PALEOROMA: A TERRITORIAL INFORMATIVE SYSTEM FOR THE PALAEONTOLOGICAL SITES OF THE PROVINCE OF ROMA.

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The main goal of PaleoRoma is to increase in a greater audience the knowledge of palaeontological deposits, school collections, museums, laboratories and research centers located on the territory. Some of them are (were) of outstanding scientific importance but unfortunately do not exist anymore. As an example, Saccopastore quarry can be choosen. This site was canceled by the urban expansion of Rome after II World despite the discovery from the fossilferous deposits of two skulls referable to archaic forms of Homo neandertalensis. Today such fossils are stored at the Museum of Anthropology at Sapienza University. At present PaleoRoma provides information and data on the Pleistocene sites of the Province of Rome, with an interactive map of localities, fossils, and other topic of interest.