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## **INVITATION**

### **To the**

## **INTERNATIONAL ÖGUF-CONFERENCE 2010**

### **at the Naturhistorisches Museum in Vienna**

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Ur- und Frühgeschichte

ÖGUF-Arbeitskreis Experimentelle Archäologie

VIAS – Vienna Institute for Archaeological Science

Prähistorische Abteilung des Naturhistorischen Museums in Wien

EXAR – Europäische Vereinigung zur Förderung der Experimentellen Archäologie e.V.

EXARC – International organisation of Archaeological Open Air Museums and Experimental Archaeology

Dear Sirs / Madams!

Dear colleagues!

This year's **International ÖGUF Conference** will take place from **27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010** at the **Naturhistorisches Museum in Vienna** with the theme

### **Experimental Archaeology**

### **Theory – Practice – Science – Education**

Today, experimental archaeology can look back on a long tradition.

Occasional attempts at testing archaeological findings by putting them into practice were already being made in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Since the 1960s the construction of numerous open-air museums and experimental archaeological sites helped to spread this area of research throughout Europe.

The reconstruction and description of the genesis of finds and features is one of the core lines of approach in archaeological research. Experimental archaeology enables us to prove or disprove archaeological research findings. In raising targeted questions, new possibilities of interpretation can be suggested by mounting reproducible practical trials and experiments.

The focus of this conference will not only be placed on the various categories of material (metal, wood, bone, textiles, glass, pottery etc.), technological processes, craftsmanship and work sequences but a special emphasis will also be placed on socioarchaeological subjects such as the management of resources, organisational structures and societal interactions, which can only be explored by mounting long-term experiments.

Another main topic will be the advancement achieved in ongoing experiments ('work in progress').

The museum educational implementation of these results will also be discussed at the conference, since experimental archaeology and archaeotechnology can, like no other method of research, make archaeological research results easy to understand and accessible to the wider public.

Two excursions to visit the open-air museums in Asparn an der Zaya and in Schwarzenbach will be on offer for participants during the four-day event.

The aim of this year's ÖGUF Conference is to provide an overview of experimental archaeology by presenting new research results and to give younger colleagues the opportunity to put forward their insight gained in an adequate context.

The Austrian Society for Pre- and Protohistory (ÖGUF) constantly strives to facilitate international contacts and to actively support up-and-coming researchers and scientific discussion. A working scientific community is very important to the ÖGUF and special emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary collaboration.

**On behalf of the organisers I would like to invite you to give a presentation at this year's International ÖGUF Conference!**

The duration of the presentation should not exceed 20 (max. 25) minutes. The equipment provided consists of a video projector and a laptop computer. All you have to do is prepare a CD-ROM and/or a USB flash drive.

Please complete the form attached and return it (by email) **no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

The ÖGUF would be happy to assist in the booking of accommodation for participating speakers (please let us know your requirements).

Proposed conference schedule:

***Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010***

Start: either 10:00 am or 2:00 pm (depending on the number of presentations announced)

Presentations until 6:00/6:30 pm (keynote lecture in the evening)

***Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010***

8:30 am – 6:00 pm: Presentations / excursion to Schwarzenbach (evening reception)

***Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010***

8:30 am – 6:00 pm: Presentations / excursion to Asparn an der Zaya

***Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010***

8:30 am – 2:00 or 4:00 pm (depending on the number of presentations): Presentations and closing discussion

Detailed information about the reception, the keynote lecture and the excursion programme will be included in the daily schedule.

For the **abstracts brochure** a one or two page (max.) summary of the presentation (incl. a possible illustration) should be forwarded to me (by email please) by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.**

I would be delighted to welcome you to our International ÖGUF Conference in Vienna!

Yours sincerely

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