



# Sanctuaries and Ritual Practices in the Metal Ages

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**FRIDAY,  
26 September 2025**

**9:00-9:10 Welcome**

**09:10 - 10:30 Thematic session**

- 09:10 - 09:30 *Bronze Age pit deposits in the Southeastern Alps – Coincidence or ritual?*  
Florian Mauthner
- 09:30 - 09:50 *Collective rituals among the Celtic peoples of southwestern Iberia*  
Luis Berrocal-Rangel, Lucía Ruano Posada, Iratxe Boneta Jiménez, Pablo Paniego Díaz
- 09:50 - 10:10 *A pan-European perspective on the use of glass in votive practices*  
Robert Martin
- 10:10 - 10:30 *Excavation of a Chalcolithic open-air cult site with sculpted stelae at Tirinkatar, Armenia*  
Pavol Hnila, Alessandra Gilibert, Arsen Bobokhyan

**10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00 - 12:40 Thematic session**

- 11:00 - 11:20 *Insel im Nirgendwo. Ein Ort für Opferungen und die Sonderbehandlung von Verstorbenen*  
Franz Schopper, Deborah Schulz
- 11:20 - 11:40 *Höhensiedlungen und sakrale Landschaften in der irischen Spätbronzezeit*  
Dirk Brandherm, Linda Bouteille
- 11:40 - 12:00 *Water, power and sacred space: The rise of the sanctuary phenomenon in Late Bronze Age Sardinia*  
Fabio Nieddu
- 12:00 - 12:20 *Protohistoric sanctuaries and exchange networks: metal and prestige goods along an inland axis of Central-Eastern Sardinia*  
Giovanna Fundoni, Anna Depalmas, Matteo Pischedda
- 12:20 - 12:40 *Begića Glavica – Late Bronze and Early Iron Age sanctuary in central Bosnia*  
Mario Gavranovic, Ajla Sejfuli, Irene Maria Petschko, Nicole Mittermair

**12:40 - 14:20 Lunch**

*Wirtshaus Bierbaron*  
Heinrichstraße 65, 8010 Graz

**FRIDAY,  
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**14:20 - 15:40 Thematic session**

- 14:20 - 14:40 *Le sanctuaire de la Cime de Tournerie une architecture dédiée aux banquets (IVe s.- IIe s. avant notre ère)*  
Franck Suméra
- 14:40 - 15:00 *Iron Age funerary landscapes in southwestern Iberia: The case of the Middle Zújar*  
Lucía Ruano Posada, Pablo Paniego Díaz, Iratxe Boneta Jiménez
- 15:00 - 15:20 *The Mediterraneanisation of cults in Carpetania. Late Iron Age sanctuaries and necropolises in the Middle Tagus Valley*  
Pablo Sánchez de Oro
- 15:20 - 15:40 *Nouvelles recherches inédites dans l'arrière-pays palermitain : les tombes préhistoriques sur la rivière Belice près de Roccamena*  
Angelo Vintaloro

**15:40 - 16:00 General session**

- 15:40 - 16:00 *The dynamics of Bronze Age upland settlements in Ireland and Northern Britain: results in Northern Britain to date*  
Cherie Edwards

**16:00 - 16:20 Conclusion**

**17:00 - 18:00 Annual General Meeting Metal Ages Commission**

**19:00 - 20:00 Public evening lecture**

*The La Tène sanctuaries of Roseldorf (Lower Austria) and Frauenberg (Styria) – From graveyards to tribal places of worship*

Georg Tiefengraber, Dept. of Prehistory, NHM Vienna

**20:00 - 21:00 Buffet reception**

**SATURDAY,  
27 September 2025**

**10:00 - 12:00 Visit to the Archaeological Museum - Schloss Eggenberg**

Eggenberger Allee 95, 8020 Graz

**12:00 - 13:30 Lunch**

*Restaurant Rudolf*  
Eggenberger Allee 91, 8020 Graz

**13:30 - 17:30 Fieldtrip - Burgstallkogel**

**17:30 - 20:00 Refreshments**

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