

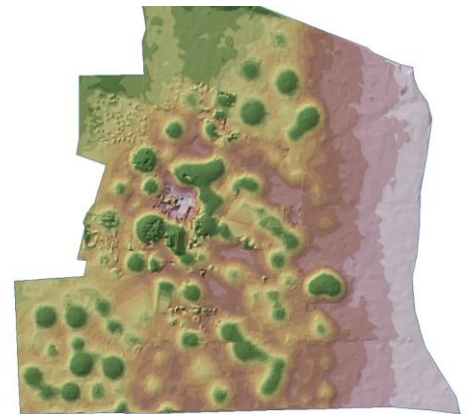
Županja Museum and University of Southampton Archaeological Project (ZSAP) 2012

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BACKGROUND: The ZSAP Project originated in 2007 when Ivitsa (our local historian) and Tunja (Zupanja museum's archaeological assistant) – both pictured below – first drew Andreja Malovoz' attention to curious mounds in Vrbanja Forest. They had known about them since childhood through local stories of an early attempt by visiting engineers to explore the largest mound.

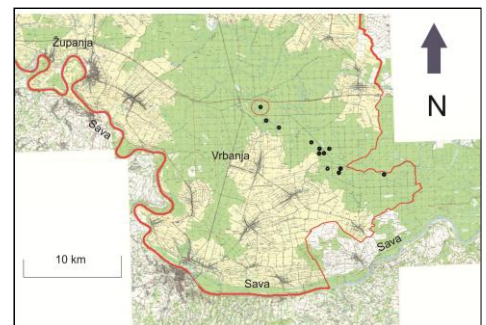


DISCOVERIES: Ivitsa and Tunja's mounds have been proven through 4 years of fieldwork to be part of a Late Bronze Age / Early Iron Age cemetery complex. In all there are 107 mounds (tumuli). Of these 3 are being excavated and all the rest have been subject to topographic survey allowing us to gain an idea of the overall size, shape and layout of Cemetery 1.



LOCATION AND COMMUNITY:

The ZSAP project is located in the far east of Croatia in an area known as Slavonija. People here still live a very community based rural life upholding many very old traditions that are dear to them. Our project is made possible by them and through them. It is enabling local people to strengthen their sense of identity following the 1991 war in former Yugoslavia in a way that is inclusive of their neighbours in Serbia and Bosnia. This has recently been further enabled by the discovery of many more cemeteries that run in a south-easterly direction to the borders between Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia (see right). This brings about the potential for cross border cooperation – an exciting development for the project.



ZSAP 2012:

- Dates: 6th – 31st August
- There are 7 places
- Accommodation is in the village school
- You will work in a forest and do all the things expected during a fieldwork project – excavation, survey, illustration, photography, flotation etc...
- Expect to work hard and play hard
- It is very pretty and very exciting - but it may be hot and there will be "forestry" things. Please think about this!!!
- Student contribution of £500.00
- Fly to Zagreb / Bus to Županja / Car to Vrbanja



This year we will conclude the dig with a 5th Birthday Party!

For more information contact Sandy: S.A.Budden@soton.ac.uk or go to www.szap.wordpress.com to see our student led social networking site.