

From the Organizers and Editors

These are the Proceedings of the 4th Dymaczewo symposium, being printed a short time before our 5th meeting which is to take place in 1997.

Certainly few of us present at the 1st Dymaczewo symposium in 1980 expected such a long continuous series of meetings of scholars working in the field of later prehistoric archaeology of Northeastern Africa! We are happy that the tradition of these periodical meetings has survived the test of time and that our symposia have become an internationally recognized academic event. We have been delighted to host a large number of scholars from Europe, North America and Asia but we are not satisfied with the still small number of colleagues participating from African countries. Frankly, this has been a weak point in all of our symposia and is of course due to finances.

We are grateful to all of our colleagues and friends who participated in the 1992 symposium and who have sent their contributions to this volume. Words of thanks to all of you who have patiently been waiting for the publication of these Proceedings.

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