

Please find below an invitation to the 1st Berner Altorientalisches Forum, which will be taking place in Bern (Switzerland) on 24-25 June 2016.

Philologists, Archaeologists and Art Historians of the Ancient Near East broadly defined (Mesopotamia, Anatolia, Levant, Egypt, Arabian Peninsula, Iran, Central Asia, Aegean) are cordially invited to take part in the:

1st Berner Altorientalisches Forum (BAF)

When: **24-25 June 2016**

Where: **Bern, Switzerland**

We are delighted to welcome as keynote speaker **Professor Andreas Fuchs** (Tübingen University).

The BAF will be followed on **26 June** by a hike in the Berner Oberland. Participants are encouraged to participate! -> **Mens sana in corpore sano**!

There is no registration fee and we are granting awards for travel and accommodation.

For more information please visit our website:

<http://www.kas.unibe.ch/baf2016/>

***** About the BAF *****

The BAF is organised by the Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften of the University of Bern (Switzerland). It is hosted by the Swiss Society for Ancient Near Eastern Studies (<http://www.sgoa.ch>).

The aim of the BAF is to bring together researchers of the Ancient Near East specialising in **different areas and disciplines**. The spirit is open and informal. Use this opportunity to test ideas, advertise projects and develop collaborations with a wider peer group.

We welcome abstracts for:

a) Talks

- 10 minutes maximum (5 minutes discussion)
- of academic standard but aimed at a non-specialist audience
- concise and communicative
- in English

b) Book presentations

- Newly published (co-) authors are invited to present their books during the BAF through 5 min "book sessions" that will be taking place during the main pause on Saturday (think "poster session" but with books).

Deadline for submitting abstracts: 1 March 2016