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Tagung 1999 in Berlin

This year the 'Tagung', the international meeting for experimental archaeology in Germany, was held in Berlin. From several countries archaeologists were present. The essence of the congress were items of the Middle Ages. The lectures could be divided in categories, like metal, textile, house construction and -use, agriculture, transport, woodworking and chemical research.

A short review of the speakers and their subjects:

Dieter Todtenhaupt (D): Archaeology in the museum village Düppel;

Olaf Strutzberg (D): Experimental archaeology, documentation and the important link between experiment and archaeology (also in the field);

Ken Raven Hedegaard (DK): Computer simulations for bronze casting, how they can be used for explaining faults;

Reinhard Links (D): Making a necklace of silver in a Viking tradition;

Jørgen Lund (DK): Five experiments on iron melting with different way of injecting oxygen;

Gudrun Böttcher (D): Research of different techniques for making clothes and textiles;

Eva-Maria Pfarr (D): The process from wool till weaving on a traditional late mediaeval loom;

Roeland Paardekooper / Anneke Boonstra (NL): The building of a small medieval village in the prehistoric open-air museum Eindhoven, Netherlands;

Merete Essenbæk (DK): Research of spending the winter in an iron age house and reconstructing the climate in the house;

Rosemarie Leineweber (D): The reconstruction and destroy by fire of a house from the late-Roman period in eastern Germany;

Hubert Illig (D): Agriculture in the late Middle Ages using the three-course rotation;

Horst Fichtner (D): The construction of Slavic boats and their use;

Fabian Peise (D): The construction of a cup made of staves based on archaeological finds;

Nina Künzler (CH): The research for sodium and chloride in ceramics for the determination what a ceramic vessel was used for.

The lectures will be published in the sequence 'Experimentelle Archäologie in Deutschland', probably issued in 2001.