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**First Data About the Osseous Industries of the Prehistoric Lakeside  
Settlement of Anarghiri IXb, Western Macedonia, Greece**

In the last decade the intensive rescue excavations of the Archaeological Service of Flórina unearthed a great number of prehistoric settlements close to the four lakes of the Amindeon basin that date back from Greek Early Neolithic (c.6800-5800 BC) to Greek Middle Bronze Age (c.2200/2100-1600/1500). The excavation of the Anarghiri IXb settlement yielded an impressive and diverse assemblage (more than 5000) of bone and antler artefacts which shows that, as in the prehistoric lakeside settlements of Central Europe, the osseous artefacts played an important role in the everyday activities of the inhabitants of the wetland sites of the region. In this presentation, there will be an attempt to present some of the most important osseous artefact categories of the settlement.