Pliocene Lagomorpha and Rodentia from Węże I (Poland)

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Twenty three species of Lagomorpha and Rodentia from the Pliocene bone breccia from Węże 1 near Działoszyn are described and figured, among them the following are considered new: Pliosciuropterus n.gen., Sciurus warthae n.sp., Eutamias orlovi n.sp., Pliosciuropterus schaubi n.sp, and Steneofiber wenzensis n.sp. Moreover, Pliosciuropterus dehneli n.sp. from Węże 2 is described. The origin and age of the bone breccia from Węże 1 are discussed, palaeoecological and palaeoclimatic conclusions are drawn and the phylogenesis of some rodents described considered.

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