EXCAVATION 2009  
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Aims 2009
In the season of 2009, investigations continued at the backside of the «West-Palast» and at the mudbrick terrace. The goal was to establish the date and function of building A 7 and its predecessor A 9.
Reinvestigations on the northern façade of the «West-Palast» revealed the structures of round building 4. The ongoing excavations on the northern slope exposed round building 5.
Excavations at the «Nordost-Palast» were aimed at providing more information about the extent of the Neo-Assyrian building. New trenches were opened where four Hellenistic levels (C04a-C04d), resting directly upon the remains of the Assyrian walls, were discovered.
This season, investigations at the so-called «Stadttempel», which had begun in 2008, continued and another area of excavation (Area G) was opened in the north-eastern part of the lower town. Its primary concern is the investigation of the stratigraphy of the lower town.

Special Studies
We would like to thank Dr. James Lankton (London/England), who determined the material of selected objects made of frit, fayence, glass and glazed pottery from Tell Halaf as part of his research.

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**Local Workforce**
120 workers from Tell Halaf

**Guests**
Again, we were happy to welcome many visitors to our dig and to explain our newest results to them.

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