Dark Coloured Laminae Within Speleothems as an Indicator of the Prehistoric Man Activity: Case Study from Domica Cave (Slovakia), Preliminary Results

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The paper deals with the dark coloured laminae which occur within speleothems in Domica cave (Slovakia). The laminae are composed of charcoal particles and organic aromatic compounds. The components were formed during combustion of wood inside the cave. Thus, they are connected with the prehistoric man activity. It is in concordance with the earliest archaeological studies which proved that Domica was settled during Neolithic times. Uranium series dating the laminae are in progress.