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Front cover: Ak-Kaya, Crimean mountains. Location of 12 multi-layered cave sites of Neanderthals – dated to 130–28,000 years ago (photo by Yurii Kukharchuk).

Back cover: Left: D.Ya. Telegin at the excavations of the Neolithic cemetery of Nikolskoye in 1967 (photo by Volodymyr Kruts); right: Excavations of the dwelling made of mammoth's bones at the Palaeolithic site Gintsi in 2009 (photo by Lioudmila Iakovleva).

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## This volume is dedicated to Dmytro Telegin

Dmytro authored numerous research monographs and papers which outlined the results of his pioneering archaeological excavations in Ukraine. These inspired a generation of researchers and demonstrated the significant position that Ukraine holds in relation to the development of prehistoric societies in Eastern Europe. His early publications, in both Eastern and Western language journals, inspired an international research team to undertake fundamental multidisciplinary research which builds upon his legacy, and aims to construct a comprehensive culture-history for Ukraine based on modern analytical techniques in archaeological research.

#### From the editors:

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