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INTRODUCTION

Every institution concerned with archaeological fieldwork has the desire to inform its colleagues and others interested in such work about its investigations. Almost every excavation yields new information which can only fulfil its complete scientific purpose after it has appeared in print and become generally available. The Institute for Prehistory of the University of Leiden also proposes to make its contribution to the published sources. In some cases this will consist of independent publications via the University Press, in others of reprints from periodicals.

The results of two excavations carried out under the auspices of this Institute are published in the first issue of the *Analecta Praehistorica Leidensia*. We wish to refer in this foreword to the fact that both investigations resulted directly from the activities of the undersigned as Conservator of the State Service for Archaeological Investigations in the Netherlands (R.O.B.) at Amersfoort. The discovery of the burial vault at Stein was made during the excavation of a Danubian settlement by the R.O.B., and the burial mound near Meerlo was first brought to the attention of that Service. It is hoped that the fruitful collaboration experienced during both excavations will be continued in the future.

To the *Analecta Praehistorica Leidensia* we extend our best wishes, with the hope that it will contribute to the improvement of archaeological research and to cooperation among all those concerned with pre-historical studies.

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