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**The technical report from execution of a project:
“The beginning of the Early Middle Ages in Prussian lands in the context of reasarches
on the disappearance of the Olsztyn Group”
executed within the framework of the “Scholarship Marek and Grażyna Dulinicz”,
granted by the “Monumenta Archaeologica Barbarica Foundation”.**

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Submitted in the scholarship application a description of the project on cultural transformation in the area of Prussia at the beginning of the Early Middle Ages in Prussian lands in the context of researches on the disappearance of the Olsztyn Group, founded two basic orientations in realization of the scholarship:

1. Analysis of the heritage of Rudolf Grenz (files being one of the few surviving document archive relating to archaeological research conducted in the Prussian lands before 1945) for information on the Olsztyn group and cemeteries from the earliest phases of the Early Middle Ages.
2. Library query for literature, affecting in a particular way to raise awareness about undertaken issue.

Based on the above within the scholarship sojourn was conducted:

1. Analysis of the heritage of Rudolf Grenz - a collection of documents, copies of scientific publications and daily newspapers, concerning the archeology of East Prussia, arranged in accordance to contemporary districts names and cemeteries. Thanks to that it was possible to expand owned state sources concerning the position of the Olsztyn group and discover new, not yet taken into account in the consideration of positions date back to the late Migration Period and Early Middle Ages. A total of accumulated documentation concern 60 selected cemeteries.
2. Analysis of the heritage of Herbert Janhuhn - which is a collection of researcher's documents and notes. Due to the pre-war research activities in East Prussia in the files

were many information about archaeological sites dating to the Roman Period, but also the Migration Period and the beginning of the Early Middle Ages. A total of accumulated documentation concern 10 selected cemeteries.

3. Getting familiar with a wide range of literature on the areas of the former East Prussia (among others magazines and books from before 1945) and new literature on issues related to the Baltic Sea region during the Migration Period and the Early Middle Ages. Thanks to a query would be possible to find analogies to historical materials from the Mazury area in the areas of western and northern Europe.

Scholarship sojourn was also an opportunity to familiarize with the activities of the *Archäologisches Landesmuseum* and *Zentrum für Baltische und Skandinavische Archäologie* in Schleswig. In this context, very important was the ability to establish scientific contacts and discussions among others with Dr. Volker Hilberg (author of a monograph bow-brooches on Olsztyn group), Dr. Jaroslaw Prassolow and Dr. Timo Ibsen (dealing with issues of research on the area of the former East Prussia).

In conclusion it should be noted that the issue taken up within the scholarship is an extensive subject and exceeds scholarship (which was expressed at the stage of submission of the application). At the same time accumulated during sojourn in Schleswig source database (archives) and the literature will be crucial in the further work. The scientific heritage of R. Grenz and H. Janhuhn is one of the basic sources of Balt archaeology and were used repeatedly with positive results in the literature. In this perspective, scholarship sojourn should be evaluated as one of the most important part of the research.

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