



Whose archaeological site is it?

**A case study of the public's
implication in the caretaking and
opening of archaeological sites in
Switzerland**

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What is an association and why is it important?

Characteristics:

- Voluntary participation.
- Equal rights for all members.
- Common objective(s). There is always an idea or project behind an association
- Existence of statutes as legal basis, defining the *modus vivendi*.
- Simple organisation usually based on a committee and the members.

There are more than 100'000 associations in Switzerland for a total of 8,42 million inhabitants.

Associative engagement in Europe

	Mitgliedschaft in mindestens 1 NPO	Teilnahme an den Veranstaltungen von mindestens 1 NPO	Spende für mindestens 1 NPO	Aktivität für mindestens 1 NPO
Hohes Niveau	>75% Schweden Norwegen Dänemark Finnland Niederlande Luxemburg Schweiz	>40% Schweden Norwegen Dänemark Deutschland, Schweiz Frankreich Grossbritannien Niederlande Belgien	>40% Schweden Norwegen Niederlande Schweiz	>30% Schweden Norwegen
Mittleres Niveau	51 – 75% Deutschland Frankreich Belgien Grossbritannien Irland Österreich Slowenien	31 – 40% Finnland Österreich Irland	31 – 40% Dänemark Deutschland Österreich Grossbritannien Irland Slowenien	21 – 30% Dänemark Niederlande Belgien Deutschland, Schweiz Grossbritannien
Niedriges Niveau	26 – 50% Italien Spanien Portugal Ungarn	21 – 30% Luxemburg Slowenien Italien Spanien	21 – 30% Belgien Frankreich	11 – 20% Finnland, Irland Österreich Frankreich Luxemburg Slowenien
Geringes Niveau	< 26% Polen Griechenland	< 21% Ungarn Polen Portugal Griechenland	< 21% Finnland Luxemburg Ungarn Polen Spanien Portugal Italien Griechenland	< 11% Ungarn Polen Spanien Portugal Italien Griechenland

<http://www.vmi.ch/content/upload/Fakten zum Dritten Sektor/Zivilgesellschaftliches Engagement in Europa.jpg>

Pros and contras of associations

Pros
Commitment
Common values
Democratic decisions
They occupy spaces that are not taken in account by the authorities
Non-profit (escapes economy)
Simple organisational form allows quick action
Have possibilities to ensure financing private entities or institutions do not have
Instrument of socialisation
Networking between like-minded people
Management learning

Contras
No secured financing other than membership fees
Myth that being amateurs equals incapacity/lack of knowledge
Difficult collaboration between professionals and non-professional volunteers
No official control of finances (for the non-inscribed smaller associations)
Continuity is difficult to ensure (generation change)
Democratic decisions may also have negative consequences

A quick history of associative life in Switzerland in archaeology

1742: Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Deutsche Sprache in Basel: first society to support local historical research in Switzerland (Augusta Raurica)

19th century – 30'000 societies exist in Switzerland. From 1820 onwards a plethora of associations and societies take charge of the «preservation» and «research» of archaeological sites

1907: drafting of the Swiss Civil Code and redefinition of the role of associations defending historical sciences and archaeology

Different forms of archaeological associations

Umbrella associations and societies (Archäologie Schweiz; Burgenverein...)

Professional associations (AGUS; ARS; SAM ...)

Associations related to archaeological sites (Pro Aventico; Freunde Augusta Raurica; Fenis Hasenburg ...)

Associations based on themes related to archaeology (ArchaeoTourism; Gletterens; Kantonale Zirkel für Ur-und Frühgeschichte ...)

