

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Having been informed of the Bükkrány discovery of the remains of 16 Miocene Taxodium trees that were miraculously preserved by the natural circumstantial conditions for over 7 million years;

...the undersigned hereby declare(s) the exceptional nature of the discovery.

After being further informed of preliminary results of the first stages of examination of the material

...we confirm our belief in the huge scientific potential of the excavated trees considering the outstanding and rare state of their material, indicating biological integrity even after 7 million years. We are therefore convinced that it is a common responsibility to further our knowledge of this heritage from that distant past, by preserving insofar as possible this finding in its present state, by collecting as much scientific information as can be and by documenting it with the greatest accuracy, for the sake of present and future generations.

Considering the little knowledge available on the conservation of such unusual material, and its observed rapid degradation,

... we believe there is utmost urgency in sharing available knowledge and in devoting resources to immediate intervention and investigation.

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