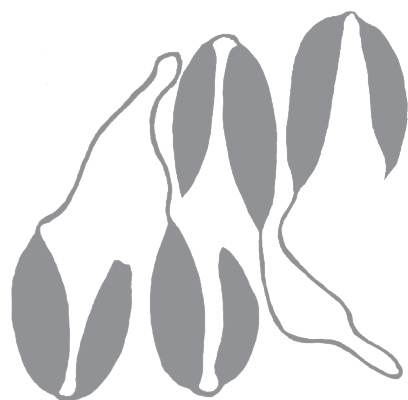


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Year 2020 brought to the forefront an interesting publication: the volume *Temples and Cult Places from the Second Iron Age in Europe*, edited by Valeriu Sîrbu and Aurora Peţan. Published by the Dacica press, under the aegis of the Prehistoric and Protohistoric Mortuary Practices Commission of International Union for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences (UISPP) and the Study Centre of Dacica Foundation, the volume is the result of the proceedings of the Second International Colloquium on the temples and places of worship from Europe held at Alun, Hunedoara county, between the 9th–12th of May, 2019¹.

It includes 14 articles signed by 21 authors. In order to make information accessible to a large number of persons, all articles were published in English, and one, in French.

The contents show the equal ratio between studies and articles signed by Romanian, respectively foreign authors. Among the 21 authors, 8 represent Romanian museums, universities or research institutes, 3 are from Greece and 2 each from Italy, Poland, Croatia, Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova.

The addressed topic is represented by the behaviour of humans in religious and funerary manifestations and the manner in which areas used for their performance was laid out, on the European continent during the Second Iron Age.

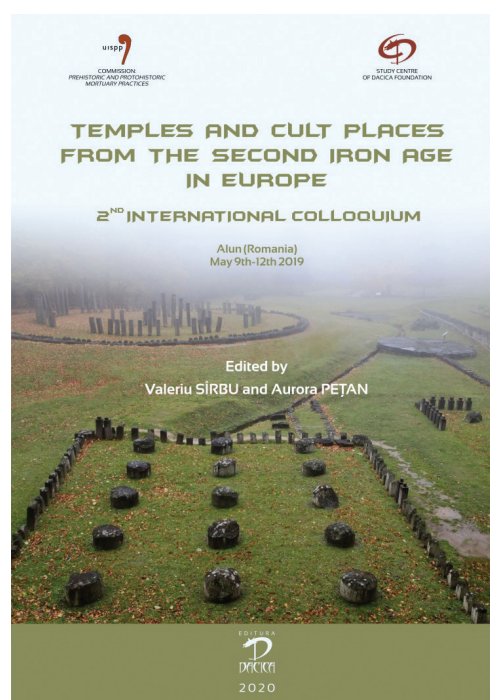
Thus, from the Greek area information is provided by the research conducted in a temple built in honour of the medicine god, Asklepius and his daughter, Hygieia, goddess of health and cleanliness; also, are presented observations regarding a temple of the god of the sea, storms and earthquakes, Poseidon Gaieoches.

The ancient space of the Thracians is represented by an article discussing the non-destructive excavation techniques of megalithic temples and monuments from the Rhodope Mountains, beside a pluri-disciplinary study of the rituals (believed healing) practiced today in the area of respective monuments.

The variety of the subjects is completed with details about constructions and places of worship from the Dniester area, a possible temple of the Scordisci Celts on the Drava river, the cult of Hercules with the Samnites from the centre of the Italian Peninsula and cult manifestations noted in the cultures of the Iron Age in today's Poland.

The Carpathian-Danubian area is well represented. Almost the entire territory inhabited by the Dacians and the Getae is covered by articles addressing the general theme of the book.

The two editors co-author two articles; one tackles the issue of the identity of those who destroyed the Dacian temples from Sarmizegetusa, the other presents temples and sites, deemed of worship, of which two contemporary are located in the Şureanu Mountains.



¹ The first edition was held at Braşov, in 2006. The 2019 Colloquium was also funded and hosted by the Centrul de Studii al Fundaţiei Dacica / Study Centre of Dacica Foundation.

Together with other specialists of the field, are discussed subjects like the presence of dog skeletons or skeletal remains (whether these were ritually buried or discarded, are these traces indicative of meat consumption?), discovered in Dacian settlements; another article presents data for the three phases of the sacred area from the enclosure of the Dacian fortification at Piscul Crăsani, where buildings, altars, ritual pits and decorated hearths were investigated.

In conclusion, the information introduced in scientific circulation by the publishing of this volume is of real interest for all who aim at completing their knowledge on the Iron Age or study this topic.

We wish to thank the publishing house and the editors for having kindly made us available this book.

