PYRAMID STATUS, WHAT IS A PYRAMID?

SUMMARY

General definitions
Prominent structures have the following titles:

- On one hand: Plateau, Mountain and Hill which define natural origins.
- On the other: Pyramid, Tumulus and Ziggurat which define manmade constructions.
- 3 years ago we added a third category which originally was natural then shaped or modified by human intervention; we called them pyramid hills.

This conference is about pyramids, global and local, especially the pyramid hills in Bosnia. They are pyramid hills which have a UNIQUE SCENARIO. To understand what are the local and global pyramid studies, I will explain the elementary bases on which we can study and judge a monument as being a pyramid or not.

Pyramid studies
Each of the local and global studies on pyramids warrants research in the academy and investigations in the field.

- The academic pyramid research, is the subjective branch of pyramid studies and determines:
  - Pyramids properties regarding: geometry, stability and orientation.
  - Terms for: pyramid identity, subjects to research and objects to investigate.
  - Pyramid concepts which are: monumental, historical and religious.

- The field investigation is the objective branch of pyramid studies and looks into the:
  - Geology of the pyramid site.
  - Archaeology of the pyramid complex.
  - Architecture of the buildings of the complex.

Judgment
Globally a prominent structure showing properties which satisfy the geometric meaning of the 3-dimensional shape of the Ancient Egyptian hieroglyph 𓀪𓀪 (pronounced “mr”); or in Greek the word “πυραμις”; and in Latin the word “pyramis”; and demonstrate stability adhering to the angle of repose and close orientation to any outstanding object; will define this structure as a pyramid.

The knowledge on this pyramid will need the subjective RESEARCH and the objective INVESTIGATIONS – I have just mentioned.

Key words: Pyramid properties, terms and concepts.