



## HiMAT

### HISTORY OF MINING IN THE TYROL AND ADJACENT AREAS - IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & HUMAN SOCIETIES



**2<sup>nd</sup> Milestone Meeting of the Special Research Program**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Schwaz, Tyrol, Austria**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> CIRCULAR / CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

For many years the complex field of mining has been keeping scientists of manifold disciplines interested, and the outcomes of their research activities have already greatly contributed to the understanding of prehistoric and medieval metal mining in general, and of the central role of copper in particular. Especially the well-known eastern Alpine copper ore deposits have been subject to scientific research, but still the state of knowledge is fragmentary.

To foster new, multidisciplinary research in this field and to integrate prior approaches, the Special Research Program (Spezialforschungsbereich, SFB) HiMAT has recently been established: The members and affiliates of HiMAT seek to gain more knowledge on mining in the Alps and in Europe under the roof of the SFB: researchers in history, linguistics, ethnology, archaeology, metallurgy, mineralogy, archaeobotany, archaeozoology, dendrochronology and geoinformation are striving to evaluate the conditions that precede and permit mining, its mutual interactions with human societies, and also the impact that it has on surrounding and remote ecosystems.

Now, HiMAT will present and discuss the first results of their conjoint efforts. We invite researchers from all fields and faculties to share knowledge and experiences in early, pre-modern and modern stone, copper and silver mining at this 2<sup>nd</sup> Milestone Meeting (MM2) on November 2<sup>nd</sup> till 5<sup>th</sup> 2007, held in the town of Schwaz, once known as the “mother of all mines” (*aller perckhwerck muater*). The symposium is divided into three sessions focused on a certain topic:

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| <b>Friday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 14:00-18:00</b>   | <b>„Impact of medieval copper and silver mining on the environment“</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 09:00-16:00</b> | <b>„Socio-economic and cultural consequences of medieval, pre-modern and modern copper and silver mining, with an emphasis on settlement activities and structure“</b> |
| <b>Sunday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 09:00-18:00</b>   | <b>„Prehistoric mining in alpine habitats, with an emphasis on stone and copper mining“</b>  |

For Monday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, an excursion to the mining area of Schwaz is offered (see submission form)

Further details will be given out in the Second Circular  
and on our project web site <http://himat.uibk.ac.at/>

The official languages for the meeting are German and English. Contributions in either language will be accepted in oral form (15 mins each + 5 mins of discussion) or as posters. We kindly request all contributors to submit the abstracts of their upcoming presentations **till the 1<sup>st</sup> of September latest** to the HiMAT coordination office (address: see below). The page limit is max. 300 words or one A4 page.

The time-frame of the symposium is only sufficient for roughly 40 oral presentations. Thus, given a high frequency of submissions, the organizers reserve their option to change, after consultation with the authors, certain presentations into posters.

Please use the attached form for your submissions, and send it to the HiMAT coordination office  
([a.heiss.himat@uibk.ac.at](mailto:a.heiss.himat@uibk.ac.at)) before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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