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Call for Papers

Archaeological Metal Finds – from excavation to exhibition

Conference to be held in Mannheim from October 12th to 13th 2006
Organised by the Archaeological Objects working group in the "Verband der Restauratoren" and the Reiss-Engelhorn-Museums Mannheim

The conference will focus on archaeological metal finds as one of the most valuable sources of information in archaeology..

Metal finds, often being in a poor condition as well as coming in vast quantities, represent a great challenge to the conservator/restorer who has to find appropriate ways of preserving them for future generations. As methods employed to achieve this are constantly evolving, it would be worthwhile getting together for a review

The conference aims to bring together a diverse group of professionals including conservators/restorers, excavation technicians, archaeologists and natural/conservation scientists. The goal is to establish a stronger link between conservation practice and archaeometrical investigation.

The subjects are:

- Dealing with metal finds on site
- Intermediate and long-term storage, packaging
- Dealing with vast quantities of finds
- Conservation, chloride extraction
- Restoration, removal of corrosion crusts
- Limits in conservation/restoration
- Composite objects
- Long-term experience with conservation/restoration methods and storage systems
- Archaeometric investigation
- Exhibitions, public engagement in conservation

We invite papers which either deal with the theoretical background or report on practical solutions. Contributions can either be presented as papers or as posters. Paper presentations should not exceed 20 minutes. Short presentations of 5-10 minutes are also welcome. The conference will be held in German and English (no simultaneous translation planned).

We would like to invite you to contribute to our conference with your experience and special knowledge. Contributions by students or short reports by professionals on their experience with different methods and materials would be most welcome.

Please send your abstract of c. 250 words together with your details and a brief outline of your professional background by 9th April 2006 to the address given above.

See also: Call for Papers and registration form for papers/posters: <http://www.restauratoren.de>