

Call for Papers

The annual meeting 2021 of DEGUWA e.V. on Underwater Archaeology

IN POSEIDONS' REALM XXVI

with the topic

Safety and Waterways

will be held in close cooperation with the

LVR-Archäologischer Park Xanten / LVR-RömerMuseum

from May 3, 2021 through May 10, 2021 in Xanten.

Under the Patronage of Ms. Ina Scharrenbach, Ministerin für Heimat, Kommunales, Bau und Gleichstellung des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen

Safety and Waterways

Ancient seafaring was risky with regard to safety of crew, ship and cargo as well as financial risks for shipowners and merchants. Not only storms and shallows at sea caused danger, but also pirates or enemy fleets should not be underestimated. For control purposes and securing border areas, inland waters like alongside the „*Wet Limes*“ were used. Besides safety aboard, guarding of seaways, maritime and limnic installations and also economic security, modern protection of cultural heritage under water shall be discussed. The conference ought to give an overview on the current state of research.

Reports on recent researches in other fields of nautical, underwater and wetland archaeology in general will also be appreciated.

Xanten and the UNESCO World Heritage

In 2021, the Lower German Limes (*Wet Limes*) shall be listed as UNESCO World Heritage. With its length of 400 km, it reached from Remagen to Katwijk at the North Sea and existed for more than 400 years. Alongside this river boundary, numerous watchtowers, forts, legionary camps, harbours and piers lined up.

On January 9, 2020, the joint motion of the Limes partners Netherlands, North Rhine Westphalia and Rhineland Palatinate was submitted to the World Heritage Center of the UNESCO in Paris.

One of the largest cities in the German provinces of the Roman Empire situated at the Lower German Limes was the *Colonia Ulpia Traiana*. Due to the river Rhine as a main artery, the *Colonia* spread over an area of approximately 73 hectares during its cultural heyday in the 2nd and 3rd century A.D. Large public buildings such as the city wall, temples, baths and the amphitheatre fundamentally embellished the townscape of the young *Colonia*.

North of the alps, Colonia Ulpia Traiana is the only larger Roman city which was hardly overbuilt since antiquity. Its remains are quite near to the surface and offer the unique possibility of researching a whole Roman city. Therefore, Xanten is a research center of international importance.

Several longstanding excavations and researches, large buildings have been reconstructed in genuine scale and in original places. Today, they form the Archaeological Park Xanten (APX) with thermae, amphitheatre, city wall and harbour temple.

In the LVR-RömerMuseum, the exhibition shows a fascinating walk through Xantens' Roman history which goes back 400 years. Theme pavilions as well as exhibition areas offer immersing insights into the Roman world. A nearby shipyard is dedicated to reconstruction and replication of Roman riverboats. Besides four already finished boats, currently the *Quintus Tricensimanus*, a replica of a Late Roman *Lusoria*, is under well advanced construction.

You are kindly invited to send your application for a lecture or a poster appointing the title as well as your abstract up to 250 words (incl. two images) to:

mail@deguwa.org

Please send your application until: 31. October 2020.

The contributions to the conference will be published in SKYLLIS, journal for maritime and limnic archaeology and cultural history.

Detailed information regarding the academic programme, the extensive accompanying programme, the locations, accommodation etc. will follow during November 2020.

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