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It was the intention of the editors that this appendix to the catalogue published 15 years ago by the Deutsches Bergbau-Museum in Bochum (see Editorial) should be organised following the same guidelines, but this was not possible in all cases. Some of the entries were prepared by their authors in the form of papers concerning more than one mine. We present them in their original form, adding only the list of described sites at the beginning of such articles.

As in the Bochum volume, the location of mines described in our catalogue has been shown on schematic maps of a given country, accompanied with lists of sites, both the ones included in the Bochum catalogue as well as those presented here. The names of mines described in our volume are distinguished with bold letters in site lists and with the symbol of an antler pick on the maps. This refers both to sites published for the first time, as well as to those known previously, on which we are able to present additional information. The numbering of sites continues on from the lists given in the Bochum volume. In a few cases however the original numbers used in the Bochum catalogue had to be changed. The changes were always made on the suggestion or in agreement with colleagues from the respective country. This refers to sites GB 4, H 5 and I 2. The site H 4 in the light of recent investigations by Dr. Katalin Simán should be considered as a workshop, but the possibility that it was also a mine cannot be excluded. In this case, therefore, we made no change. In some cases the contributors suggested to us the need to exclude some of the sites presented in the Bochum volume from the list of mines (e.g., GB 5-7, H 5). We did this only if it was possible to use the symbol for one of the newly discovered sites (e.g., GB 6, H 5). In other cases doubtful mines have been distinguished by italics in the lists. In some cases we have made corrections to the location of sites presented in the Bochum volume (e.g., F 9, F 47, PL 17, PL 19).

Regrettably, not all recent investigations and new discoveries of mines could be presented in the catalogue. Despite serious gaps we hope that our catalogue is an informative and valuable supplement to the catalogue published by the Deutsches Bergbau-Museum. We would like to thank all of our contributors.

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