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The present volume of *Polish Contributions in New World Archaeology* is a continuation of previous volumes published in years 1977-1982 by the Archaeological Commission of the Cracow Branch of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The need to continue the series in consequence of the intensification of research into pre-Columbian civilizations of the New World which is carried out in Poland and – especially – of the fact that an organizational framework for this research was established in the Kraków archaeological centre. Firstly, the Institute of Archaeology of the Jagellonian University has set up the Department of New World Archaeology and – secondly – the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences has undertaken – as a part of the research project *Corpus Antiquitatum Americanensium* carried out by the International Union of Academies (UAI) – the publication of catalogues of collections of pre-Columbian antiquities kept in Poland and the publication of an inventory of pre-Columbian sites registered during the surveys of Polish missions in South America.

Simultaneously with the setting up of the Department of the New World Archeology at the Jagiellonian University the Polish Archaeological Mission was established in Guatemala. The mission made important discoveries concerning Maya civilization in the site of Nakum.

The present volume – just as the volumes of the previous series – publishes the results of archaeological excavations and surveys in the territory of the New World. These are the results of surveys in the Peruvian Andes concerning the pre-Hispanic settlement systems in the Río Culebras valley (paper by Miłosz Giersz and Patrycja Prządka), systematic excavations in Nakum, Guatemala (paper by Jarosław Żrałka, Wiesław Koszkul and Bernard Hermes), excavations in Uauauno in Bolivia (by Andrzej Karwowski, Marcin Obalek and Mileniusz Spanowicz), large scale excavations in Goodman Point Pueblo in the Mesa Verde region (USA) (by Radosław Palonka and Kristin Kuckelman) and the studies of the iconography of the Peruvian pottery from Early Intermediate Period from Ethnological Museum in Barcelona (by Karina Borsiak).

The new series of *Polish Contributions in New World Archaeology* published by the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences together with the Jagiellonian University will be a yearly publication. The series is placed at the disposal of Polish researchers conducting archaeological investigations in the territory of the New World as well as to cooperating scholars from other countries.

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