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Cover photo. The cave of Kanaan (Lebanon), 162 m long, was discovered in 1997 in a quarry site. It hosts a large panel of calcite formations, from cave pearls and helictites to thick flowstone and giant stalagmites of several meters height. The calcite formations date to late MIS 7, overlying a clay deposit 4 m thick. Kanaan cave (ca. 90 m asl) is a relict phreatic cave, formed by water draining to the Antelias River when the water table was at or above 90 m asl, much higher than the present water table (ca. 15 m asl). Photo: Georges El-Haibe, Association Libanaise d'Etudes Speleologiques - ALES (See the article by Nehme et al., pages 10-25, in this issue.)