



## Dear colleagues and friends!

We would like to invite you to the first workshop „Historical Wood Utilization“ to be held in Austria, Stuebing, Styria, (close to Graz) from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.

The workshop will take place at the “Austrian Open Air Museum – Stuebing”, which is the biggest of its kind in Austria and is representing original buildings and all related inventory from all over Austria ([www.stuebing.at](http://www.stuebing.at)).

### Background:

In 2008, we set up a network called “Historical Wood Utilization” in Austria. Various scientific fields are involved within this network. Furthermore we started the project “Historical Wood Utilization in Austria” in September 2010 which is funded by the Austrian Science Foundation. Within this project we are analysing wooden goods (buildings, furniture, tools, machines and so on) in different Austrian museums. Currently we start working in Stuebing. As we are working at Bronze Age sites, too, there is no restriction of time within “history”.

We started some discussions with colleagues after the WorldDendro conference in June 2010 and decided to combine this workshop with EuroDendro 2011 (19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of September in Engelberg, Switzerland; [www.dendro.ch/eurodendro2011](http://www.dendro.ch/eurodendro2011)). If the group keeps small, we can offer a common transport from Vienna to Engelberg, Engelberg to Stuebing, Stuebing to Vienna using mini-buses.

### Goal:

The goal is to set up a scientific community dealing with “Historical Wood Utilization”. We hope that scientists of various disciplines will have interest on such a forum (like the network in Austria).

There are many open questions, which have to be discussed, for example:

- What questions and analyses do exist within “Historical Wood Utilization”?
- How can we foster the communication and discussion across the different disciplines?
- How can we bring together all available “case studies” for common analyses?
- Where can we publish our results (to be recognized in different scientific fields)?
- How can we link to handicraft-men (experimental archaeology)?



**Structure of the workshop:**

The workshop should give the opportunity to discuss open questions. We propose just two or three talks. The participants should have the possibility to present their results through posters. Due to the small group, there will be a good possibility to present and discuss the posters in detail. The main part will be dedicated to discussions.

**Tentative program:**

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>: Afternoon: Arrival, Dinner, Presentation of the Museum

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>: whole day: Meeting, 2 – 3 talks, Posters, Discussions (maybe in groups)

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>: Morning: Closing discussions

On Sunday, the biggest event of the museum – the “Adventure day” – will take place. Hundreds of volunteers together with employees of the museum will present traditional working methods and handcraft. As 2011 is the “International Year of Forests”, – there will be a special exhibition dealing with forest- and wood utilization. We will have the opportunity to attend this event. Moreover, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of September is the European Day of Monuments. In Austria, this day is also dedicated to “Wood”.

Sunday, afternoon: Trip back to Vienna (railway station or airport)

**Costs:**

We will try to keep the costs as low as possible. The organisation will be done by ourselves – so that the costs will be assured to be low. We can fix the costs as soon we know the number of participants (to find accommodation, travel and so on).

**More information:**

You can find the information about the workshop and the network at: [www.holzverwendung.at](http://www.holzverwendung.at). All news will be published there.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to send an e-mail to: [michael.grabner@boku.ac.at](mailto:michael.grabner@boku.ac.at)

We hope you will decide to register; even if the costs are not yet fixed.

We would kindly ask you to fill in the form (attached in the e-mail) and send it back to us ([michael.grabner@boku.ac.at](mailto:michael.grabner@boku.ac.at)) as soon as possible - prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

Hope to see you  
Michael Grabner and Team