

# 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 7 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. Second 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 last year we started with the digital edition of the Proceedings from the conference (<https://openbooks.ffzg.unizg.hr/index.php/FFpress/catalog/book/33>). This, second edition of the conference Proceedings contains eight scientific papers from the 6<sup>th</sup> *MetArh* conference which was held at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, from 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2018. Papers are focused on different aspects of archaeological methodology and archaeometry, including case studies from Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Greece and Russia. In order to create a volume of high scientific quality, each of the conference paper was reviewed in the peer review process in which the identity of both reviewers and authors, as well as their institutions, are respectfully concealed from both parties. I would like to thank the reviewers and Editorial board for their comments, opinions, and remarks as well as all the authors who contributed to this volume.