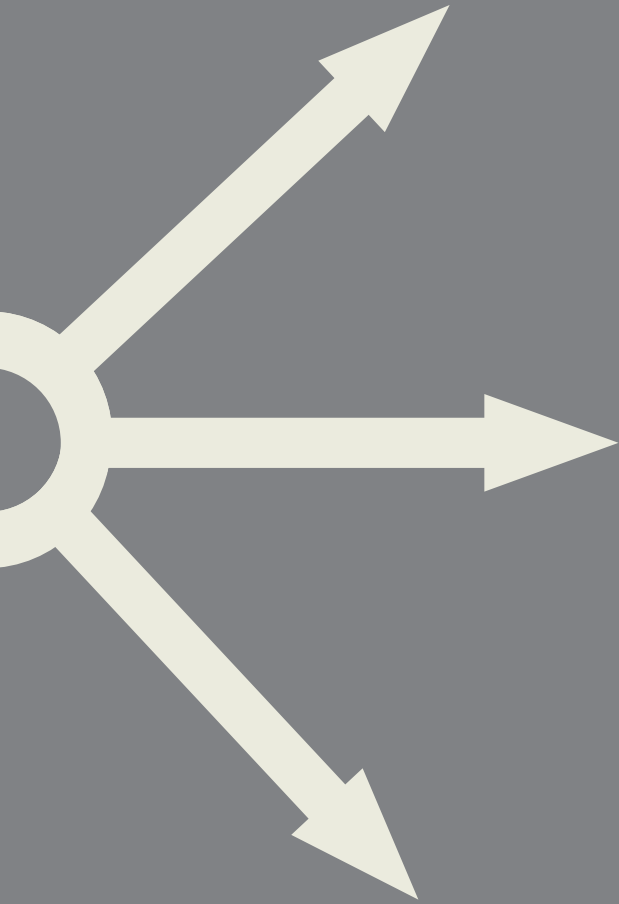


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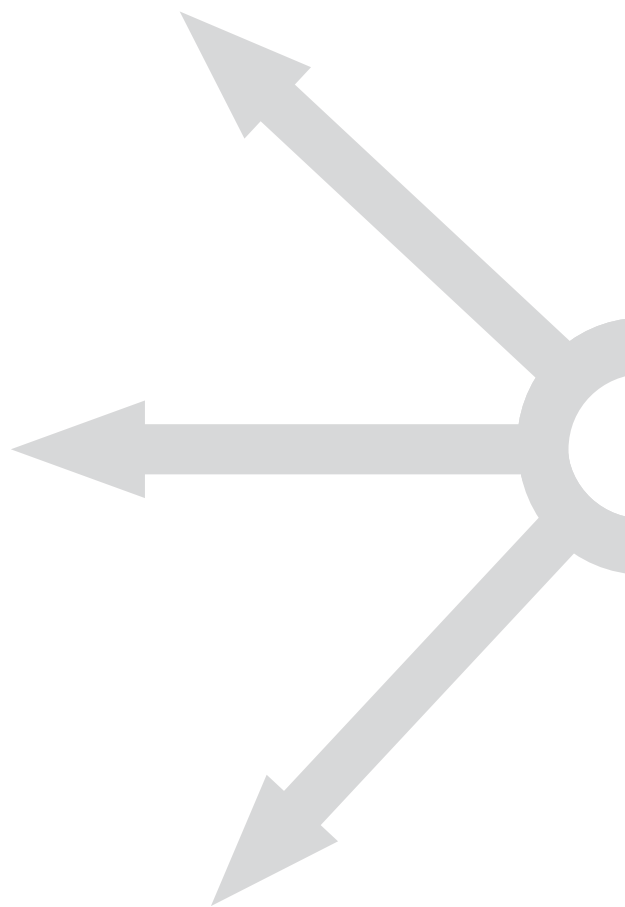


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Preface

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Methodology and Archaeometry (MetArh) is an annual scientific conference organized since 2013 by the Department of Archaeology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, and the Croatian Archaeological Society. The goal of the conference is to entice interdisciplinarity, critical thinking, new insights and approaches as well as new theoretical frameworks in contemporary archaeological science.

During the last 8 years, *MetArh* becomes a platform for discussion about theoretical and practical issues in two major topics of archaeological research: archaeological methodology and archaeometry. The first topic covers the development of the methodology for data acquiring, primarily through archaeological excavations and varieties of non-destructive techniques for data gathering. The second topic is focused on the application of scientific methods and techniques in data analysis. Both improve the overall archaeological methodology and ensures more reliable and valid data which leads to more comprehensive archaeological interpretation of the distant past. What makes *MetArh* different from other similar conferences, which are usually focused on specific methodological themes, is the wider perspective in observing methodology and methodological practices, also challenging traditional approaches in archaeological research, and following the creative adaptation of methods from other disciplines into archaeology. It offers an opportunity for scholars to present their work, engage in discussion and motivate young scholars and archaeology students to pursue contemporary topics and present their research.

With the intent to publish contributions from the conference in full text publicly and freely available in 2018 started with the digital edition of the *Proceedings from the conference*.

This, third edition of the conference *Proceedings* contains five scientific papers from the 7th *MetArh* conference which was held at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, from 2nd – 3rd of December 2019. Papers are focused on different aspects of archaeological methodology and archaeometry, including case studies from Croatia, Slovenia and Albania.

This volume is specific due to COVID-19 outbreak which disrupted life around the globe in 2020. It affected physical and psychological health and our daily routine and activities. As some studies have shown, it has affected the scientific production in the first months of lockdown as a response to a new, unpredicted and unexpected situation. As papers from the 7th *MetArh* conference were collected in spring 2020 it was very challenging to prepare this issue for publishing. So I want to thank all the authors for their contribution, as well as the reviewers and scientific board of the publication who made possible that, despite all of the circumstances, we manage to publish this volume.