

A Research on the Ancient Human Stature from the Xindianzi Cemetery, Inner Mongolia

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Abstract: The Xindianzi site is located on the terraces northwest of Xindianzi village, Helingge, er town, Hohhot city, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The site occupies an area of 30000 m² and is dated to 2500 BP. The Muddy (Hun) River, flowing from the northeast to the southwest is in the vicinity of the southern part of the site. The excavation of the Xindianzi cemetery is very important because it represents a Bronze Age site on the northern frontier along the Great Wall in China. Analysis of ancient human limbs unearthed from the cemetery was undertaken as part of this research, and it was determined that the average stature of male inhabitants was very short, and the average stature of female inhabitants was very tall.

Key words: Xindianzi cemetery; Limb; Stature

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中国古脊椎动物学会第十一届学术年会 中国第四纪古人类—旧石器专业委员会第三次学术年会 暨纪念贾兰坡院士百年诞辰会议在太原召开

2008年9月21日,中国古脊椎动物学会第十一届学术年会、中国第四纪古人类—旧石器专业委员会第三次学术年会暨纪念贾兰坡院士百年诞辰会议在山西省太原市隆重召开。此次会议由中国科学院古脊椎动物与古人类研究所和山西博物院共同主办,来自全国科研院所、高校、文博系统等80余家相关单位的近200名代表参加了会议。本次年会收到论文71篇,并出版了《第十一届中国古脊椎动物学学术年会论文集》和《天道酬勤桃李香——贾兰坡院士百年诞辰纪念文集》。共有60名与会代表做了精彩纷呈的大会和分组学术报告,内容涉及古脊椎动物学、古人类学、旧石器考古学、第四纪地质学、地层学、古环境学、年代学、分子古生物学等多个学科与方向。马鞍山遗址古人类行为的动物考古学研究、残渍物分析研究现状及在旧石器考古中的应用、热河生物群的辐射与环境背景研究、青藏高原隆升的古生物新证据等备受关注。学会首次设立了“研究生优秀报告奖”,有6名同学分别获得了二等奖与三等奖(一等奖空缺)。山西博物院为配合此次会议还筹办了“生命的印迹——中国古脊椎动物学新成果展”。(马宁)