

## STATEMENT

Statement of the Hungarian Prehistory Research Team of the Institute of History (Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences) on the basis of the lectures and the discussion following the session held on 14th June, 2012.

1. The Hungarian Prehistory Research Team supports the scientific research of the Székely script, and considers the educational and informing activities in connection with it to be important.
2. The Team states that the Székely script is definitely not the scholarly fabrication of the Age of Humanism (15th century), because several important authentic relics of the script from earlier periods have been found in Székely Land (Transylvania).
3. The Team suggests compiling a corpus of the authentic relics of the Székely script, including the latest findings as well.
4. The Team proposes to establish the corpus of the East-European „rovás” (or runic) scripts based on philological autopsy, which can be especially important for the examination of the origin of the Székely script.
5. The Team declares that the script used by the Székely people, which was applied for writing Hungarian language texts according to our present knowledge, is undoubtedly a valuable part of our national heritage, but it never was and never became the general writing of the Hungarian people. It was the Latin writing that was generally used and helped Hungarians to get integrated into European culture, too.
6. The Team acknowledges that certain parts of the Hungarian society are working on renewing and on the basis of the present needs, remaking and spreading the Székely script, but the Team regards this as a question out of the competence of science.
7. In connection with the computer coding of the Székely script (Unicode), the Team considers it necessary to distinguish the historic Székely script from its present, remade and extended forms. For marking the latter the *Székely Script (modernized version)* term is suggested.