



IN MEMORIAM TIHOMIR PERCAN (1982.-2020.)

IN MEMORIAM TIHOMIR PERCAN (1982-2020)

Napustio nas je naš voljeni Tihomir Percan.

Tihomir je rođen 1982. godine u Raklju gdje je odrastao pod okriljem obiteljske ljubavi majke Romane, oca Josipa i mlade sestre Nade. Osnovnu školu Vladimira Nazora pohađao je u Krnici. Nakon završenog srednjoškolskog obrazovanja u pulskoj gimnaziji, Tihomir upisuje studij arheologije na Filozofskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu gdje 2008. godine stječe diplomu arheologa. Već kao student, Tihomir je sudjelovao na brojnim arheološkim istraživanjima, ne samo u Istri nego i na širem hrvatskom području.

Izbor životne profesije i ljubav prema zavičaju vratili su ga u rodnu Istru, u mili mu Rakalj. Zaposlen kao konzervator-arheolog u Službi za arheološku baštinu Hrvatskog restauratorskog zavoda, u Odjelu za kopnenu arheologiju sa sjedištem u Juršićima, Tihomir je realizirao značajne arheološke projekte. Istraživanja i konzervatorsko-restauratorski radovi provedeni pod njegovim vodstvom na arheološkim lokalitetima u Mutvoranu, Plominu, Starom Raklju, Sutivanu, Barbanu, Sv. Mihovilu nad Limom, Sv. Križu kod Završja, crkvi Sv. Jeronima u Humu, ali i drugim, pridonijeli su da se javnost bolje upozna s bogatom materijalnom i kulturnom poviješću istarskog kraja. Najznačajnija arheološka istraživanja za poznavanje prapovijesti Istre i šire jadranske regije pod vodstvom Tihomira provedena su u Ljubićevoj pećini kod Marčane. U bogatoj stratigrafiji otkriveni su arheološki nalazi iz razdoblja epigravetijena stari i više od 20 tisuća godina. Kao plod višegodišnje suradnje između Hrvatskoga restauratorskog zavoda i Muzeja prapovijesne antropologije u Monaku, rezultate ovih istraživanja Tihomir je prikazao kroz izložbu *Ljubićeva pećina*, koja je prvi put postavljena 2013. u Monaku.

Our beloved Tihomir Percan is no longer with us.

Born in 1982 in Rakalj, Tihomir grew up in the fold of a loving family, with his mother Romana, father Josip, and younger sister Nada. He attended Vladimir Nazor Elementary School in Krnica. Following his secondary education at the Gymnasium in Pula, Tihomir enrolled in the archaeology programme at the University of Zagreb's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. As a student he participated in numerous archaeological campaigns in Istria County and many other parts of Croatia, and earned his bachelor's degree in 2008. His chosen profession and love of his native region soon saw him back in his beloved Rakalj. As a conservator archaeologist with the Croatian Conservation Institute's Division for Archaeological Heritage, based out of the Section for Archaeology for Branch Departments, head office Juršići, Tihomir undertook and brought to fruition significant archaeological projects. Fieldwork, conservation, and restoration work performed under his leadership at archaeological sites in Mutvoran, Plomin, Stari Rakalj, Sutivanac, Barban, Sveti Mihovil nad Limom, Sveti Križ near Završje, the St Jerome church in Hum, and elsewhere, contributed to greater public awareness of the wealth of tangible and cultural history in the Istrian region. The work at the Ljubićeva pećina cave near Marčana is certainly the most significant archaeological effort that Tihomir led in terms of its contribution to our understanding of prehistory in Istria and the broader Adriatic region. The site's rich stratigraphy revealed over twenty-thousand-year-old Epigravettian artefacts. As part of a multiannual collaboration between the Croatian Conservation Institute and Monaco's Museum of Prehistoric Anthropology, Tihomir showcased the results of the work at the Ljubićeva pećina site at an exhibition first shown in Monaco in 2013.

Tihomir je autor izložbe i kataloga *Sv. Križ - Završje*, te nekoliko poglavlja u knjigama i monografijama, kao i znanstvenih i stručnih radova. U svojem je radu surađivao s raznim kulturnim i muzejskim institucijama u Hrvatskoj i inozemstvu. Bio je doktorand na Univerzi na Primorskem, Fakultetu za humanistične studije u Kopru s temom „Limski zaljev na prijelazu tisućljeća – problem prelaska kasnog brončanog u starije željezno doba Istre“.

Tihomir je bio zaljubljenik u sport, a posebno nogomet. Bio je aktivan član NK Pomorac Rakalj-Krnica od njegova osnutka 1999. godine. Svoju upornost u sportu potvrdio je i kada je 2014. istrčao maraton u Trstu. Bio je zaljubljenik u prirodu i more, planinario je i ribario. Bio je strastveni berač šparoga i gljiva, a najviše od svega volio je putovanja.

Tihomir Percan, istinski dobar čovjek, svojim je nasmijanim i vedrim duhom okupljao ljude oko sebe, uvijek imajući razumijevanja za svakoga. Bio je dobar duh za sve koji smo ga poznavali. Njegovu vedrinu zauvijek ćemo nositi u našim srcima.

dr. sc. Ida Koncani Uhač

Tihomir authored the *Sveti Križ-Završje* exhibition and the accompanying catalogue, contributed chapters to a number of books and monographs, and penned scientific and specialist papers. He worked with many culture and museum institutions in Croatia and abroad. As a postgraduate student at the University of Primorska's Faculty of Humanities in Kopar in neighbouring Slovenia he penned a thesis paper on the Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age transition in Istria with a focus on the area of the Lim canal.

Tihomir was an avid sports fan, especially of football (soccer). He was an active member of the Pomorac Rakalj-Krnica football club since its founding in 1999. He demonstrated his strength of will in athletic endeavour by completing the Trieste marathon in 2014. He was enamoured of nature, the sea in particular, was an active hiker and fisher, and was passionate in search of wild asparagus and mushrooms. Above all he was an enthusiastic traveller.

Tihomir Percan, a truly upstanding man, drew people to him with his smile and lively spirit, always with an open heart towards everyone. He was a good spirit for all who knew him. We will always carry his good cheer in our hearts.

Ida Koncani Uhač PhD