

AUSTRIAN-TURKISH ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT IN JAUNSTEIN/CARINTHIA

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(Vienna, July 17, 2018) – A joint project entirely financed through donations is being carried out by the association »Together for Europe – Austrian-Turkish Collaboration« (OeTZ) and the Austrian Archaeological Institute (OeAI) of the OeAW and connects Turkish and Austrian institutions in the area of archaeology. For the first time in the 125-years of joint archaeological history Turkish students are participating in a field school in Austria. As part of this international internship the participants have the opportunity to learn more about the methods of excavating a burial ground and also to get to know Austria.

Turkish students at field school in Carinthia

European archaeology looks back on a tradition of over 150 years of engagement in Turkey. This becomes visible in particular in the long-term license excavations. Today, these mainly view themselves as international research platforms with considerable participation of Turkish institutions, particularly of universities. Lothar Fischmann, vice president of the association »Together for Europe – Austrian-Turkish Collaboration« (OeTZ): »The inclusion of Turkish institutions outside of Turkey, however, has been lacking so far. Therefore, we are starting this new type of project together with the Austrian Archaeological Institute (OeAI) of the OeAW. For the first time in the 125 years of joint archaeological history Turkish students have been invited to participate in a field school in Austria.«

Over the course of a three-week stay in July 2018 Turkish together with Austrian students will participate in the excavations in the church of St. John the Baptist and the associated cemetery at the foot of the Hemmaberg in Jaunstein and will be better acquainted with the methods of excavation of church architecture and human remains. The excavations in Jaunstein are being carried out by the OeAI in collaboration with the Landesmuseum Carinthia and the University of Vienna, Department for Prehistory and Historical Archaeology and Department for Anthropology (field school). The OeAI specialists for architecture and architectural contexts (Helmut Schwaiger) and for anthropology (Michaela Binder) are in charge of the work. The Turkish project partner is the Ankara Universitesi under the direction of Prof. Musa Kadioğlu. We would like to thank Schoellconsult, Vienna for the financial support.

Research connects

The project provides the Turkish students with the opportunity to complete an international archaeological internship and to work directly with Austrian colleagues. On weekend trips the Turkish students will be able to get to know Austria better and visit other important archaeological sites, such as the Magdalensberg or Teurnia.

Sabine Ladstätter, director of the OeAI: »There is a need in Turkey particularly in the excavation of burial grounds. Therefore, it is our goal to introduce the students to the method of anthropological excavation. Ultimately, we would like to strengthen the relations between Austrian and Turkish institutions and thus demonstrate that despite political tensions the cooperation still works extremely well on a scientific and personal level.«

The OeAI-excavations in Jaunstein

More information about the excavation in Jaunstein is available at www.oeai.at

Photo credits

Image 1: Church of St. John the Baptist in Jaunstein (Photo: OeAW-OeAI/Michaela Binder)

Image 2: Arrival of the Turkish students at Vienna (Photo: OeAW-OeAI/Niki Gail)



An interview by Lothar Fischmann (OeTZ) with Sabine Ladstätter is available on our [YouTube channel](#).

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