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Abbreviations

AEM	Archäologisch-epigraphische Mitteilungen aus Österreich-Ungarn, Vienna.
AM	Arheologia Moldovei, Iași.
AMN	Acta Musei Napocensis, Cluj-Napoca.
AMP	Acta Musei Porolissensis, Zalău.
AMV	Acta Musei Varnaensis, Varna.
Angustia	Angustia. Revista Muzeului Național al Carpaților Răsăriteni, Sf. Gheorghe.
Anuarul MJIAP (S.N.)	Anuarul Muzeului de Istorie și Arheologie Prahova, Serie Nouă, Ploiești.
Antiquity	Antiquity. A review of world archaeology, Durham.
Archaeological Journal	Archaeological Journal. New Series. Chișinău.
ArchÉrt	Archaeologiai Értesítő, Budapest.
ArchPol	Archaeologia Polona, Warsaw.
ArchRozhledy	Archeologické Rozhledy, Praha.
ASM	Archaeologica Slovaca Monographiae, Bratislava.
BAR (Int. S.)	British Archaeological Reports (International Series), Oxford.
Biharea	Biharea. Culegere de studii și materiale de etnografie și artă, Oradea.
BMG	Bibliotheca Musei Giurgiuvensis, Giurgiu.
BMJT	Buletinul Muzeului Județean Teleorman. Seria Arheologie, Alexandria.
BMM	Bibliotheca Musei Marisiensis, Târgu Mureș.
Budapest Régiségei	Budapest Régiségei Régészeti és Történeti Évkönyv. Budapest.
CA București	Cercetări arheologice în București, București.
CCA	Cronica Cercetărilor Arheologice, București.
CIL	Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum, Berlin.
CsSzME	A Csíki Székely Múzeum Évkönyve. Csíkszereda.
Dacia (N.S.)	Dacia. Revue d'archéologie et d'histoire ancienne. Nouvelle serie. București.
Dolgozatok	Dolgozatok a Magyar Királyi Ferencz József Tudományegyetem Archaeológiai Intézetéből. Szeged.
EphNap	Ephemeris Napocensis, Cluj-Napoca.
Erdély	Erdély. Turistai, fürdőügyi és néprajzi folyóirat, Cluj-Napoca.
FontArchPrag	Fontes Archaeologici Pragenses, Prague.
Földtközl.	Földtani közlöny, Budapest.
HOMÉ	A Herman Ottó Múzeum Évkönyve, Miskolc.
ILD	C. C. Petolescu, <i>Inscripții latine din Dacia</i> , Bucharest 2005.
JAHA	Journal of Ancient History and Archaeology, Cluj-Napoca.
Jahrb. RGZM	Jahrbuch des Römisch Germanischen Zentralmuseums zu Mainz, Mainz.
JAMÉ	Jósa András Múzeum Évkönyve, Nyiregyháza.
Karpatika	Karpatika, Uzhorod.
LMI	List of Historic Monuments, updated 2015.
Marisia	Marisia. Studies and Materials. Archeology. Târgu-Mureș.
MCA (S.N.)	Materiale și Cercetări Arheologice Serie Nouă. București
MemAntiq	Memoria Antiquitatis, Piatra Neamț.
NNA	Nordisk Numismatisk Årsskrift, Stockholm.
PAS	Prähistorische Archäologie in Südosteuropa, Rahden/Westf.
PAT	Patrimonium Archaeologicum Transylvanicum, Cluj-Napoca.
Paléo	PALEO – Revue d'archéologie préhistorique, Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil.
Pallas	Pallas. Revue d'études antiques, Toulouse.

PNAS	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, Washington.
PZ	Prähistorische Zeitschrift. Berlin.
RAN	National Archaeological Repertory.
RM	Revista Muzeelor, București.
Sargetia	Sargetia. Acta Musei Devensis, Deva.
SatuMareSC	Satu Mare Studii și Comunicări, Satu Mare.
SCIV(A)	Studii și Cercetări de Istorie Veche și Arheologie, București.
SCȘMI	Studii și Comunicări Științifice ale Muzeelor de Istorie, București.
SIB	Studii de Istorie a Banatului, Timișoara.
SlovArch	Slovenská archeológia, Nitra.
SP	Studii de Preistorie, București.
St.Cerc.Antropol.	Studii și Cercetări de Antropologie, București.
StudUBB-G	Studia Universitatis Babeș-Bolyai. Seria Geologia, Cluj-Napoca.
ZborníkSlovNMA	Zborník Slovenského Národného Múzea. Archeológia, Bratislava.
ZSA	Ziridava. Studia Archaeologica, Arad.
ИАИ	Известия на Археологическия Институт при БАН, София.