

14th Archaeological Conference of Central Germany, 7th to 9th October 2021 in Halle (Saale)

**»Crossing boundaries. Mounted nomads in Central Europe,
their eastern roots and connections«**

Call for Posters

At least since the Bronze Age, mounted people from the Eurasian steppe have repeatedly entered Central Europe. In doing so, they brought their social structures as well as cultural patterns with them and had a considerable impact on local societies. In many cases, their incursions determined the course of European history. »Crossing boundaries. Mounted nomads in Central Europe, their eastern roots and connections« will be the title of this year's 14th Archaeological Conference of Central Germany which will be dedicated to this topic. It will take place from the 7th to the 9th of October 2021, in Halle (Saale). We plan to present and discuss the newest evidence from historical, archaeological, and archeogenetic research on migration and acculturation processes. Moreover, this interdisciplinary and international conference will be linked to the exhibition »Equestrian nomads in early Medieval Europe«, projected to be on view from March 2022 in the Schallaburg International Exhibition Centre in Lower Austria. It will be shown from November 2022 onwards in the State Museum of Prehistory in Halle.

Committed to this approach, the 14th Archeological Conference of Central Germany 2021 will be devoted to various types of »border crossings« between cultural entities or societies with equestrian nomadic roots in Central Europe and the Eurasian steppe. The posters we will invite should focus, for example, on:

- the cultural entanglements of equestrian nomadic peoples with neighboring entities and their means of communication;
- their cultural convergences with neighboring societies;
- political and cultural change in nomadic equestrian societies as a reaction to changing political frameworks or to concentrations of power;
- the question of whether their far-reaching connections within Eastern Europe and Central Asia reflect a situation of »communicating vessels« or were merely the result of sporadic contacts.

Due to the corona-related pandemic situation, which cannot yet be assessed for October, on-site participation in the conference cannot be guaranteed. We therefore ask that you inform yourself about the possibilities at www.landesmuseum-vorgeschichte.de/mda14.

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