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Press Release

Experiencing History at First Hand Roman Ship "Victoria" at Minden

Minden, 25th September 2008

"Victoria" is making a stop at Minden: the Roman ship, part of the exhibition project "IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle" will be anchored in the Weser at the Tränke gateway to the town from 26th to 28th September. On Friday school classes which have made bookings will be able to get to know the ship and its crew. On Friday from 3 pm to 5 pm the order will then ring out "Cast off and to the oars".

The approximately four ton ship will go for trips on the Weser with members of the public on board. At the hour visitors can sail with the "Romans" and row to their hearts' content. In all 20 oarsmen and women will then move the 16 metre long and almost three metre wide ship. Information on the trips to be made by the ship is available from Minden Marketing GmbH (Tel.: 0571-8290659), who have brought the ship to the Weser on the occasion of the opening of the newly styled gateway to the town.

On land, too, a varied programme awaits visitors. On Friday at 7.30 pm the captain of the "Victoria", Gerrit Wagener, will be reporting on the building and testing of the full-scale reconstruction of a ship from around 100 AD. On Saturday from 2 pm 600 roses will turn the new Tränke gateway to the town for a time into a "tunnel of fragrance". An hour later the band of the Voluntary Fire Service Wietersheim-Lateln and the Bessel-Big-Band will provide musical entertainment. From 6 pm "The LULU WHITE's Saloon Orchestra" will inaugurate the newly styled gateway on the Weser with jazz from the twenties before Mayor Michael Buhre officially opens it at 7.30 pm. From 8 pm Bernd Lafrenz will be presenting "Love, Desire and Passion – The World, Minden and Shakespeare" in the Open Air Theater, historical sequences – not to be taken too seriously – from Roman times to the Battle of Minden in 1759 and today.

"The LULU WHITE's Saloon Orchestra" ends the Saturday evening. Three local groups of shanty singers invite visitors to take a journey into the world of sailors and seafarers. At the Tränke there will be rollmops, smoked mackerels and sprats, which at one time were caught in the Weser.

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On all the event's days visitors' questions to do with the building and functioning of the "Victoria" will be answered in the information tent of the exhibition project "IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle". The ship was built in the framework of the exhibition project and completed after 15 months building in March 2008 in Hamburg-Harburg. The "Victoria" has been on her travels since May of this year on the waterways which were used by the Romans: Ems, Elbe, Rhine, Weser and Lippe. The extensive co-operative exhibition project, which will focus public attention once again on the Varus Battle of 9 AD, also known as the "Battle in the Teutoburg Forest", From May to October 2009 first-class exhibitions at three original locations, Haltern am See (IMPERIUM), Kalkriese (CONFLICT) and Detmold (MYTH) will spot-light different facets of the historic event with world-class exhibits. The exhibition project is supported by trans-regional co-operation between the Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL), the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – and the Landschaftsverband Lippe and the Kreis Lippe.

Further information on the "Victoria" and photographs are available for downloading under www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de

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