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## Press Release

# Federal Chancellor to Open Varus Battle Exhibition

### Exhibition Co-operation **IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH: A Great Honour**

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As its patron, Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel, will open the exhibition **IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle** on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Kalkriese and Detmold, unless urgent unforeseeable, official duties prevent her from doing so. The Federal Chancellor has now informed the partners in the exhibition co-operative project of this in a letter. The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany had already assumed the patronage for the ambitious, joint exhibition project at the three locations Haltern am See, Kalkriese and Detmold.

2009 is the 2000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Varus Battle

The exhibition project **IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle** is devoted to the events of the year 9 AD and will deal with this subject in three museums at the original locations. The three parts of the exhibition will spotlight this event of world history and its historic consequences from different angles and focus attention across Germany and Europe on it once again.

The news from Berlin delighted the museums concerned as well as the organisations supporting them: "That's nothing short of a knighthood for the historical joint exhibition project at the three original locations connected with the Varus Battle", said Landrat Manfred Hugo (Landkreis Osnabrück). The Head of the Landesverband Lippe Hans-Joachim Niehage welcomed the positive response from the Federal Chancellery: "This is a great honour and documents the importance of the project." Dr. Wolfgang Kirsch, Director of the Landesverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL) sees in it, too, recognition for work already done. "This encourages us to continue our work and gives us extra momentum, wind in our sails – not only for the reconstructed Roman ship, which will be named on 30<sup>th</sup> May in Hamburg and then publicise the joint exhibition on the Varus Battle."

The museums and administrative bodies of two Federal Länder are co-operating in a unique joint effort across borders to organise this exhibition on the Varus Battle at three original locations. Lower Saxony and North Rhine Westphalia are preparing together for the year 2009. The LWL-Römermuseum in Haltern am See, the VARUSSCHLACHT IM OSNABRÜCKER LAND GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – and the Lippisches

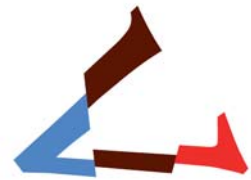
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Landesmuseum Detmold are each presenting one of the three exhibitions in this multi-faceted complex.

The partners in this co-operative project officially founded in 2006 are the Landesverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL) for the exhibition location IMPERIUM at the site of the onetime military camp of Haltern, the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH and the Landkreis Osnabrück for the exhibition location CONFLICT at the ancient battlefield at Kalkriese and the Landesverband Lippe and Kreis Lippe for the exhibition location MYTH at Detmold.

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