# *Atelierele de prelucrat bijuterii din Cheile Turzii: Peştera Binder. Epoca cuprului / The Jewelry Workshop at Cheile Turzii: Cave Binder, Copper Age*

***Abstract:***

*Cheile Turzii is located in an area rich in several raw materials (salt, gold, copper, opal, alabaster and chalcedony) which have attracted the interest of several communities throughout prehistory. This article details the investigation of two sites among over 40 caves, grottos or under-rock shelters with archaeological traces in the area. In Peştera Ungurească, the remains of a workshop for making jewelry from various materials, including gold, was discovered in the Bodrogkeresztúr-Toarte Pastilate levels. The 2015-2016 campaigns in Peştera Binder unearthed another jewelry workshop that can be ascribed to Coţofeni culture, more exactly to the Coţofeni IC-IIA phases. Over 30 beads, of varied materials such as bone, marble, Spondylus and jasp, as well as microlithic tools (flint, obsidian and other stone) and copper tools were found, along with some small fragments of malachite, in hearths discovered on their borders and walking levels. Other ceramics related to the Zau, Petreşti or Bodrogkeresztúr-Toarte Pastilate cultures have also been found on the site, although these are related to older excavations and have been disturbed by amateur archaeologists.*

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