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CALL FOR PAPERS

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Vienna World Fair of 1873 in 2023, the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, in cooperation with the research society Egypt & Austria will organise an international symposium under the title of

Egypt and the Orient at the Vienna World Fair of 1873

June 1st – 3rd 2023, Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, Bassanosaal

Among the preserved relics of the Vienna World Fair are the colourful murals in the galleries of the Egyptian and Near Eastern collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum. These images, painted on cardboard, originate from the replica of the Egyptian Middle Kingdom tomb of Khnumhotep II in Beni Hassan, which was created especially for the Egyptian buildings' assembly at the Vienna World Fair. Much later, the painted cardboards were used to decorate several galleries of the Egyptian and Near Eastern collection of the newly built Imperial Art History Museum (Kunsthistorisches Museum). To mark the 150th anniversary of their creation, a publication on the Egyptian murals will be published and presented at the conference.

Possible topics of the symposium:

We welcome historical, cultural or art historical contributions to the topic of **Egypt and the Orient at the Vienna World Fair 1873**. "The Egyptian buildings' assembly" shall be the leading subject, but all subjects with thematic affinity are equally welcome. These include e.g. parallels from other exhibitions or the diachronic analysis of certain issues. Also welcome will be papers about organisation, course, framework programme,

aftermath, artistic developments, involved persons, political or social implications of the Vienna World Fair of 1873 etc.

It is planned to organise the symposium in two parts. One part will comprise lectures that focus directly on issues of the Vienna World Fair, followed by a second part of lectures dealing with subjects with thematic affinities to all aspects of the presentation of Egypt and Oriental countries at the Vienna World Fair in a broader sense.

The conference will be structured by papers of 20 minutes and 10 minutes discussion on each paper. The conference languages will be English and German.

Please kindly submit a paper until **February 28th 2023** to egyptandaustria@gmail.com or office@egyptandaustria.at

Please include the author's name, the title of your paper as well as an abstract of 200 words maximum and five keywords maximum. Notification of acceptance will be sent by March 31st 2023.

Admission to the symposium is free. Listeners are very welcome. For reasons of organisation, listeners are also requested to register until **May 15th 2023**.

Listeners will need a valid entrance ticket to the museum; admission for lecturers as well as for members of the Egypt & Austria research society will be free during the symposium.

Dr. Ernst Czerny

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