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Supervisor review of the thesis of Michaela Divišová

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Work of Michaela Divišová deals with difficult topic. Such issue like this needs knowledge not only from botany (archaeobotany), but also from environmental and social archaeology, which Michaela studied during her bachelor times in the Institute of Archaeology of our university. The issue of the Mesolithic archaeobotany is complicated namely due the fact, that study of this period in Central Europe has been long time systematically underestimated or neglected. This aspect deeply constrained scope and quantity of primary archaeobotanical data accessible for the master degree candidate. In the Czech Republic almost nothing for comparison has been at disposal before she has started her archaeobotanical Mesolithic studies. Despite this fact Michaela decided to choose complex approach to the topic, which included archaeobotanical, experimental and archaeological methodology. She surveys the basal aspects of Mesolithic archaeobotany almost holistically.

Result of her studies is excellent. Thesis contains huge portion of solid archaeobotanical work, which is underlined by Michaela's archaeological competency. I fully recommend her master thesis to successful defence. From my point of view is her work excellent.

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