

## **Theme 6**

### **New Discoveries**

#### **DARK AGE POTTERY COMPLEX FROM THE VILLAGE OF KAPITAN ANDREEVO, NE THRACE**

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The village of Kapitan Andreevo is an unfortified one, located on the first non-flooded bank along the middle course of Maritza River, 20 km. SW from Edirne (Turkey). The rescue archaeological excavations have been carried there in the period of 2005-2007. As a result 14 semi-sunken dwellings and pits around them have been unearthed. The pottery complex consists of kitchen ware (83, 18% of the total amount of sherds), table ware (1%) and vessels for transportation (amphorae, 16, 82%). The proposal is the pottery analyses from the settlement which includes classification, typological and morphological analyses of the whole vessels and fragments to be presented. Based on these analyses are the suggested three phases of the settlement life and the set of the chronological borders in the period from the middle of the 7th until the first half of the 9th c.AD.

The chronology of the pottery is confirmed with the presence of a single coin, minted during the reign of the Byzantine emperor Constantine VI (780-797) within the territory of the settlement. The settlement belongs to a period of which very little is known, especially if we consider the history and archaeology of Thrace.