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– 40 Years –

UNESCO World-Heritage Site Mustair Abbey

**International Workshop »Preservation-Research-Imparting«**

**26. – 28./29.10.2023**

Starting from Münstair, this international workshop addresses the problems of the medieval monastic UNESCO World Heritage on different levels. The event is designed as a three-part workshop on the topics of research – mediation/preservation – restoration/management – tourism.

The focus is particularly on the early and high medieval UNESCO sites in Switzerland and Germany such as St. Gallen, Lorsch, Corvey, Aachen, Reichenau, Maulbronn, Bern, as well as the World Heritage Sites gathered in the Associazione Italia Langobardorum, including Cividale, Brescia, Spoleto and Castelseprio. A total of circa 50 participants will take part.

Through this international exchange we expect stimulating sections with a debate on the various structural and local challenges, combined with a gain in knowledge in an international context.

The sections are organized as round tables with short key notes and respondents. The conference language is English.



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## PROGRAM

### THURSDAY 26.10.

Arrival/Rooming in

19:00 Possibility for dinner (not invited) at Hotel Helvetia

### FRIDAY 27.10.

from 9:15 Registration (Conference office Chasa Selm)

10:00–11:30 special guided tours for the conference participants

11:45–13:00 Lunch break

#### **13:30 Welcome/Introduction**

Walter Anderau, President, Foundation Pro Abbey St. John, Müstair

Thomas Zeltner President Swiss UNESCO Commission, Bern

Bernd Nicolai, Center of Competence SAVAIR, Müstair

Opening Lecture Oliver Martin, Head of the Section Building Culture, Fed. Dept. of Culture  
*The UNESCO-Label: Blessing or Curse?*

#### **14:00–16:30 Section I Challenges: Management of medieval UNESCO-Sites: Tourism and Marketing – Added Value and Overexploitation**

Co-Chair:

Friederike Hansell, UNESCO representative, Foreign Office, Berlin

Oliver Martin, Head of the Section Building Culture, Fed. Dept. of Culture, Bern

Inputs:

Friederike Hansell, UNESCO Coordinator, Foreign Office, Berlin

Barbara Fath, Palafitte UNESCO Sites, Basel

Andrea Calzascia, WHES Switzerland, Bern

Ulrike Laible, Site-Manager Reichenau Abbey

Respondents:

Annika Pröbe, Site-Manager Corvey Abbey

Patrick Cassitti, Foundation Pro Abbey St. John, Müstair

Jean-Daniel Gross, Head of Monument Preservation, Bern

15:00–15:30 Coffee break I

Continuation of Section I

#### **17:00 40 Years UNESCO Label for Mustair Monastery Ceremonial Act in the Abbey Church**

19:30 Dinner for participants and guests

**SATURDAY 28.10.**

**9:00–11:45 Section II Requirements:  
Preservation-Conservation-Restoration**

Chair:

Stefan Wülfert, President of Federal Commission for Monument Preservation

Inputs:

Jan Richarz, Site-Manager, Cathedral Lodge Aachen

Patrick Cassitti, Head of Research, Foundation Pro Abby St. John, Müstair

Caterina Leandri, Restorer, Foundation Pro Abbey St. John, Müstair

Holger Kempkens, Director Episcopal Museum, Paderborn

Respondents:

Stefan Wülfert, President of the Federal Commission for Monument Preservation, Bern

Simon Berger, Head of Monument Preservation Canton Grisons, Chur

Rufino Emmenegger, Chief restorer, Foundation Pro Abbey St. John, Müstair

10:30–11:00 Coffee break II

Continuation of Section II

12:00–13:45 Lunch break

**14:00–16:30 Section III Transmission:  
Research and Imparting**

Co-Chair:

Bernd Nicolai, SAVAIR Müstair/Pierre-Alain Mariaux, Chair Art History Univ. of Neuchâtel

Inputs:

Kristina Krüger, Archaeological Office of Canton Grisons, Chur

Francesca Morandini, Cons. Arch. Coll. Brescia

Luca Villa, Head of Research Cividale Longobarda

Hermann Schefers, Site Manager Lorsch Abbey

Respondents:

Benedetta Chiesi, Funzionario storico dell'arte Palazzo Arese-Litta, Milan

Elke Larcher, Museum Collegiate Precinct St. Gallen

Caroline Raither-Schärli, Member of the Scientific Board, Müstair, Basel

Thomas Reitmaier, Head of the Archaeological Office of Canton Grisons, Chur

Patrick Cassitti, Head of research, Foundation Pro Abbey St. John, Müstair

15:15–15:45 Coffee break III

Continuation of section III

**17:00 Official Opening of the Center of Competence SAVAIR at Chasa Selm  
End of the conference**

19:00 Possibility for dinner (non invited)

**Departure direction to Zurich, either 16:23 or 17:23**

**SUNDAY 29.10.**

**Departure alternatively, e.g. 12:23/13:23 from Müstair, Clostra San Jon**

In the morning occasion for a guided tour to St. Benedict in Mals/Malles  
departure Müstair, Clostra San Jon, 8:22