

Conference, 18th and 19th August 2023

The Gold Treasure of Ebreichsdorf -

Prehistoric Gold Finds in the 2nd and 1st Millennium BC in Europe

In August 2023, the Late Bronze Age gold treasure from Ebreichsdorf, Lower Austria will be officially donated to the Natural History Museum Vienna and thus made permanently accessible to the public.

The gold treasure, comprising some objects, was discovered in the Late Bronze Age settlement (1300–800 BC) of Ebreichsdorf during archaeological excavations carried out by Novetus GmbH in 2019 and 2020 prior to the extension of the Pottendorfer line of the ÖBB (Austrian Federal Railways).

An international and interdisciplinary team of experts analyze some aspects to their production, processing, and cultural importance of the gold treasure. The results of these analyses will be presented for the first time at the conference. In order to place the prehistoric gold finds from Ebreichsdorf into a wider context, contributions by international expert colleagues are invited to shed light on the material culture of the 2nd and 1st millennium BC in Europe, especially relating to gold artefacts regarding aspects such as typology, trade and networks, raw material origin or production details.

On August 18, 2023, the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) will celebrate the donation of the gold treasure to the Natural History Museum Vienna. The ceremony will further include the presentation of a book on the Ebreichsdorf gold find wills.

Date of the conference: Friday 18th and Saturday 19th August 2023

Venue: Natural History Museum Vienna

Host of the conference: Natural History Museum Vienna, in cooperation with the Federal

Monuments Office, the University of Vienna and Novetus GmbH

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Ahead of the conference, the **Federal Monuments Office** hosts their **annual expert round table** on the topic "Finds – Reports – Treasures. Archaeological preservation of monuments in the pandemic years" at Mauerbach, Lower Austria on Thursday, **17**th **August 2023**.

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