



MEDIEVAL “CRISIS” POPULATIONS ADULT OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP

TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA
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As the 15th century ends, the battle for Europe begins! The heroes (and their legend) that held back the Ottoman East have died: Vlad Dracula the Impaler in 1476; Holy Stephan the Great in 1504; Skanderberg in 1468. The fall of Constantinople in 1453 and the European defeat at the Battle of Mohacs in 1526 opened the way for the Ottoman expansion into Europe. By 1529, Suleiman the Magnificent has conquered southeastern Europe, and the Ottoman troops were battering the walls of Vienna.

The aim of this project is to evaluate how major global political events physically impact local populations. For that purpose, we will analyze the human remains from four different cemeteries from central Transylvania, around the city of Odorheiu Secuiesc, dating from the 16-17th centuries, in relative geographic proximity to one another but from different settled environments.

The collection we will study is housed at the “Haaz Rezso” Museum in Odorheiu Secuiesc, in the heart of Transylvania. This summer’s workshop is designed to conduct an exhaustive osteological survey as well as to select bones to be brought back for stable isotope analysis.

Participants will receive intensive daily lectures on theory and method in osteology before conducting direct research on the bones. The aim of the workshop is for the participants to acquire the necessary skills to conduct a full osteological research project, culminating in podium presentations in the *2015 Third International Student Osteology and Bioarchaeology Colloquium* in Odorheiu Secuiesc.



Duration: 4 weeks (mandatory)

Team size: 15-20 (introductory/intermediary level)

Costs: US\$1885 for 4 weeks. It includes:

- museum registration, taxes, fees and most lab gear
- security clearance and access to the study collection
- housing in a hotel near the “Haaz Rezso” Museum
- lectures and labs

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