

RURALIA is an international association for the archaeology of medieval and post-medieval settlement and rural life. It provides a conference of current research questions in rural archaeology from most participating European countries to strengthen the exchange of knowledge in, and the development of, archaeologically comparable studies, and to make archaeological results available to other disciplines. The time range of RURALIA starts with the Late Antiquity / Early Medieval Period (c. 4th c.) and includes the post-medieval / early modern period.

The key activity of RURALIA is a conference on a specific and topical subject announced in an open call for papers. The conference takes place every two years in one of the participating countries. The conference language is English, abstracts will be published in German, English, French and the authors' own language. The papers will be published in the peer-reviewed conference volume.

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- RURALIA VII: 2007 in Cardiff (Wales, U.K.): *Medieval rural settlement in marginal landscapes.* (Published in 2009)
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- RURALIA IX: 2011 in Götzis (Austria): *Hierarchies in rural settlements.* (Published in 2013)
- RURALIA X: 2013 in Smolenice Castle (Slovakia): *Agrarian technology in the medieval landscape.* (Published in 2016)
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