

***Commentaire sur le rapport de B. Schmider:  
"Le Magdalénien dans le centre du Bassin Parisien:  
les gisements, l'industrie lithique"***

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It is not surprising that conditions in the Paris Basin correspond to those of Central Europe during the Magdalenian with a rapid increase in the number of occupation sites during the Bølling and Dryas II. If one assumes influence from Southwest Germany and Northern Switzerland, it must be restricted to the time before the Allerød. Magdalenian sites from the Allerød are missing in Southwest Germany. The finds from the Gnirshöhle with perforated shells and flint raw material from the Paris Basin, dated to around 13,000 B.P. and the beginning of the Bølling, are evidence that such connections existed at an early date.

The sites on the Donau that are mentioned, Hohlenstein-Bärenhöhle, Hohlenstein-Stadel and Bockstein, were never important for Magdalenian research. It would have been preferable if important sites such as Felsställe, Schussenquelle, Brillenhöhle, Zigeunerfels or Vogelherd were discussed in this context.

Caution is called for when artefact types or individual <sup>14</sup>C dates are interpreted: the occurrence of single examples of a tool type are over estimated when they are used as evidence for cultural contact. The attempt to associate the poorly dated Ölknitzer Group with Marsangy should take into account the behaviour of Paleolithic man (hunting methods, settlement patterns) in the different occupation regions. In my opinion, the relationship of burins on truncations to dihedral burins has in itself hardly any real chronological meaning (when are we archeologists finally going to learn to deal with figures in a sensible manner and not to give frequencies in hundredths of percents for assemblages with fewer than 100 pieces?). A single "old" <sup>14</sup>C date from Etioles U5 has to be evaluated with utmost caution. The final sentence points out that in addition to lithic studies more effort should be put into investigations of how man used his environment. This should be emphasized and perhaps would have been better at the beginning of the paper.