



6. international exar-conference 2008, Oldenburg (G) 16th-19th October 2008

In cooperation with the Landesmuseum für Natur und Mensch in Oldenburg (G)

Central topic of the conference was "New experiments in archaeology".

Evening lecture at Thursday 16th October 2008:

Spartacus, Cleopatra and Gladiator: the myth of archaeology in movies.

Corinna Endlich

Conference program at Friday 17th October 2008:

Welcome

Mamoun Fansa, exar-president

A slash-and-burn-experiment in the Stone Age Park Albersdorf

Experiences and results

Rüdiger Kelm and Florian Kobbe

Experiments on reconstructing the bucket of Erkelenz-Kückhoven

Anne Reichert

Results of the longtime-experiment of late Neolithic / early Bronze Age house-reconstruction

Ulrike Braun and Kai Martens

News from Albersdorf - Living in a small village

About carrying water, grinding flour, twining nettles and others

Tosca Friedrich and Birte Meller

The construction of a LaTene period ritual site at the Museum for Prehistory in Asparn a. d. Zaya

An ideal model based on the feature of Roseldorf/Sandberg in Lower Austria

Wolfgang Lobisser

Prehispanic metallurgy at Northwestern Argentina. Archaeological record and experimental information

Geraldine Gluzman

Contributions on medieval built environment or experiences in building a rotunda.

Akos Nemcsics

After the lectures a guided tour followed of the special exhibition "The art of the early Christians in Syria. Signs, images and symbols from the 4th to 7th century".

Reception in the State Museum for Nature and Mankind.

Dirk Vorlauf (in the name of the old executive committee) spoke words of thanks to Mamoun Fansa.

Conference program at Saturday 18th October 2008:

New view at old graves. Experimental cremations and interdisciplinary evaluation

Rosemarie Leineweber

Cire perdue jewellery casting in the Florentine Codex

An experimental study

Raul Ybarra

Construction and sewing techniques in secular medieval garments

Katrin Kania

Methods of colouring black natural fibres

Sabine Ringenberg

Can the public be involved in experimental research?

Tine Schenck

Following the lecture program the sixth exar meeting of the members took place. Afterwards Mamoun Fansa gave a guided tour by the permanent exhibition of the museum.

Excursion am Sonntag, 19. Oktober 2008

The first station of the excursion led by Mamoun Fansa was the Pestruper hill grave field for about 4 km south of Wildeshausen in the district Oldenburg. This cemetery with over 500 grave hills with different size and form is considered to be the largest in its kind in northwest Europe. Based on the current information the hill grave field dates from the late Bronze Age till late Iron Age.

As a the second excursion destination the Megalith graves Kleinenkneten I and Kleinenkneten II was visited, both around 1 km southwest the Pestruper of grave field. Appropriate large stone graves belong to the late Stone Age Funnel Beaker Culture, to the phase of the first settling of Northwest Germany by field farmers and cattle breeders.

Finally the excursion led to the Megalith graves at Visbek in the district Oldenburg. By this likewise to the Funnel Beaker Culture belonging group of graves with the local names "Heidenopfertisch", "Brautwagen", "Visbeker Bräutigam" and "Kellersteine" could be visited. The "Visbeker Bräutigam" particularly left a lasting impression. This large stone grave was formerly surrounded by 170 small stones and stands with its extents of 104 m length and 8-9 m broad in the today's condition still monumentally.