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History You Can Touch Roman Ship “Victoria” a Guest at Rheine

Rheine, 9th July 2008

The “Victoria” is now making a stop where once the Romans sailed their ships: the Roman warship, part of the exhibition project “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle”, can be seen this weekend at Rheine. The full-scale reconstruction is moored in the Ems from 11th-13th July 2008. Visitors can view the 16 metre long and almost three metre wide wooden ship. On Saturday and Sunday many of Rheine’s townspeople will “put their backs into it” – they can then experience at first hand something of Roman history at the oars of the “Victoria” between the Ems meadows and the Ems Tribune.

Beforehand the ship, reconstructed by specialists in ancient history from the University of Hamburg will, however, be gathering its experiences on the Ems: 20 oarsmen will be rowing the ship, weighing almost four tons, along the river from Lingen to Rheine. This stretch, almost 40 kilometres in length, will take the ship through Hanekenfähr, Emsbüren and Salzbergen from 9th-11th July.

At the weekend Rheine is firmly in the hands of the Romans and the Germanic tribes: camps, one Roman, the other Germanic, one either side of the Ems will be awaiting visitors as well as the “Victoria”, which will be sailing in the heart of the town and taking visitors on trips. Extensive information will be available at the Ems Tribune on the building of the Roman ship as well as on the exhibition project “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle”, within the framework of which the “Victoria” was built. In 2009 three exhibitions at three original sites in Haltern am See (IMPERIUM), Kalkriese (CONFLICT) and Detmold (MYTH) will be dealing with the historic event of the year 9 AD, also known as the “Battle in the Teutoburg Forest”. With the aid of exhibits of world standing, the Varus Battle and its consequences will be examined from different perspectives and European awareness focussed once again on this event. The co-operation project is sponsored in trans-regional cooperation between the Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL), the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker

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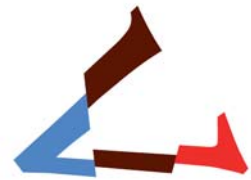
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Land GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – as well as the Landesverband Lippe and Kreis Lippe.

The exhibition "IMPERIUM" in the Seestadthalle in Westphalian Haltern am See will be dealing with the Roman Empire at the height of its power. "We want to show art and culture, war, peace and propaganda at the time of Augustus", comments the Head of the LWL-Römermuseum, Dr. Rudolf Asskamp. Parallel to this stages in the life of the Roman commander who was defeated in the battle and gave his name to it – Publius Quintilius Varus – will be seen.

The Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – ("CONFLICT") will be presenting the scientific results from more than two decades of research into the history event. Managing Director Dr. Joseph Rottmann: "The latest findings of archaeology and the complementary sciences will be our focus." The subject will be presented fully, too, from the perspective of the Germanic peoples.

The Lippisches Landesmuseum Detmold is dedicating its exhibition to the myth around Arminius, the Germanic tribesmen and the Varus Battle. "We will be looking at the Germanic cultures of the period and showing how a myth developed out of the historical events of the Varus Battle and its protagonists which has shaped German and European history decisively in the last five hundred years", comments Dr. Elke Treude, Deputy Head of the Museum and curator of the exhibition "MYTH".

For information on the exhibition project and on the places to be visited by the "Victoria": www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de

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