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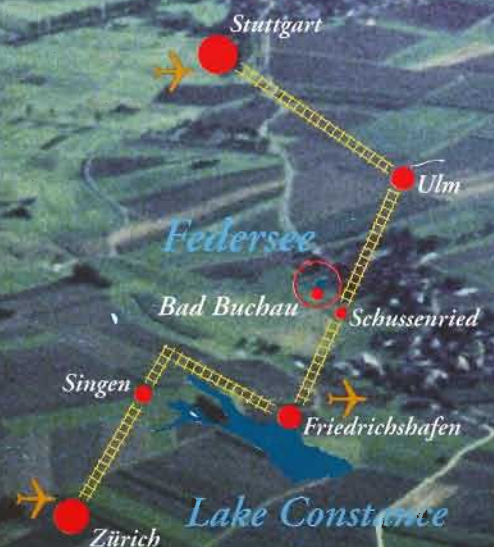
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The Federseemuseum Bad Buchau, the National Museum of Denmark and the Landesdenkmalamt Baden-Württemberg are organizing a two-day symposium followed by two excursions in the northern Alpine Foreland and around the Federsee (EU-life project).

The theme of the Symposium will be:

Economic and Environmental changes during the 4th and 3rd millenium BC

During this time period many economic and technical innovations were successful in whole Europe. This is reflected in numerous new research results achieved by bioarchaeological methods, as for example changes in the crop spectrum and the appearance of new domestic animals. Numerous archaeological finds of wooden wheels and trackways date from the 4th and 3rd millenium BC, several indications show the systematic use of the ard. Were these changes due to environmental events or probably triggered off by them?

New research results from the circum-Alpine area will be presented during the Symposium and we hope for many interesting contributions from other parts of Europe.

Conference languages are English and German.

Social programmes include a reception in the historical “Mirror hall” of the monastery of Bad Buchau, a conference dinner in the Federsee Museum, a visit of the running excavations of the Neolithic wetland site Torwiesen II (dated 3280 BC), an evening excursion to the Federsee and two separat field-trips.

Field-trip 1 (Saturday 4th September 2004) “Landscapes and Archaeology around the Danube” leads from the younger moraine landscape through the older moraine region to the Swabian Alb and to the upper Danube. We are going to visit several museums and running excavations (Palaeolithic camp-site Schussenquelle, reindeer hunting station), Palaeolithic cave-sites in Blaubeuren (Geißenklösterle, Hohlefels), Iron Age settlements and “Fürstensitz” Heuneburg, Roman Museum in Mengen. This one-day trip also includes a visit of the impressive baroque church of Steinhausen (decorative stucco ceiling with plenty of flowers, animals and insects, take binoculars with you!).

Field-trip 2 (Sunday 5th September 2004) “Archaeology, Nature Conservation and Public Relation”. Presentation of the EU-life project in the basin of the Federsee. Visiting the NABU-Center for Nature Conservation, the Archaeological Bog Education Path and the Archaeological Open Air Museum, explanations by the management of the Museum.

The Federsee is one of the largest silted up lakes in South-western Germany. The former lake and its surroundings is one of the most popular places of wetland archaeology. Since 1875 more than 20 sites have been excavated. Important pioneers in Palynology and Plant Macrofossil Analysis worked here (Firbas, Bertsch, Körber-Grohne). Dendrochronology was first applied to archaeological material (Huber). Interdisciplinary archaeological research is active again since 1979. Various biotops with rare plants and animals still exist today in the unique surroundings of the lake. Archaeology and Nature conservation work hand in hand to preserve the area. There is lots to see and discover. Bad Buchau is also a good starting point to visit the Iceman in Bozen (Northern Italy, ca. 300 km). In 2004 four special exhibitions concerning the 150-year celebration of wetland archaeology (Pfahlbauarchäologie) in Germany and Switzerland will be shown in Unteruhldingen, Konstanz, Frauenfeld and Zürich (between 60 and 100 km away from Bad Buchau).

How to reach Bad Buchau

Airports: Stuttgart or Friedrichshafen. Trains from Stuttgart and Friedrichshafen to Bad Schussenried. We will organize a bus-shuttle from Schussenried to Bad Buchau. For those who want to leave back home after field-trip 1, there is the possibility to be dropped at Ulm Central train station.

Bad Buchau is a cosy small historical town. Accomodations and conference places can be reached by foot.

Conference fees will be

Employed: EUR 47 , Unwaged and Students: EUR 32, Conference dinner (incl. beverages): EUR 27, field-trip 1: EUR 27, field-trip 2: EUR 10, Accomodations between: EUR 10 and 35 per night and person.