

SZABÓ MIKLÓS (1940–2023)



In the early hours of 14th December 2023, in the 84th year of his life, the scientist, teacher, archaeologist Miklós Szabó passed away.

He was born on 3rd July 1940 in Szombathely, Hungary. In 1963, he graduated as an archaeologist and Latin teacher at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Faculty of Humanities, and in 1965 he received from the same institution his doctorate in ancient archeology. Between 1963 and 1966 he worked at the Hungarian National Museum, and from 1966 at the Antiques Department of the Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest. In 1975, he became the scientific secretary of the Museum of Fine Arts, then in 1984 its deputy director general. He gave lectures at the Department of Archeology of the Faculty of Humanities of ELTE as an appointed lecturer from 1973, from 1978 as an adjunct professor, and from 1983 as a docent. In 1987, he obtained the degree of Doctor of Historical Sciences (archaeology) from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In 1989, he was appointed a university professor, and in the same year he became the first head of the newly established Department of Ancient Archaeology, a position he held until 2005. Between 1993 and 1999 he was rector of Eötvös Loránd University. He became the founding director of the Institute of Archeology at ELTE in 1994. He became corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1995, and a full member in 2001. As a visiting professor, he gave lectures at universities in France, Spain, Italy, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland and Germany.

He participated in several international research projects, from 1970 he conducted research in Delphi, Argos, and Corfu in collaboration with the École Française d'Archéologie in Athens. In recognition of his work, he was elected honorary member of the Greek Archaeological Society in Athens in 1998. He was member of the editorial boards and scientific councils of

several prestigious Hungarian and Austrian, Swiss or French archeology and ancient history journals.

His continuous work since 1963 includes hundreds of studies, more than twenty books, and numerous exhibitions and exhibition catalogues. As a result of his international activities, he became a corresponding member of the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, the Royal Academy of Barcelona and the French Academy of Sciences, Knight of the French Order of Honor (Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur) and Commander (Commandeur de la Légion d'honneur) and holder of several other high French state awards. He is Honorary Doctor of the Eötvös Loránd University, the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon and the Università degli Studi in Bologna.

In 1985, he became a member of the international Scientific Council of Bibracte, from 1988 he started a joint Franco-Hungarian excavation program in Bibracte, France (today Mont-Beuvray), and he also led excavations in international collaborations in Povegliano, Italy, and in Hungary at Velem-Szent Vid, Sajópetri and Gellérthegy.

Academician, professor and rector emeritus Miklós Szabó was an outstanding researcher of Celtic archeology recognized throughout Europe, an excellent connoisseur of the archeology and art of the Iron Age in the Carpathian Basin, author and editor of several case studies, monographs and syntheses in this field. Among his many works, which have become milestones for the Celtic archeology of the Carpathian Basin, I would like to single out the following, in their order of publication:

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