



EXCAVATION 2009

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Aims 2009

In the season of 2009, investigations continued at the backside of the «West-Palast» and at the mudbrick terrace. The goal was to establish the date and function of building A 7 and its predecessor A 9.

Reinvestigations on the northern façade of the «West-Palast» revealed the structures of round building 4. The ongoing excavations on the northern slope exposed round building 5.

Excavations at the «Nordost-Palast» were aimed at providing more information about the extent of the Neo-Assyrian building. New trenches were opened where four Hellenistic levels (C04a-C04d), resting directly upon the remains of the Assyrian walls, were discovered.

This season, investigations at the so-called «Stadttempel», which had begun in 2008, continued and another area of excavation (Area G) was opened in the north-eastern part of the lower town. Its primary concern is the investigation of the stratigraphy of the lower town.

Special Studies

We would like to thank Dr. James Lankton (London/England), who determined the material of selected objects made of frit, fayence, glas and glazed pottery from Tell Halaf as part of his research.

TEAM 2009

Area A

Dr. Lutz Martin (Vorderasiatisches Museum Berlin)
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Raphaella Heitmann, M.A. (Vorderasiatisches Museum Berlin)
Helen Gries, student (Universität Mainz)
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Area B

Dr. Jörg Becker (Universität Halle)
Markus Königsdörfer, M.A. (Universität Halle)
Gerlinde Bigga, M.A. (Universität Tübingen)
Huzaifa Zakariya, student (University of Damascus)

Area C

PD Dr. Mirko Novák (Universität Tübingen)
Samer Abdel Ghafour (Department of Antiquities Damascus)
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Alexander Sollee, student (Universität München)

Maram Diab (Department of Antiquities Damascus)
Yasin al-Kader, student (Ras el-Ain)
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Area E

Prof. Dr. Winfried Orthmann (Mandelbachtal)
David Kertai, M.A. (Universität Heidelberg)
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Area G

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Local Workforce

120 workers from Tell Halaf

Guests

Again, we were happy to welcome many visitors to our dig and to explain our newest results to them.

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