

**THE CITY OF BUZĂU IN CELEBRATION, 590 YEARS  
FROM ITS FIRST DOCUMENTARY ATTESTATION - THE  
ARHAIC HABITATION EVOLVED AS A SETTLEMENT,  
FAIRGROUND, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY**

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**Abstract.** *On January 31, 2021, the municipality of Buzău celebrated 590 years since the first definite documentary attestation, however, as an ancient human habitation, Buzău is archaeologically attested since the Neolithic, the archaic habitation evolving as a settlement, fairground, town and municipality.*

*There are four main pillars that characterized the life of the people here: the constancy of living, also proven by the practice of agriculture; the foundation of the Orthodox faith; the fight for the defense of the lands inherited from the ancestors for centuries; and the economic valorization of the strategic location at the intersection of the roads connecting the four Romanian provinces.*

*The document issued by the ruler Dan II on January 31, 1431 is, for now, the first known documentary attestation of Buzău, at that time with the status of a fairground.*

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On January 31, 2021, the municipality of Buzău celebrated 590 years since the first definite documentary attestation. But, as an ancient human habitation, Buzău is archaeologically attested since the Neolithic and up to the medieval era,<sup>2</sup> when the city is also mentioned in other documents issued by the chancelleries of the rulers of the Wallachia. Accidental discoveries and those resulting from archaeological excavations show us that almost the entire surface of the city in our times was inhabited. Settlements were discovered from the Neolithic (Gumelnița culture), the Bronze Age (Montoru culture), the first Iron Age, from the 1st centuries BC – II AD; 6th - 7th centuries AD, the Ipotești-Cândești culture, and from the 8th - 11th centuries - the ancient Romanian Dridu culture.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> X.X.X., *Buzău small historical encyclopedia*, Buzău County Museum, Mousaios Library volumes, Buzău, 2000, on page 24

<sup>3</sup> Emil Lupu, *Some trade routes and medieval towns from the Carpathian Bend (Buzăul and Râmnicu Sărat until the 16th century)*, in "Bulletin of the Historical Monuments Commission", 1-2/2008, p. 123-142