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PRESS RELEASE

The 3rd milestone of the ArcheON INTERREG project

Dear Sir and Madam!

Dear everyone, who is interested in archeology and the history its telling!

Numerous ArcheON project events were implemented in the last months

An **ArcheON museum open day** was held on 24 June, 2020 at the Savaria Museum and on 25 June, 2020 at the Smidt Museum. Meeting previous expectations, a large number of interested people - mainly families with children - visited the free exhibitions of the museums throughout the day, and gained an insight into the archeological and



historical values of Vas County and got to know

their most significant finds. During the two days, about 200 people visited the exhibitions.



Project partner meeting in Szombathely

After a long mandatory break, the partners of the ArcheON project held another partner meeting on July 10, 2020. During the meeting, details of several community programs planned for this fall were agreed upon.



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5 information events were held in Szombathely. In the last period, a total of 5 historical and archeological information events were held in Szombathely. During the thematic professional lectures and guided tours, the participants had the opportunity to learn about the most significant historical and archaeological events / values of Savaria and the region. The 5 ArcheON events were attended by more than 150 participants in total.



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Excavations for the ArcheON project took place in Sé and Dozmat in October 2020. Of the two sites, the archeological findings found in Sé deserve a spotlight. The section opened at the Sé - Malom bound - a site of European significance which has been known and researched since the 1970s -, targeted the



remains of a building that is structurally bearing the marks of earlier, Middle Neolithic tradition. It was not possible at this time to fully explore the approximately 10x20 m complex, so the excavation was limited to a representative, 2 m wide and 12 m

long section, through which a cross-sectional image of the complex was obtained. A variety of late Neolithic finds from the early period of Lengyel culture have been found, which are approximately 7,000 years old.



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The 2nd Excavation Open Day concerning excavations in Sé was held in early October 2020 at two locations this year, for adults at the excavation site in Sé, and for children in the Museum's Sé Room. Despite the pandemic, the event was quite successful and



popular. In addition to the registered participants, several interested people visited the event. After the presentation of the project, the excavation leader introduced the site to the participants. A fragment of an idol was found on the open day, which is a piece of a human form statue, used during ceremonies. These

findings could be viewed up close and even held by the participants.



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The excavation work took place in Burg from September 2020 to mid-November. As part of the ArcheON project, the archaeological excavation of an area of about 120 square meters south of the cemetery was conducted. Archaeological excavations of the interior of the

castle on the hill of Burg revealed the remains of a Neolithic settlement/building structures. In addition to other medieval finds, finds indicative of non-ferrous metal processing have also been found. During the excavation, a number of public activities were carried out. Every Friday of the excavation week, those interested could gain an insight into the details of the



archaeological excavation and try out some of the work procedures under strict professional supervision on so-called open days. In addition, the so-called As part of the ArcheON school roadshow, a number of school programs were also implemented with different logical and skill-centered tasks related to the excavations.

