

**Joint decision of the international colloquium
Quo Vadis Mikulčice?
30. 9. – 1. 10. 2014, Mikulčice-Trapíkov**

The colloquium *Quo Vadis Mikulčice* was the first international event at the newly-opened research base of the Archaeological Institute AV ČR, Brno, in Mikulčice-Trapíkov. It went over the history and significance of the scientific work that has already been carried out, and presented the current situation and future plans for the exploration of Mikulčice. The result of the colloquium in the form of this joint resolution is intended to contribute to the formulation of future research goals in Mikulčice.

The participants at the colloquium, detailed below in the note, have decided on the following recommendations¹:

1. Mikulčice research should retain its international character.
2. It should also ensure sound interdisciplinary research into Mikulčice, Great Moravia and the early European Middle Ages.
3. It should draw primarily on detailed fieldwork, the critical processing of sources and on theoretical work.
4. It should maintain previous series of publications, including those in foreign languages.
5. ... focus on an intensive solution to the key issues, namely the dating of the castle and clarification of the historical significance of the place.
6. ... present unique findings such as churches, palace, bridges in the greatest possible detail in context-based publications.
7. ... pay special attention to the economic fundamentals that enabled the survival of the community and agglomeration of Mikulčice, in order to shed more light on the organisational foundations of the Moravian Empire.
8. ... carry out socially-orientated interdisciplinary research based on the extensive archaeological and anthropological grave finds.
9. ... bring about close co-operation with Slovak archaeologists in joint exploration of the Mikulčice-Kopčany settlement agglomeration.
10. ... make available the results of research activities to a broad, even international, spectrum of the public.
11. ... contribute with fully-fledged research and systematic public relations work to the nomination of Mikulčice-Kopčany as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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