

Scientific Excursion on Sat, 5 September 2009

The excursion will take you to the top of Schneeberg mountain and will include root excavations of the typical vegetation for the region.

Schneeberg with its 2076 m high summit *Klosterwappen*, is the highest mountain of Lower Austria in the south of Vienna (90km). It is a distinctive limestone massif with steep slopes on three sides. It and the Rax (2007 m), some 13 km to the south-west, are collectively considered the Viennese *Hausberge* (local mountains). The rich Karst plateaux have provided drinking water for Vienna, via a 120 km long pipeline, since 1873, claiming to be the best drinking water in the world.

Meeting Point: 8:00am at the BOKU Building (Venue place), Muthgasse, 18, Vienna

Return Point: at about 8:00pm, Muthgasse, 18, Vienna

Duration: approx. 12 hours

Time schedule:

08:00 - bus departure

08:00-09:30 - bus takes you to the Schneeberg access station

10:00-11:00 - ascending to the top of the mountain

11:00-12:30 - roots excavation and demonstration in groups

12:30-13:00 - lunch break and walk on the Schneeberg

13:00-14:30 - roots excavation and demonstration continued

14:30-15:30 - descending to the valley

15:30-16:00 - travel to a wine growing region of Gumpoldskirchen and 'Eichkogel', an elevation in the region with a very special flora

16:00-17:30 root excavation and demonstration

17:30- 19:00 buffet dinner in a typical local restaurant called "Heuriger"

19:00-20:00 (21:00) Return to Vienna

Warm clothes and comfortable *shoes* are required.

All transports, lunch box plus beverages and a buffet dinner are provided.

* Exact schedule of the excursion depends on weather conditions and some modifications for your comfort may be necessary