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Research Project

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Chatting with Antiquity

Inscriptiones Antiquae

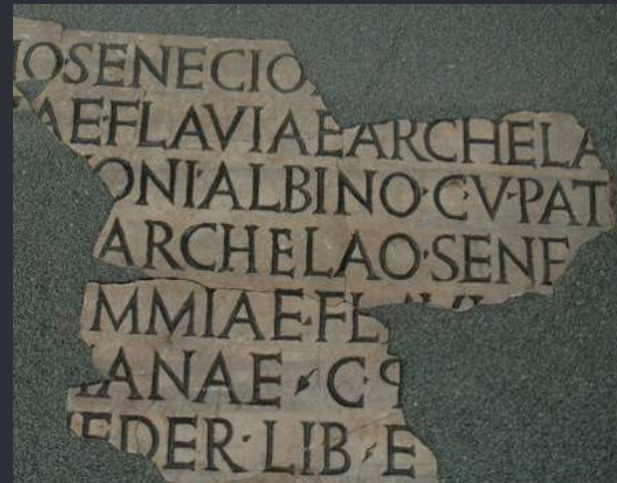
Scientific and didactic treatment and editing
of the largest collection of inscriptions from
Rome in Austria

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Basic Information about Sparkling Science

Sparkling Science is a research program of the Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF) which started in 2007 and adopts an unconventional way in the promotion of young scientists that is unique in Europe.

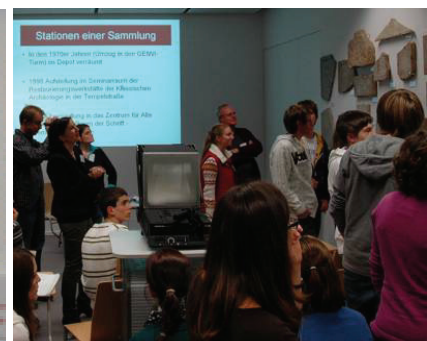
The specific characteristic of the program: so far 168* projects (94 of them have already been completed) scientists work side by side with young people in current scientific research projects: Sparkling Science supports big research projects and supported from 2007 until 2010 also smaller school research projects.

In the 114 big research projects (42 have already been completed) the young colleagues take an active part and work independently on parts of the research projects. As junior colleagues they introduce important suggestions into the research approach. They collaborate in the conception and conducting of investigations, conduct polls, collect data, interpret these together with the researchers and present the results at schools, universities and even at scientific conferences.

In a second initiative within the Sparkling Science program the BMWF awarded grants to smaller projects that were submitted and conducted not by the involved research institutions, but by the schools, who designed and lead the projects themselves. In these projects, too, schoolchildren worked closely together with researchers, supporting state-of-the-art research activities and contributing to the results.

Both sides of the program is/were open to a broad thematic spectrum. Research is carried out on all sorts of different topics: from mechatronics and molecular biology to migration research, from acoustics and biometrics to literature research.

* Status quo: January 2012



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Chatting with Antiquity – Inscriptiones Antiquae

At the end of the 19th century, Rudolf von Scala, professor of the Ancient History in Innsbruck, founded the largest collection of inscriptions from Rome in Austria. This collection is unique in its extent and of significant importance for the scientific community. In collaboration with three schools in Innsbruck the Department of Ancient History and Ancient Oriental Studies at the University of Innsbruck will open it for scientific research and lecturing as well as for teaching and for everybody interested in that subject.

At first the scholars will acquire basics of epigraphy in teamwork with researchers and teachers. Together they will create a translation of the original inscriptions including a commentary. The inscriptions will be arranged in topical order and embedded in their historical and cultural context.

Additionally, the scholars will develop a specific database for the inscriptions including translation and commentary. For publishing the results in a didactical journal they have to take responsibility for the layout. The journal will offer basic materials for lecturing and teaching as well as for scientific analysis of the inscriptions. The experience of the scholars in dealing with original inscriptions will help to create a didactic model for communicating Latin epigraphy.





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