



Symposium "Experimentelle Archäologie in Deutschland" in Bad Buchau (1996)

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At the end of October 1996, the yearly convention of the 'Arbeitsgruppe Experimentelle Archäologie' was held in the Federsee museum, Bad Buchau. There were lectures in different places at the same time, so choices had to be made.

Petra Schweitzer, student in Tübingen (D), focused on the importance of the documentation of the construction of 'new old houses';

Johannes Wiedmann (D) told about building a small house of the stone age (4.000 BC) next to the Federsee Museum;

The lecture of *Michael Strobel* (D) was about (re)constructing ovens dating to the south German Stone Age;

Rosemarie Leineweber (D) reported on the construction of a local-roman dug in house in Halle/Saale;

Andreas Willmy (D) told how law texts could be used to deduct information about the spatial layout inside houses in the early middle ages;

Horst Willma (D) gave a speech on the problems one encountered in Döppel (Berlin) when (re)constructing a medieval house in the village;

Christian Maise (D) of the University of Freiburg reported on an investigation to the wear of axis of four wheeled cars of the bronze age;

Clemens Eibner (D) from Heidelberg told about prehistoric ways of obtaining copper from ore;

Reinhard Links (D) from Schleswig mentioned flattening metal during gold- and silver smiting;

Bernd Lychatz (D) from Freiburg reported on the extraction of iron;

Hannes Herdits (A) gave a speech on the extraction of iron, the working of it and the welding together of different parts of iron;

Martin Trachsel (CH) had a story on a mobile melting- and casting oven from the Roman Period;

Wulf Hein (D) reported on building a Palaeolithic flute;

Both *Manfred Rösch* (D) as *H. Bauer* (D) gave a report on agricultural experiments;

Hans-Peter Stika (D) entertained the public with stories on experiments with brewing beer;

Johan Rechreiter (D) made ropes of lime bark;

Björn Schlenker (D) told about use wear traces on prehistoric tools of bone and antler;

The closing speech was of *Dieter Todtenhaupt* (D) in which he mentioned ten other lectures which he attended on two other occasions. Most of these were about obtaining pitch and tar (experimental and ethnographic research), the colouring and painting of clothes and obtaining salt in different ways.