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**Report on research stay realized within the framework of Marek and Grażyna Dulinicz
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Theme: Studies on funeral rite in Scandinavia and west Slavic lands in the Early Middle Ages.

Duration: 07.02.2015-06.03.2015

Place of realization: Archäologisches Landesmuseum Schloss Gottorf, Schleswig.

Research stay in Archäologisches Landesmuseum in Schleswig was devoted to studies on funeral rite of west Slavs in the Early Medieval period in reference to phenomena observed in Scandinavian cultural zone. Affluent library collections as well as contacts with museum research staff did allow to collect most of sometimes hardly accessible literature. If it hadn't been for free access to the library and possibility to both copy and archive unlimitedly effects of query would be less effective. For that reason I had a chance to get to know with comprehensive literature as well as duplicate it in order to include it in my PhD thesis and further research studies.

What was especially valuable was possibility to familiarise with organizational structure of archaeological centre in Schleswig that is being redeveloped systematically. Not only did I get to know with activity of Archäologisches Landesmuseum but also with recently established Centre for Baltic and Scandinavian Archaeology in Schleswig – a place that is adjusted to realization of complex, long-term research tasks. One of the most interesting visits brought me to laboratory of wood conservation, Department of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) as well as archaeozoological laboratory, run by dr Kenneth Richie, with impressive ichthyological comparative collection.

Research stay in Centre for Baltic and Scandinavian Archaeology in Schleswig gave me an opportunity to get to know with current research possibilities of auxiliary disciplines

used in archaeology, as well as organization of highly-specialised research groups that are part of ZBSA and consist of specialists from different research areas. As a thought-provoking and challenging experience I can list meetings, which led to discussions, with young researchers whose projects are now being realized in the ZBSA. Realization of these projects can be seen as exemplary for research conducted in Poland.

Research stay was also a possibility to make contacts with researchers from archaeological centre in Schleswig and Kiel University who specialize in Scandinavian culture zone during the Viking period, especially with prof. Michael Müller-Wille, dr Volker Hilberg, dr Sven Kalmring and dr Timo Ibsen. Research contacts will definitely lead to cooperation between Institute of Archaeology and centre in Schleswig.

Both hosting organization together with prof. Müller-Wille and me, truly believe that extension of research stay period from one month to at least two months would be a matter of the utmost importance in realization of research aims of future scholars.