Chapitre 1

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Foreword

In recent months, the COVID-19 pandemic has led scientific teams around the world to make many adaptations. They have shown great creativity in continuing their exchanges and joint work.

This book, produced by the National Museum of Iran in partnership with the Institute of the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, shows the results of numerous exchanges between experts from our two countries in the field of archaeology.

Describing with precision the basic collections of the National Museum of Iran, it illustrates a real methodological advance to better secure the link that the human Pasoan represents in the history of mankind and to better understand the history of societies through the study of archaeological materials discovered from more than 1500 ancient sites. Such an undertaking, gathering the results of decades of excavations on a territory as large as Iran, allows today to submit human and animal bones to a multidisciplinary examination, from the study of the evolution of paleoenvironments to that of paleopathologies between man and animals, through physical anthropology, archaeology and palaeoecology. The valorization of the biological material offers rich perspectives of scientific studies in the service of present and future archaeological campaigns, as soon as the sanitary context allows it.

I hope that this book, which is intended to be accessible to the greatest number, will be an encouragement for students to turn more towards archaeology and will give rise to new cooperations.

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