

Invitation

to the

24th Meeting of the *German Working Group Clay Pipes*

(1st Circular)

The *German working group Clay Pipes* is delighted to invite you to its next meeting from 28th of April to 1st of May 2011 in Stralsund, Germany. We follow the kind joint invitations of the Kulturhistorisches Museum, the Historic Site Preservation Board of the Hansestadt Stralsund and the State Office for the Preservation of Culture and Historical Monuments Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. We cordially invite archaeologists, anthropologists, cultural historians, students, researchers and collectors of pipes and other smoking utensils to join the meeting.

The increasing study of modern archaeology in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern which results in many finds of clay pipes and in various recent publications is a good scientific fundament for this meeting, which will partly focus on research done in coastal regions, finds in shipwrecks and other marine aspects. Presentations on any other aspects of the research on clay pipes, new finds and other subjects of tobacco history are welcome as well. You are also invited to bring along your recent clay pipe finds for discussion and of course your questions.

Just to give you some information about the program besides the presentations: The meeting starts on Thursday, where you have the possibility to take part in the opening of the exhibition „More than blue smoke – special clay pipe finds from Stralsund and other towns in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern“ at 5 p. m. in the Kulturhistorisches Museum (Mönchstr. 25–27). Afterwards we will meet in „Hanse Keller“ (Mönchstr. 46) for a first informal get-together.

On the following evenings we want to make our traditional dinners. In connection with that you will have an opportunity to informally discuss research results, to view recent finds and to take a look at new literature from your colleagues. On Friday we will have a ship-tour at the harbour in Strelasund with a dinner on board, the price of this will be included in the meeting fee. The dinner on Saturday will take place in „Fishermann`s“ in the northern harbour-area. On Saturday afternoon we will have a guided tour through the historic city of Stralsund as well as the Kulturhistorisches Museum and the museum-house in Mönchstraße 38.

We invite you to bring new literature on clay pipe research and modern archaeology with you for selling and swap; we will provide a central place in the meeting-rooms to present the books.

The meeting is scheduled to end on Sunday afternoon.

Please let us know definitely until the **28th of February**, if you wish to take part in the meeting. Send the registration form via post or e-mail to the following address:

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We would like to ask you to pay the fee for the meeting at the time of your registration. Thus you make sure that the booking is binding. Participants are kindly asked to pay **40 €**, students and those giving presentations will only have to pay **25 €**. The fee includes the harbour-tour and the dinner on Friday. To avoid unnecessary bank charges, we can permit participants from outside of Germany to pay in cash upon their arrival in Stralsund.

All payments should be addressed to:

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Sparkasse Ingolstadt, Konto 50519388, BLZ 721 500 00
Please mention the reference „Tagung 2011“
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Participants are asked to arrange their own accommodation. Please make sure to book early because Stralsund is a touristic place that is well visited, even in springtime.

The inviting institutions, the local organizer Gunnar Möller and the Chairman of the *German Working Group Clay Pipes* Ralf Kluttig-Altman are looking forward to welcoming you to the meeting. Guests and participants who have never attended a meeting of our group before are especially welcome! If you cannot attend the meeting but would still like to receive more information about the activities of our working group or want to take part at our meetings in the future, please let us know via the enclosed registration form.

Hope to see you in Stralsund! With best wishes,

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