

Preface

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Methodology and Archaeometry 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. A wide spectrum of themes and scientific disciplines every year result in contributions that promote new approaches in the field of archaeological methodology, archaeometry, interpretation of archaeological data and challenge traditional approaches.

With the intent to publish those contributions in full text publicly and freely available we made a digital edition of the Proceedings from the conference. The first digital edition includes papers from the 5th scientific conference *Methodology and Archaeometry* which was held at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, from 30th November – 1st of December 2017.

Six scientific papers presented in this volume are focused on different aspects of archaeology, including case studies from Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Albania and Spain.

Topics cover the range from the role of archaeological methodology in preventive archaeology; archaeological surface survey methods; identification of the cultural landscape as a part of the procedure for the protection of cultural heritage sites; analytical techniques applied to ceramic assemblages, and the development, benefits and shortcomings of the archaeological research and its impact to the understanding of the past.

In order to create a volume of high scientific quality, each of the conference paper was reviewed by the Editorial board to whom I am especially thankful for their comments, opinions, and remarks. I also want to thank a review of the publication, and all the authors who contributed to this volume.