ARCHAEOZOOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION CARRIED ON A EARLY AVAR GRAVE FROM VERESMORT (UNIREA II), ALBA COUNTY

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SUMMARY

In the spring of 2008; with the occasion of a small building actions; in an inner yard in Veresmort (Unirea II) village; Alba County; the remains of an human and a horse were discovered. On the basis of the archaeological material; the grave was dated as early avar (567 – 670/680 BCh). The present paper deals with the identification and interpretation of the horse remains.

In the grave only the lower parts of the limbs (starting from distal radius and distal tibia) and teeth were present.

On the basis of the analyzed material one can mention the existence of an adult male; with a medium height of 142 cm. On the basis of the dental and fusion data we made the age estimation- 4-4;5 years.

Starting from the existent data (singular in Romania for this period) one can make a comparative study with the data we have from similar sites from Hungary. Based on this; comparisons for metrical and composed data were performed.