

Flint Knapping Symposium May 29 – June 1, 2019 archeoParc Val Senales, Italy

The thirteenth edition of the Flint Knapping Symposium will take place this year. The practical annual conference in training and continuing education is dedicated to professionals in the field of flint knapping. The program will take place from May 29 to June 1, 2019 at the archeoParc in Val Senales valley, with work sessions planned as well as excursions to the surrounding area. One excursion is scheduled to the Val di Non area, another to the site of the discovery of the Iceman.

The participants, from various countries, will exchange practical experience and theoretical knowledge on the art of lithic reduction, on the identification of raw materials that are suitable for chipping, and on the chipping techniques. The working days will be accompanied by a series of mini-events associated with the conference, including a dinner with typical local products from Val Senales valley.

The schedule for the final day of the conference includes practical demonstrations on flint knapping. These will be conducted by participants in the conference and are open to the public.

General Information

- **Organization and coordination:** Wulf Hein (Germany), Johanna Niederkofler (archeoParc)
- **Conference languages:** English, German and Italian
- **Target groups:** Professionals and hobbyists in flint knapping and museum workers
- **Accommodations:** Accommodations may be reserved at the Hotel Adlerness (www.adlerness.com/en) in Madonna di Senales, 200 m from the site of the conference or at the farm Oberauhof (1 km, www.oberauhof.com)
For reservations at other lodging establishments, please consult the website www.merano-suedtirol.it/en/schnalstal-valley
For those who may prefer alternative accommodations, there are sites available for recreational vehicles or tents at the CaravanPark in Maso Corto (12 km, www.caravanpark-senales.com) or Waldcamping at Naturno (15 km, www.waldcamping.com).
- **Costs: Participation in the conference is free.** The cost of bed and breakfast at the Hotel Adlerness is 67 euros per night (per person in a double room) or 82 euros per night (in a single room). *Early bird price for those who register by March 15: 62 euros (per person in a double room) and 77 euros (in a single room).* At Oberauhof farm bed and breakfast will cost you 25 to 30 euros per night (per person in a double room) and 40 to 55 euros per night (in a single room). *Early bird price for those who register by March 15: 24 to 28 euros (per person in a double room) and 38-52 euros (in a single room).*
- For the costs of the accompanying events see page 2.
- A **Certificate of Participation** will be issued upon request at the end of the conference.
- **Arrival, departure, travel:** to be arranged individually by the participants themselves.
- **Enrollment:** All that is necessary to enroll is to send an e-mail to info@archeoparc.it by **May 20**. *Early bird registration deadline: March 15.*
- **Conference site and information office:** archeoParc Val Senales, Madonna di Senales 163, I-39020 Senales, Italy, +39 0473 676 020, info@archeoparc.it



Speakers and Guides (in alphabetical order)

- **Luca Bezzi**, archeologist, Cles, Trento, Italy: *guide for the Val di Non excursion*
- **Robert Ciatti**, mountain guide, San Martino, Italy: *guide for the tour to the discovery site of the Iceman*
- **Ernst Gamper, Eric Wellenzohn and Johanna Niederkofler**, archeoParc: *Beyond Vision: The Museum to Touch. The archeoParc Val Senales.*
- **Wulf Hein**, archeotechnologist and tester of ancient technologies, Dorn Assenheim, Germany: *coordinator of the working sessions*

Working Sessions and Demonstrations to the Public

- In the working sessions, participants will meet with each other to exchange practical experience and theoretical knowledge on the art of flint knapping, bringing with them their own materials and tools. They will work together and discuss the identification of raw materials as well as the various chipping techniques. The working sessions will be held in an area not accessible to the public in the outdoor area of the archeoParc Val Senales.
- The schedule for the final day of the conference includes demonstrations to the public on stone chipping methods by participants in the conference.

Excursions and Accompanying Events

- **Aperitif and outdoor barbecue** with typical music of the Val Senales in the outdoor area of the archeoParc. Dinner will be provided by the Museum Association of the Val Senales.
- **Excursion to Val di Non (approx. 70 euros):** An unforgettable day discovering the deposits of Val di Non flint, raw material used by the Iceman, accompanied by a local guide. Wine tasting. *Reservations are required.*
- **Guided tour to the discovery site of Ötzi the Iceman (100 euros):** The excursion conducted by an expert is extremely varied and interesting, both for those who love the mountains because of the breathtaking landscape and for those interested in history and archeology. The undisputed highpoint of this excursion on the glacier will without a doubt be the visit to the discovery site of Ötzi the Iceman at an elevation of 3,210 m with a fascinating view of the north face of the Similaun (3,524 m). Requirements and conditions for participation: ↑1,900 m, ↓1,900 m, seven to eight hours of hiking, very good physical condition. Alpine mountaineering experience not necessary. *Reservations are required.*
- **Dinner at a typical cozy farm restaurant (approx. 25 euros):** The Val Senales is known above all else for two traditional dishes: *Schepsernes* (lamb stew) and *Schneemilch* (a dessert of the “poor folk” made from dried bread, whipped cream, milk, raisins, and pine nuts). Optional: half hour walk to the place. *Reservations are required.*
- **Visit to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology (free admission for conference participants)** kindly offered by the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology. You are welcome during all conference days. Just show your conference badge at the admission counter.



Preliminary Program
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Wednesday, May 29

	Arrivals
[4:00 P.M.]	Visit to the Val Senales [Meeting point: archeoParc Entrance]
7:00 P.M.	Aperitif to open the conference [archeoParc, outdoor area] Greeting by the mayor and president of the Museum Association of the Val Senales and opening speech by the organizing committee. <i>Karl Josef Rainer, mayor of the community of Schnals, Italy</i> <i>Wulf Hein, archeotechnologist and tester of ancient technologies, Germany</i> <i>Sonja Santer and Johanna Niederkofler, archeoParc</i>
8:00 P.M.	Dinner [on your on]

Thursday, May 30

[6:30 A.M.]	Guided tour to the discovery site of Ötzi [meeting point: archeoParc entrance] by reservation!
	<i>Robert Ciatti, mountain guide, San Martino, Italy</i>
10:00	Beginning of work, morning session [archeoParc, outdoor area] <i>Wulf Hein, archeotechnologist and tester of ancient technologies, Germany</i>
[12:30 P.M.]	Lunch and break [on your own]
3:00 P.M.	Resumption of work from the morning session [archeoParc, outdoor area]
5:30 P.M.	End of work
[6:30 P.N.]	Dinner with local products [meeting point: archeoParc Entrance] by reservation!

Friday, May 31

9:30 A.M.]	Excursion to Val di Non [meeting point: archeoParc Entrance] by reservation!
	<i>Luca Bezzi, archeologist, Cles, Trento, Italy</i>

Saturday, June 1



9:00 A.M. Beyond Vision: The Museum to Touch. The archeoParc of the Val Senales.
[meeting point: archeoParc admissions counter]

Guided tour along the route of the permanent exhibition and in the park with a presentation of the annual program and the educational activities.

Johanna Niederkofler, Ernst Gamper, and Eric Wellenzohn, archeoParc

11:00 A.M. Work sessions with demonstrations to the public [archeoParc, outdoor area]

[12:30 P.M.] Lunch and break [on your own]

3:00 P.M. Resumption of work from the morning session [archeoParc, outdoor area]

5:00 P.M. End of work for the conference

6:00 P.M. Aperitif and outdoor barbecue with typical music around the fireplace offered by the Museum Association of the Val Senales [archeoParc, outdoor area]

Sunday, June 2

Departures

Visit to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano*, where Ötzi may be seen [on your own]

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