
These papers present examples of the application of aerial photography in Poland and some other European countries. The authors discuss several issues including the history of Polish aerial archaeology, the conditions of its usefulness in Polish archaeology, certain contemporary technological resources that increase the effectiveness of the information in the photographs, the complex problems of photointerpretation and the closely related question of how to archive them and make them available, the universal uses of photographs in conservation work and in research practice. Aerial photographs also allow to look at archaeology from a different perspective, thus they can be a good basis for re-conceptualisation of many fundamental problems, such as methods of cultural landscape studies.