

**INQUA**  
**THE PERIBALTIC WORKING GROUP**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of The Peribaltic Group field Symposium, I regretfully inform about **cancelation of our event**. A few days ago, due to COVID-19 Pandemy, the Latvian and Lithuanian governments declared the Special Situation in both our countries. As a result, all the public meetings, lectures in the universities and business trips of the academic staff, a number of flights, etc. are prohibited until the end of April. These restrictions, very likely, could be extended longer, depending on the epidemiological situation. Thus, due to this *Force major*, we not able to continue management of the symposium and haven't possibilities to ensure safe participation during the event.

Taking into account the schedules of other scientific events and the possibility of the organizers, the Organizing Committee suggests **to postpone the Peribaltic-2020 to 4–10 October 2020**. The current registration fee, thesis, presentations, program of the field excursion, etc. are valid for the postponed event. The deadline for papers submission to the *Quaternary International SI* could be extended until the **1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**.

Please note that the final decision about Peribaltic-2020 could be accepted only at the beginning of September, in dependence of epidemiological situation in Europe at that time. The possibility to postpone the Symposium to spring 2021 could also be discussed.

The participants who will not have possibility to participate in the Symposium in October or would like to recover registration fee due to other reasons, have to **apply to the Secretary of the Symposium Aldona Damušytė**. You may not be in hurry with your decision, but we would appreciate if you would inform us about your choice up to the beginning of May 2020.

All the best and wishing you a strong health,  
On behalf of the Organizing Committee,  
Albertas Bitinas