

Swiss International Summer School for Alpine Archaeology (SISA) in Muotathal (SZ), 2024: Part 5

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An archaeological subalpine landscape through the millennia

2nd to 7th September 2024

Base: Hüttenhotel Husky Lodge, Muotathal (Canton SZ)

Programme

M 2.9.2024 Individual arrival of participants until 5:15pm

6pm: Apéro and welcome

7:30pm: Presentation Rouven Turck³: "Introduction"

7:45pm: Presentation Urs Leuzinger¹/Walter Imhof²: "Archaeological

research in Muotatal"

8:15pm: Presentation Antoinette Goujon^{4:} "Interdisciplinary investigations

of human remains from the Canton of Schwyz"

Tu 3.9.2024 Excursion I

Familiarisation with the area under the guidance of Walter Imhof² und Urs Leuzinger¹. Prehistoric rock shelters (Flözerbändli and Berglibalm), deserted medieval sites (Gruebi, Sahli-Abri with deserted site), mule track, early modern era lime kiln, water-cooled milk house, landscape, geology. Late afternoon: guided tour of Hölloch cave.

W 4.9.2024 Fieldwork I

Group 1: Exploratory excavation (1×1 m) in Flözerbändli West under the direction of Urs Leuzinger¹, digging and documenting with the simplest means, aim: are there Mesolithic layers under the Bronze Age hearths?

Group 2: uncovering and documenting the modern era lime kiln under the direction of Walter Imhof²/Jochen Reinhart⁵, SfM surveys, taking samples for dating and fire material. If necessary, documentation of the water-cooled milk house.

Th 5.9.2024 Fieldwork II

Group 1: Exploratory excavation (1×1 m) in Flözerbändli West under the direction of Urs Leuzinger¹, digging and documenting with the simplest means, aim: are there Mesolithic layers under the Bronze Age hearths?

Group 2: uncovering and documenting the modern era lime kiln under the direction of Walter Imhof²/Jochen Reinhart⁵, SfM surveys, taking samples for dating and fire material. If necessary, documentation of the water-cooled milk house.

Group 3: Palynological drilling on Glattalp, led by Jean Nicolas Haas⁶

F 6.9.2024 Morning: Workshop/Presentations

8:30am: Presentation Donat Fulda⁷: Geology/raw materials in Muotathal, ca. 45'

9:30am: Presentation Ursula Wierer⁸: "Mesolithic research in the southern Alpine region," ca. 45'

10:30am: Coffee break

10:45am: Presentation Thomas Bachnetzer⁹: "The use of the Alpine region in Tirol," ca. 45'

11:45am: Presentation Jean Nicolas Haas⁶: "Palaeoethnobotanical research in the Alpine region," ca. 45'

Afternoon: Excursion II

14:30pm: Guided tour of the Museum of the Swiss Charters of Confederation, the State Archive Depot and the Ital Reding Estate, Martina Kälin¹⁰, Ralf Jacober¹⁰ und Valentin Kessler¹⁰

Social Dinner

Sa 7.9.2024: Individual departure of participants

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- ⁷Donat Fulda, ETH Zurich, Department of Earth Sciences (CH)
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