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Report on the execution of the project:

“Studies on contacts between Baltic tribes and the Carpathian Basin in the Migration Period”

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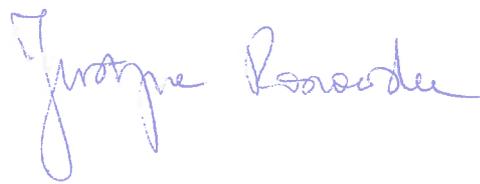
My research project submitted in the scholarship application was founded on two basic execution principles. The first was to carry out an archive query in the collections of Rudolf Grenz, Carl Engel, and Herbert Jahnkun, especially in search of information related to the Migration Period and the Early Middle Ages. The second part of my research involved a library query for those publications which are related to the area of my scientific interests and my PhD project.

Based on the above, during the scholarship stay, an archive query was conducted within the estate of Rudolf Grenz, which also contained some materials and studies left behind by Carl Engel. The query broadened my knowledge about the Baltic culture, especially with regards to archaeological sites located in the former East Prussia. Based on this collection, a list of 367 archaeological sites was compiled, including ones from the chronological period I am interested in. These sites were described to a varying degree, and had various documentation attached to them, such as drawings as well as photographs, e. g. of artifacts, references to literature, and press clippings. An archive query within the estate of Herbert Jahnkun was also conducted. Despite the fact that it contains mainly information about archaeological sites dated to the Roman Period, some important data related to the Migration Period and the Early Middle Ages was also collected during this research. The researcher’s files contained photographs and drawings of metal artifacts such as eagle head belt buckles, various notes with references to literature, and drawings of ceramics dating to the Migration Period. During my research stay, I familiarized myself with a wide range of literature in the museum library. As a result, I obtained a rich collection of publications on the subject of the Baltic culture as well as the archaeological situation in the Carpathian Basin in the period covered by my studies.

The scholarship was an opportunity to discuss matters that are of interest to me with the local scientific community. The possibility to meet and to exchange experiences with young local researchers, who carry out their projects within the research activity of the ZBSA, was also important. During my research stay in Schleswig, I got acquainted with scientists from the archaeological center in Schleswig and Kiel, especially with prof. Michael Müller-Wille, Timo Ibsen PhD, and Jaroslaw Prassolow PhD.

I would like to emphasize that the scholarship in Schleswig substantially helped me in the execution of my PhD project. The contacts I established with the local archaeological community can be helpful in the future.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jaroslaw Prassolow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.