Associations related to archaeological sites

- Support of site or site museum management (Pro Aventico)
- Helping with conservation and restoration (Pro Fenis Hasenburg)
- Prospection and landscape recognition (Historische Vereinigung Seetal und Umgebung)

Pro Aventico



Agenda

APÉRITIFS DU SAMEDI

La saison 2018/2019 des
Apéritifs du Samedi
se poursuit le
16 mars 2019
à 11h
à la salle de la paroisse catholique
(Av. Jomini 8)
par une conférence de Marie-
France Meylan Krause, archéologue
et ancienne directrice du SMRA :
"Magique ou sorcier ? Ou comment
les Romains conjuraient le mauvais
sort"

Programme 2018/2019



Personnes privées

Institutions

Passionnés de tous horizons

Sympathisants

Habitants d'Avenches

Archéologues

Représentants politiques

Représentants économiques

Sociétariat

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« Avenchois d'origine, jeune déjà, j'écoutais les récits des anciens sur les découvertes romaines à Avenches. Maintenant, j'ai eu l'occasion de visiter de nombreux sites romains à l'étranger. Ceci avec beaucoup d'intérêt. Avec les conférences-apéritifs du musée, j'approfondis avec grand plaisir mes connaissances. Pour le futur, j'appuie grandement le projet d'un nouveau musée moderne, ce qui est URGENT pour montrer les richesses de nos collections. Les musées de Lyon ou Vienne sont superbes, mais on peut faire aussi bien avec nos moyens et à notre échelle. Félicitations pour le travail accompli jusqu'à ce jour. »

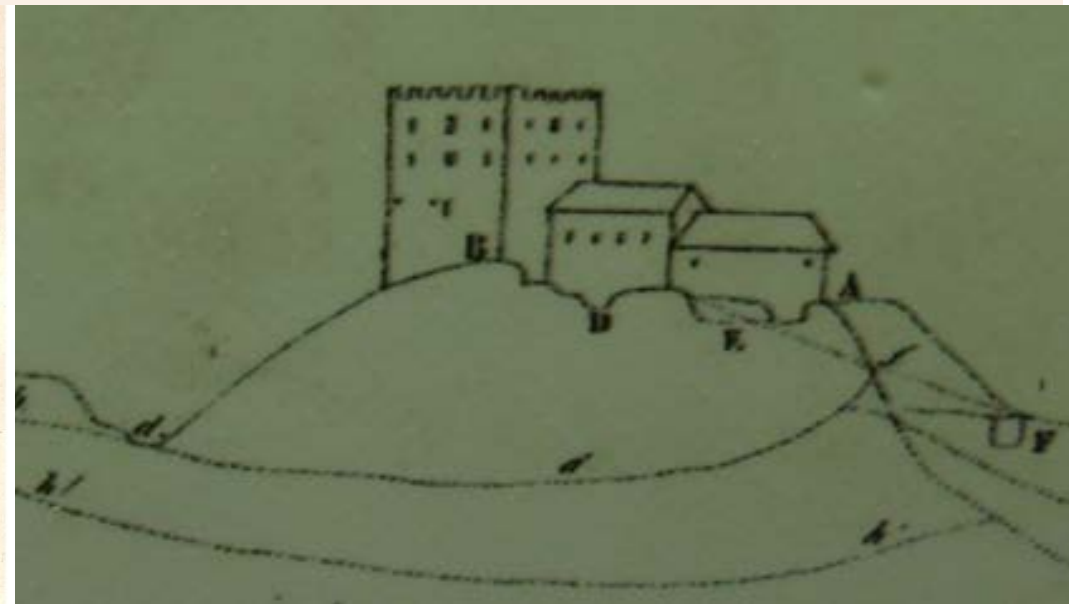
P. F., Cudrefin, membre depuis 1995

ARCHAEOCONCEPT

Pro Fenis Hasenburg



Reste der Burgruine Jenis, zwischen Jns und Erlach, aufgenommen 1907.



Historische Vereinigung Seetal und Umgebung



Associations based on themes related to archaeology

- Developing solutions (ArchaeoTourism)
- Presentation to the public through experimentation (Village Lacustre de Gletterens)

ArchaeoTourism



Village lacustre de Gletterens



Conclusions

- Associations are important partners for the conservation and presentation of the sites
- They present an essential link with the local population, as well as with economic and political circles
- They have ways to find financing public institutions or private companies do not have

Conclusions

- Associations are getting older, and have problems renewing members.
- The associations are now at a turning point because of a stronger individualism of the population and the development of new communication methods.
- Associations have to adapt to these new criteria. The ways of working have to change.
- Networking may be one part of the solution.