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Study entitled "The origins and functions of the medieval stronghold of Visegrad on the Pomeranian-Kujawy border. "Archaeological Study" is the diploma thesis of Mr. Patryk Banasiak, completing his doctoral studies in archeology. It consists of two volumes: the analytical part (volume I) and the catalog part (volume II). The main goal of the doctoral dissertation is to develop a comprehensive monograph of the medieval stronghold in Bydgoszcz - Fordon (site 150), identified with the historic Wyszogród.

The analytical part (volume I) opens with issues introducing the study. In this chapter, the author justifies the research topic, the goals set in the work, and also defines the issues, scope of research, source bases and describes research methods. A review of historical studies dealing with the history of the Wyszogród center is another issue discussed in the work. The information collected in this chapter constitutes the basis for a comprehensive presentation of the development of the research discussion on Wyszogród. The introductory part ends with a discussion of broadly understood natural and geographical conditions, which in subsequent chapters are intended to enable Wyszogród, and the settlement network associated with it, to be placed in a broader context of natural conditions. Volume I also contains a description of the history and state of research on medieval Wyszogród and its settlement base. It discusses the research work carried out so far at the site and the existing literature related to it. Presenting this issue is crucial for the correct identification of interpretation possibilities, but also for indicating research prospects for the next years, which are described in the final part of the work. The description and interpretation of cultural stratigraphy from the area of the Wyszogród stronghold is one of the key topics of this study. Therefore, it is discussed extensively in the next chapter. It presents an analysis of cultural layers, defensive fortifications and

structures forming the internal development. The description of the stratigraphy of the stronghold was supplemented with a discussion of the remains of the cemetery and the settlement adjacent to the stronghold. The key element of volume I is the analysis of movable source material, which consists of pottery and the so-called "separated items". The analyzes performed in this part constitute a starting point for further interpretative studies. The first one presents the basics of chronology and periodization of the site. Placing Wyszogród in space and on the timeline allows us to further reflect on supra-local settlement structures. This issue is discussed in the next chapter. The written records, archaeological sources and settlement analyzes discussed earlier allowed us to distinguish the main functions that Wyszogród could have performed in the Middle Ages. The study ends with a chapter constituting a synthesis of knowledge about Wyszogród. It presents the problem of the genesis and development of Wyszogród in the context of Greater Poland-Pomerania relations, and it is included in the process of separating local political, administrative and social structures. The first volume ends with a summary along with research perspectives and a list of the literature used.

Volume II of the archeological site monograph presents a catalog of sources collected during research work. These are primarily three lists - a catalog of immovable and movable source material and a list of archaeological sites from the Archaeological Register Photos of Poland from the area of Bydgoszcz County within the boundaries of the former Wyszogród castellany. Therefore, it is of a source-based nature and is a supplement to volume I.

Both volumes of the study are linked with each other by references in the descriptive part of the work. Taken together, they constitute a compendium of knowledge about historical Wyszogród in the context of archaeological research.

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