

## **Abstract**

The present work is focused on the medieval settlement in the river Ohře region (Czech Republic), with emphasis on the problem of development and the settlement process at the turn of the early and the high Middle Ages. The studied region, with the axis of the river Ohře, is occupied the area roughly from town Kadaň to Louny and it is corresponded to the parts of Chomutov and Louny districts. The definition includes geomorphologically different regional parts, providing diverse conditions for the development of settlement. At the same time, it is considered the cultural-historical and archaeological value of today's known archaeological sites. The basis of this thesis is the selection of several landscape probes with an area of several square kilometres, to which the detailed archaeological study is concentrated. These probes are defined in relation to the regional unit so that they can become representative samples that allow for the solution of major settlements of historical issues. The basis for defining probes is the characteristics of natural conditions, the list of settlement units and the catalogue of archaeological sites. The catalogue includes a brief record of all categories of medieval archaeological sites (rural settlements, noble settlements, sacral buildings, burial grounds). A separate chapter is an outline of the regional archaeological chronology of pottery (the relative and absolute chronology). The present thesis is summarized and evaluated the previous knowledge about the Medieval settlements of the middle Pooohří based on a set of available sources e.g. written sources, building monuments, archaeological finds and maps.

## **Keywords**

The Middle Ages; River Ohře region; archaeology; medieval transformation; history of settlement; landscape probe