

Dear member,

next year the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Archäologie des Mittelalters und der Neuzeit** (DGAMN) will organize a joint international conference together with its two sister organisations from Switzerland (SAM – **Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Archäologie des Mittelalters und der Neuzeit**) and Austria (ÖGM – **Österreichische Gesellschaft für Mittelalterarchäologie**). Our aim is to tighten and improve the traditionally good ties of these organisations – or better of their members.

The topic we have chosen is „**The Constructed Landscape: Features and Findings of Anthropogenic Modification of Terrain**”.

Humans often used the natural terrain and planned buildings or infrastructural features with regard to given structures, but sometimes the plans or aims did not allow this. A result are sometimes massive changes of landscape, with use of immense material and human resources. Archaeological excavations therefore include evidence of drainage, levelling, raising (of streets), landfill, terracing, bank reinforcement, embankments, diversion of streams, building of channels, flood barriers, dykes, new layout of streets etc.

These can be found in rural areas as well as in towns, castles or monasteries and can start in the early and high middle age, but seem to increase during late medieval and post medieval times in numbers and in volume. We are looking for lectures dealing with these aspects, which could focus on examples as well as syntheses, discussing reasons or causes or the applied methods. It would be worthy to ask for the used resources, for the initiator and executor, or to have a look on effectivity and expedience of the measures.

The conference will take place in Ulm (Baden-Württemberg) from 15th – 17th of May 2019, which will make a lovely setting with its historical old town and Ulm minster with the tallest bell tower of the world.

We expect **proposals for lectures** of either 10min (plus 5min discussion) or 20min (plus 10min discussion) or for posters (Din A 1) up to **30th November 2018** to Prof. Dr. Ralph Röber (roeber@konstanz.alm-blw.de), Archäologisches Landesmuseum Baden-Württemberg, Benediktinerplatz 5, 78467 Konstanz, or every other member of the board.

For details of conference fee and booking please check the German version.
Please do not hesitate to ask, if you have any question concerning our conference.

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