



WELL DONE



Elaine and Martin at the Middle Palaeolithic site of Ariendorf, 1981/82.

A steak is “well done” when it has been fried for quite a while. It needs fire to cook it, as well as skill and experience in controlling the fire to not just let the steak become chewy. Basically, the same applies to “well done” in science, where it takes literacy, skill, experience, and commitment to turn the sometimes murky ingredients into a festival for different tastes.

The analogy is admittedly a bit clumsy but this is what you get when you let scientists deal with prose, and for once, we decided to devote ourselves freely to the metaphor for this *Tandem-Festschrift* which – as must have become apparent to the reader – is “meat”, in different facets and approaches.

Studying “meat” provides an important ingredient to the understanding of our very deepest history and offers an entire universe of analogies, and Elaine and Martin can both be said to love “meat” (Martin being the only individual in MONREPOS able to turn a tick infested hind leg of a cervid into a gourmet experience), as well as both also being skilled zooarchaeologists.

Elaine and Martin definitely deserve a huge “well done” in science, as well as having worked with aspects of archaeological records that also deserve the label “well done”, as being neither “fresh” nor “rare” nor “medium”. In the 1980s and 1990s Elaine’s and Martin’s research contributed significantly to establishing the chronology and biostratigraphy of the Pleistocene in Europe and beyond, and their comprehensive excavations, analyses and publications of the Lower Palaeolithic sites at Miesenheim I, Kärlich, Schöningen and at the Middle Palaeolithic sites of Ariendorf and Hummerich must be mentioned here.

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Elaine and Karl Kröger during the MONREPOS Pentecost-Happening in 2010.

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→ Martin joining Nick Conard's excavations at the late Middle Palaeolithic site of Wallertheim, ca. 1992.



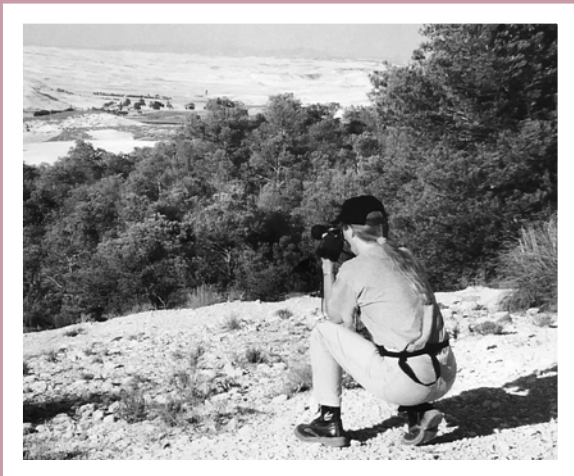


Quarrying alone. Martin in Ariendorf, 1981/82.





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Elaine resting in Alhambra, Granada (Spain), 1995.

