



CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear colleagues!

The Natural History Museum Vienna and the Federal Monuments Authority Austria would like to invite you to the conference

Sacred Places - Sacrifices - Feasts

La Tène cult practices in archaeological context

from

May 16 – 18, 2024

and request you to submit your papers and posters by November 20, 2023 using the attached form.

Approach and content of the conference

The impetus for this international conference is provided on the one hand by the **book presentation** on the many years of interdisciplinary rescue excavations and research in the Celtic cult area on the Perl-/Stadläckern on the **Frauenberg near Leibnitz/Styria** (authors: Georg Tiefengraber and Christoph Grill; with contributions by Michaela Popovtschak, Christa Frank and Norbert Vavra) as well as the results of 30 years of interdisciplinary **research** by Veronika Holzer and her research team on the sanctuaries on the **Sandberg in Roseldorf/Lower Austria**.

Within the framework of this international conference, the current status of research at the most diverse sites of La Tène cult and religious practice will be presented and discussed.

The focus is on the evidence, the reconstruction and the interpretation of different cult practices in the archaeological context, whereby similarities and differences of the individual manifestations are to be discussed.

In addition to archaeological research, there will be a significant emphasis on the interdisciplinary research of these sacred sites: in particular, specialist disciplines such as anthropology, archaeozoology and archaeobotany or various other scientific analysis on archaeological material etc. enable significant contributions to an interpretation approach that is as holistic as possible.



Information to the presentations

Registration: Please submit papers or posters including a brief summary (max. 200 words, English or German) to barbara.hirsch@nhm-wien.ac.at or veronika.holzer@nhm-wien.ac.at using the attached form.

Registration deadline for presentations is November 20, 2023

Papers: In addition to long papers (speaking time of **20 minutes**), we also offer the possibility of short papers with a speaking time of **10 minutes**. **Accepted languages** are English or German.

Poster: Contributions in the form of a poster presentation are also welcome, which can be discussed with the authors **in a separate time slot**.

Conference proceedings: A publication of the conference contributions is **planned**, details will be announced.

Organizational information to the conference

Date of the conference: May 16 – 18, 2024

Venue of the conference: Natural History Museum Vienna, Room 16, Burgring 7, 1010 Vienna

Host of the conference: Natural History Museum Vienna in cooperation with the Federal Monuments Authority Austria

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Preliminary framework program to the conference

On the evening of May 16, 2024, the **book presentation** on the interdisciplinary rescue excavations and research in the Celtic cult area on the Perl-/Stadläckern on Frauenberg near Leibnitz/Styria will take place.

After the book presentation, **Georg Tiefengraber** will give a **lecture** on his research on the Frauenberg. Special **guided tours** through the collections of the Natural History Museum Vienna are also offered as a supporting programme.