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Newly discovered assemblage of Neolithic cord-impressed pottery from the hinterland Akkar highlands

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Abstract

The presentation will discuss pottery from a newly discovered Neolithic site in Akkar (northern Lebanon). The discovery is a result of the survey carried out as part of the project "MEG-A. The first megalith builders of the northern Levant" conducted by the Polish Academy of Sciences and the University of Geneva and investigating the megalithic phenomenon in upland Akkar. The surveyed area concentrates around the city of Menjez, where most megalithic structures had been identified during prior archaeological investigations.

The assemblage in question was collected from a site near the village of Kouachra and is well-dated to the Late Neolithic period. The pottery is handmade of a basalt-tempered paste. The relatively large collection (compared to other scatters recorded by the project) includes a considerable number of indicative sherds (mostly rims and handles) including some with a characteristic cord-impressed or incised decoration. The presentation will be an analysis of vessel forms and a detailed description of the types of decoration recorded in the assemblage, which will be presented on the backdrop of other comparable assemblages known from the northern Levant.

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