THE ARCHAEOLIM PROJECT:
Archaeological investigations into the Late Pleistocene an Early Holocene of the Lim Channel, Istria

The ARCHAEOLIM Project (2014 – 2017) is a three year project financed by the Croatian Science Foundation. Its main aims are to gain more insight into various aspects of change during the Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene. This is a crucial time that says the disappearance of Neandertals and inhabitation of Europe by anatomically modern humans, as well as change from late Pleistocene glacial world to new Holocene environments. Survey and previous work at four sites in the Lim channel have documented human presence during various times (Middle Paleolithic, Late Paleolithic, Early and Late Mesolithic). Thus, a comparison of data between all four sites could provide us with a basis for testing of issues related to changing lifeways, land use, movement patterns, site use, biological aspects (similarities and differences), contact zones, mobility, continuity, etc., at times of changing climatic and environmental conditions and thus help us to understand this crucial time period, in particular, and how humans respond to such changes, in general. Results from the project will also provide a basis for development of archaeology – based tourism and thus directly benefit the local community, and Croatian economy in the long run.

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