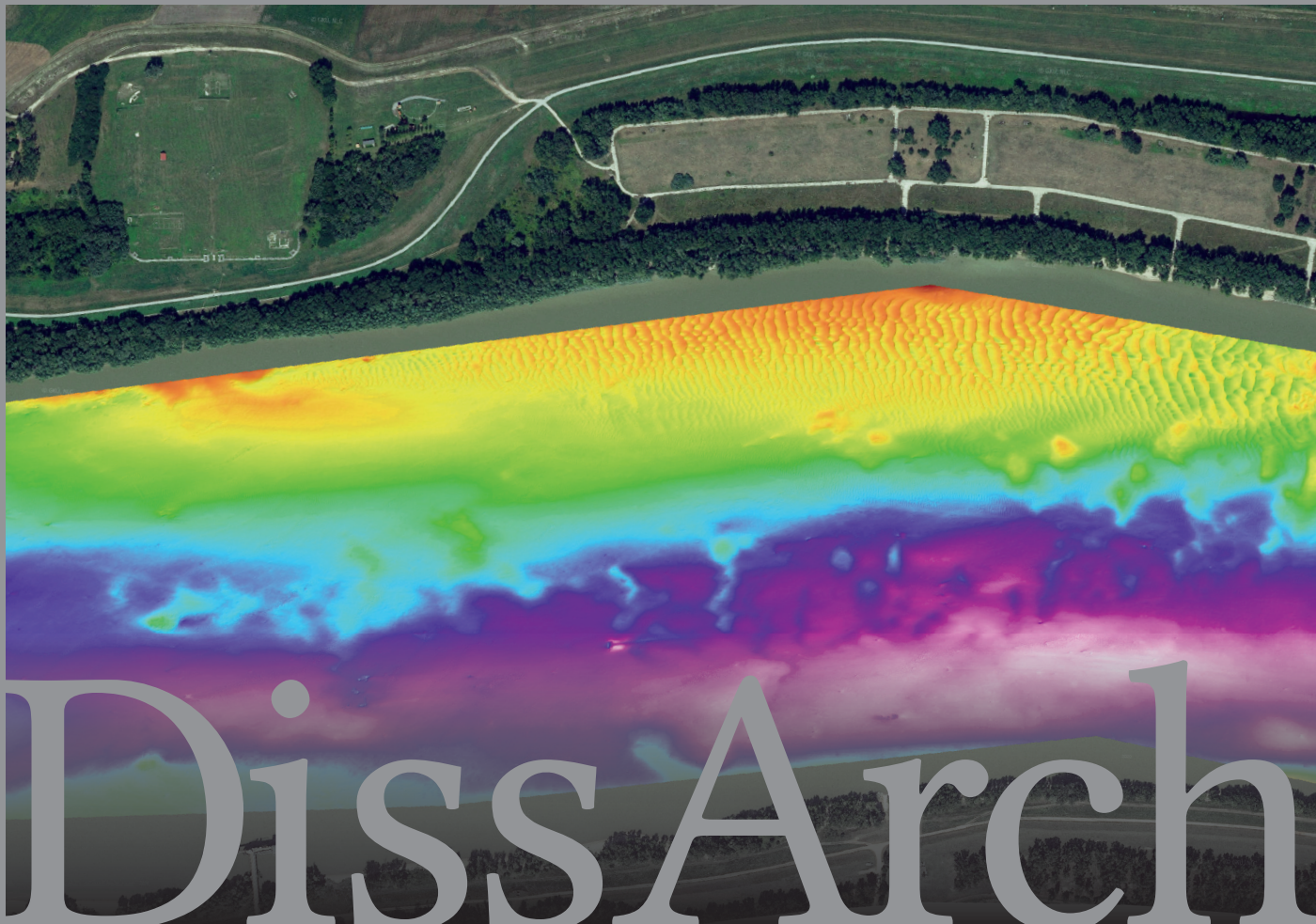


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Introduction

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The papers presented here were delivered at the *1st National Conference of Archaeology Students (I. Régészhallgatók Országos Konferenciája)*, held between 11 and 13 November 2022 at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. The scope of most conferences nowadays encompasses only a specific archaeological period, discipline, or group of artefacts, providing limited, if any, opportunities for students to present their research in front of an academic audience. The aim of this conference, built partly on the tradition of the *Meeting of Archaeology Students (Régészhallgatók Találkozója)*, was to provide students with an interdisciplinary and supra-institutional platform where they could meet, exchange ideas, and present their research projects to their peers.

Organisers believe that students should prepare for their academic careers early in their studies. Accordingly, any final-year undergraduate, master's, or doctoral student could apply with a presentation or poster, and, in the same spirit, any subject related to archaeology or its auxiliary sciences was accepted in the programme. It was also important not to exclude foreign students residing in Hungary and to encourage local students to practice presenting in another language. Thus, papers could be presented either in Hungarian or English.

The conference was made possible by the financial support of the Academic and Research Scholarship of the Students' Union of the Faculty of Humanities of ELTE and the help of the students of the Institute of Archaeological Sciences of ELTE. During the three-day event, a total of 45 papers were delivered and six posters were presented across twelve sessions. Each session focused on a specific archaeological period; all were chaired by faculty members of the Institute of Archaeological Sciences of ELTE and colleagues from the Hungarian National Museum.

Our intent from the very beginning was to create a travelling conference series, events of which will be organised by a different institution every year. Following the success of the first event, the *2nd The National Conference of Archaeology Students* was held at the Savaria University Centre on 10 and 11 November 2023, while the *3rd National Conference*, on 24–25 October 2024, was housed by the University of Szeged. The fourth conference is planned for the spring 2026; it is organised by the Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

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