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## Baranya's past unfolds

More artifacts founded in 3 years than previous hundred

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Artifacts founded during the archaeological exploration of the Baranya county section of the M6/M60 motorway were showcased at Árkád Pécs shopping mall in January. The exhibition was opened by Erzsébet Nagy representing the Baranya County Museum Directorate and András Rakita chief engineer of Mecsek Construction Group (MCG). Public had the chance to attend the exhibition - also sponsored by Magyar Aszfalt Ltd. - until the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. The findings have no final place yet, it is not known when and where it will be shown to the public again, although experts and sponsors would like to take the exhibition to other cities also.

The staff of the Baranya County Museum Directorate, between the September of 2005 and the December of 2007 had explored 640.000 squaremetres, and 155.000 squaremetres in 2008 at the Baranya section of the M6/M60 motorway construction. During their work more artifacts were unearthed than in the previous hundred years in whole Baranya county. Thanks to the newly explored huge territory, interesting, serious theories have been set up about the archaeological past of the region. The findings give a new concept about the way of life and the structure of the settlements also - the analysis of this was not possible before. The number of artifacts founded will give work for the experts for the next few decades.

During the exploration 15.000 archaeological objects (pits, wells, ditch-frameworks, furnaces, graves and remains of houses) were founded on 27 sites, from the early New Stone Age to the late Middle Age. The Roman Age villa building at Szebény, the Avar Age cemetery with more than a thousand graves at Versend, and the Neolithic stone ditch at Belvárdgyula are the most significant findings. Among the 430.000 artifacts founded the most important ones are the Neolithic clay statues, the late Roman Age graves, the Hun age gold plates (used as ornaments on weapons), the Celtic Age wine pot, and a Roman age bronze kettle which was founded unharmed.

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