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## Press Release

### Adrián Pablos receives Tübingen Prize for Early Prehistory and Quarternary Ecology

#### Study of the development of the human foot over 800,000 years

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The 2015 Tübingen Prize for Early Prehistory and Quarternary Ecology goes to Dr. Adrián Pablos of the Universidad de Alcalá in Madrid for his research into the morphology of the human foot over the past 800,000 years. The award ceremony will take place on Thursday 5 February at 11am at Hohentübingen Castle. Media representatives are welcome to attend a press conference with Dr. Pablos at 10am in room 101 on the first floor of the castle.

Dr. Adrián Pablos (38) studied Biology and then Palaeontology in Madrid. He completed his doctorate, a palaeobiological and morphological study of the bones of the foot in human evolution, in 2013, drawing on rich Ice Age finds from the Sierra de Atapuerca in northern Spain. Human bones up to 800,000 years old have been found there, as well as tools from various stages of human development.

“Adrián Pablos’ work opens up new perspectives for interpretation of how humans adapted in the Pleistocene,” says Professor Katerina Harvati of the Senckenberg Center for Human Evolution and Palaeoenvironment (HEP) at the University of Tübingen, adding that although little attention has been paid to foot bones, they provide a lot of information on human development.

The €5,000 Prize is sponsored by Romina Mineralbrunnen GmbH, Reutlingen, Germany, and is now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. It is the richest annual prize of its kind for archaeologists.

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