



EXCAVATION 2006

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Aims

Seventy-seven years had passed before excavation of the site was taken up again. The character of this first campaign was that of a sounding. Areas A, B and C were opened on the citadel. The primary issue in Area A was to explore the building history of the so-called *Hilani*. An area to the northwest of the *Hilani*, as well as the area of the «Skorpionentor» and beneath the «Südtor» were chosen for Area B. Its purpose was to investigate the prehistoric settlement. Area C, situated at the «Nordost-Palast» was concerned with exploring the constructional typology of the building and its southern boundaries.

Special Studies

Before excavations began, Brigitte Wolf and Elfriede Huber created a new measurement grid for the site. Through rediscovered architectural remains, it can be related to the grid of the previous excavations. Simultaneously, work began on creating a new, three-dimensional topographical map.

Christian Hübner and Stefan Giese conducted first geo-physical investigations around Areas A and C.

In order to assess animal bones and botanic samples, a floatation-machine was manufactured under the supervision of Felix Schreiber. Thus, floatation already began in the season of 2006. To find out more about the origin of the basalt-stones used at Tell Halaf, Dr. Kirsten Drüppel, Andreas Kratzig and Stefan Geismeyer made geological surveys around Karacaladig, El Kbise and the volcanic field of Cizre (southeast Turkey), as well as on the Ard esh-Sheikh-Plateau (northeast Syria).

Team 2006

Area A

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Area C

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Indoor Staff

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Surveying

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Geology

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Local Workforce

80 workers from Tell Halaf

Guests

It was our pleasure to welcome many guests to our excavation and to explain the first new results to them.

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