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Press Release

## Rowing like a Roman “Victoria” at the Canal Bank Festival in Dorsten

**Dorsten 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008**

“Cast off and to the oars” is the motto of the “Victoria”. The Roman ship, part of the exhibition project “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle”, is one of the main attractions at the Dorsten Canal Festival on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August. The full-scale reconstruction of a Roman warship from around 100 AD will be going on trips, with members of the public on board, on the Weser-Datteln-Canal on Saturday and Sunday. The order “Ready for sailing” will be heard on both days from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and from 2-5 p.m. at the hour. Visitors can then go on board with the “Romans”, from the Canal Bank Promenade and row to their heart’s content. In all 20 oarsmen and women are needed to power the 15 meter long, almost three meter wide “Victoria” with her almost four tons. Bookings for trips on the ship can be made up to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August with the organisers of the Canal Bank Festival interevent H & O GmbH ([info@interevent-gmbh.de](mailto:info@interevent-gmbh.de) or Tel.: 02362-60741-0) or on the days of the event locally.

This year, too, the Canal Bank Festival is offering a varied programme for all ages. Amongst others the Haltern Diving School and the Dorsten Canoe Club are showing that the area around Dorsten is an Eldorado for water sports enthusiasts. Whilst canoeing or going on boat trips visitors can find out about the different kinds of water sports and at the same time explore the area from the water. Sporting highlights on Sunday will be the elephant boat race and the competition between the Dorsten Rowing Club and the “water bicycle” Aqua-Skipper. There will be a lot going on, too, on the Canal Bank Promenade: a sandy beach with deck chairs, live music, illuminated hot-air balloons and a corso of different ships with lanterns will put visitors in a holiday mood until late at night.

How do you build a Roman warship and most important, why? Visitors can find answers to this and others questions around the building and the functioning of

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the „Victoria“ in the information tent of the exhibition project “IMPERIUM CONFLICT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle”. The ship was built within the framework of the exhibition project and completed after a 15 month building period in March 2008 in Hamburg-Harburg. The “Victoria” has been on its way on rivers used by the Romans, Ems, Elbe, Rhine, Weser and Lippe since May of this year. Doing this, it has been drawing attention to three exhibitions which in 2009 will be dealing with a well known historical event from the year 9 AD: the Varus Battle, also known as the “Battle of the Teutoburg Forest”. At original sites, Haltern am See (IMPERIUM), Kalkriese (CONFLICT) and Detmold (MYTH) and with the aid of exhibits of world standing the Varus Battle and its consequences will be examined from different perspectives and European awareness once again focussed on this event. The exhibition project is sponsored in trans-regional cooperation between the Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL), the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – as well as the Landesverband Lippe and Kreis Lippe.

For information on the exhibition project and on the places to be visited by the “Victoria”, which will also be on its way as an ambassador for the exhibitions in August and September: [www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de](http://www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de).

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