



IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTHOS  
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Press Release

## In the Footsteps of the Romans – „Victoria“ as a Guest at Bonn

**Bonn 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

The “Victoria” is now making a stop where the Romans once sailed their ships: the Roman warship, part of the exhibition project “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle” can be seen this weekend at Bonn. The full-scale reconstruction of a ship from around 100 AD will be moored at the Alter Zoll (Brassert-Ufer, near the Koblenzer Tor).

The exhibition project “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle”, in co-operation with the Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik and the Rheinisches Landesmuseum Bonn has brought the “Victoria” to the city on the Rhine. Together they are having the four ton ship bring something of Roman history to life. On Friday school classes can view the 16 meter long and almost three meter wide wooden ship. Boat builders and specialists in ancient history from the University of Hamburg will provide information on the building of the highly manoeuvrable river ship, that using its sails and oars, reaches the considerable speed of six knots (about eleven kph). The ship, whose original was presumably used as a patrol boat, is extremely manoeuvrable too: the “Victoria” can turn on its axis in less than 30 seconds.

On Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. the order will be heard “Cast off and to the oars” – this will be at the Beueler Rheinufer near the Rheinaustrasse. The “Victoria” will go on trips on the Rhine with visitors on board. The route which was originally planned along the Brassert Ufer and which is given in the printed programme has had to be changed for reasons of safety.

On land, too, everything has to do with the Romans this weekend – on Saturday and Sunday the Roman group Cohors XXVI Vol. C.R. will be showing the equipment and everyday life of Roman troops. Visitors of all ages can try their hands at archery at the Alter Zoll. Of course they can also eat as the Romans did:

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at the Biergarten Alter Zoll there is wild boar and ox-beef meat from the charcoal grill, various Roman antipasti, alcohol-free fig cocktails and much more. In addition to extensive information on the building and deployment of the “Victoria” the visitors to the Brassert-Ufer will be provided with information on everything to do with the exhibition project “IMPERIUM CONFLICT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle”, the framework for the building of the ship. The ambitious co-operative venture of the Varus Battle of the year 9 AD, also known as the “Battle in the Teutoburg Forest”. From May to October 2009 world-class exhibitions at three original locations, Haltern am See (IMPERIUM), Kalkriese (CONFLICT) and Detmold (MYTH) will examine different facets of the historic event – this with the aid of exhibits of world standing. The co-operative project is sponsored in trans-regional co-operation between the Landesverband Westfalen Lippe (LWL), the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – as well as the Landesverband Lippe and the Kreis Lippe.

**For further information on the “Victoria” and photographs, which can be downloaded:** [www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de](http://www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de).

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