

**Supplement to the signed
Memorandum of Understanding**

between

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and

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Following the successful start of the Strontium isotope measurements in Bristol (ORCA ID 55765: *Czech Science Foundation Project - Study of Isotopes at Bristol*), it was agreed to extend the existing collaboration between the University of Bristol and the Institute of Archaeology Prague to also include the project “Mobility and social status of the Early Bronze Age population on the Amber Road. The testimony of the cemetery in Mikulovice“, funded by a grant (no. 16-14855S) to Dr Michal Ernée (Institute of Archaeology Prague) by the Czech Science Foundation (GACR).

The project deals with the site of Mikulovice (East Bohemia), a rich inhumation cemetery with approximately 100 graves from the beginning of the Bronze Age (c. 2200-1700 BC), located next to an extensive settlement and along an important long-distance route particularly for amber from the Baltic Sea. This combination makes it one of the most important sites of this period in Central Europe. It offers an excellent opportunity for a comprehensive study in early bronze metallurgy and long-distance contacts. By analysing the cemetery, and the skeletons and artefacts from the graves, we assume to find –as a working hypothesis– greater mobility, more long-distant contacts, higher social status and better living standard of the members of this local population compared to others.

The rationale for this supplement to the signed MoU is the complementariness of both projects. Besides being host by the same institution (Institute of Archaeology Prague) and coming from the same funder (Czech Science Foundation GACR), it enables the use of the same environmental samples to define baseline isotope values, thus rationalizing the overall amount of measurements and facilitating the management of available resources. Isotopic results will also have a better comparison, as both projects stem from human and animal remains from burial grounds of the same wider region, thus potentially better validating outlying values and eliminating fault measurements.

The supplement comprises three parts:

- 1) The signed MoU will be extended by one year from the date of expiry (until the February 28, 2018).

2) The total number of Strontium analyses for both projects shall not exceed 250 (150 & 100), unless otherwise agreed between the parties. The total number of analyses will, further on, not affect the overall payment.

3) Remuneration will be an additional payment of CZK 432,000, on top of the previously agreed CZK 500'000, from Prague to Bristol (research account UoB RU1072). Bristol shall additionally invoice Prague according to the following breakdown: 1) CZK 162,000; 2) CZK 270,000. The first payment will be on ratification of this supplement, and official start of the new project part at September 1, 2016, to be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice. The following payments shall be made at July 1, 2017

All other paragraphs of the original MoU remain valid.

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Hereby agreed by the parties:

For and on Behalf of Institute of Archaeology AS CR, Prague, v.v.i. Signed. _____ Print Name: <u>LUDEK VRAHA</u> Dated. <u>12.10.2016</u>	For and on Behalf of University of Bristol. Signed. <u>JBishop</u> Print Name: <u>JACKIE BISHOP.</u> Dated. <u>4TH OCT. 2016.</u>
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