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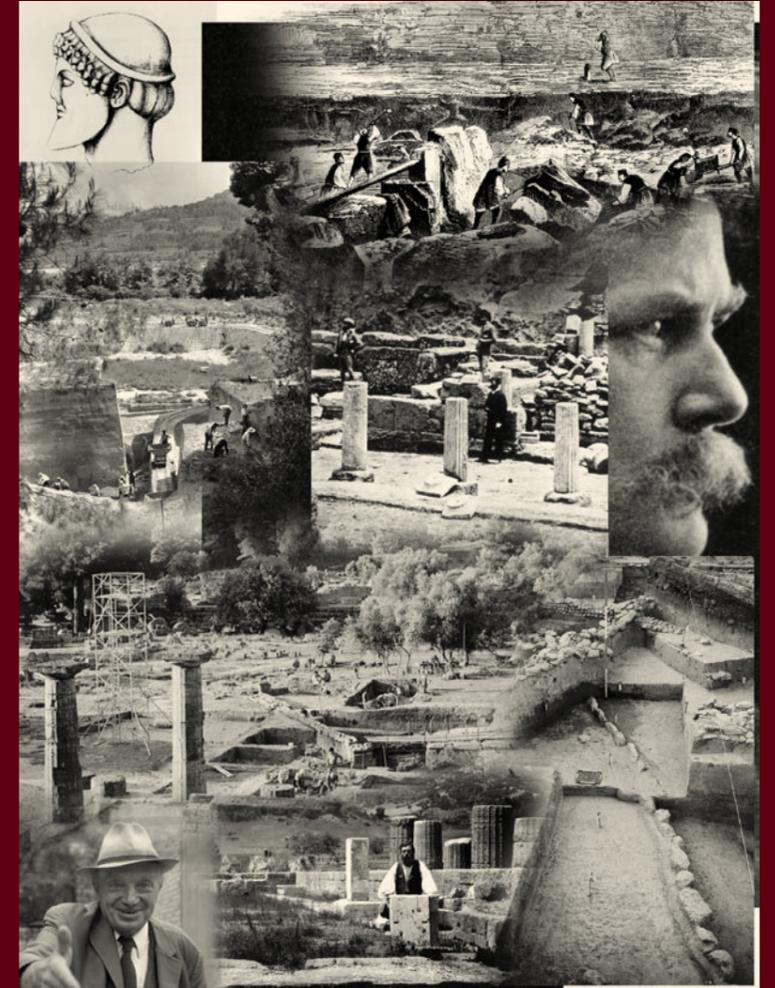


MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF EXCAVATIONS IN OLYMPIA

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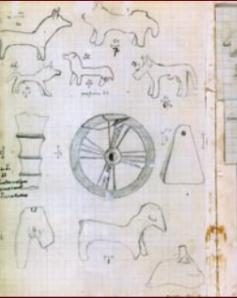
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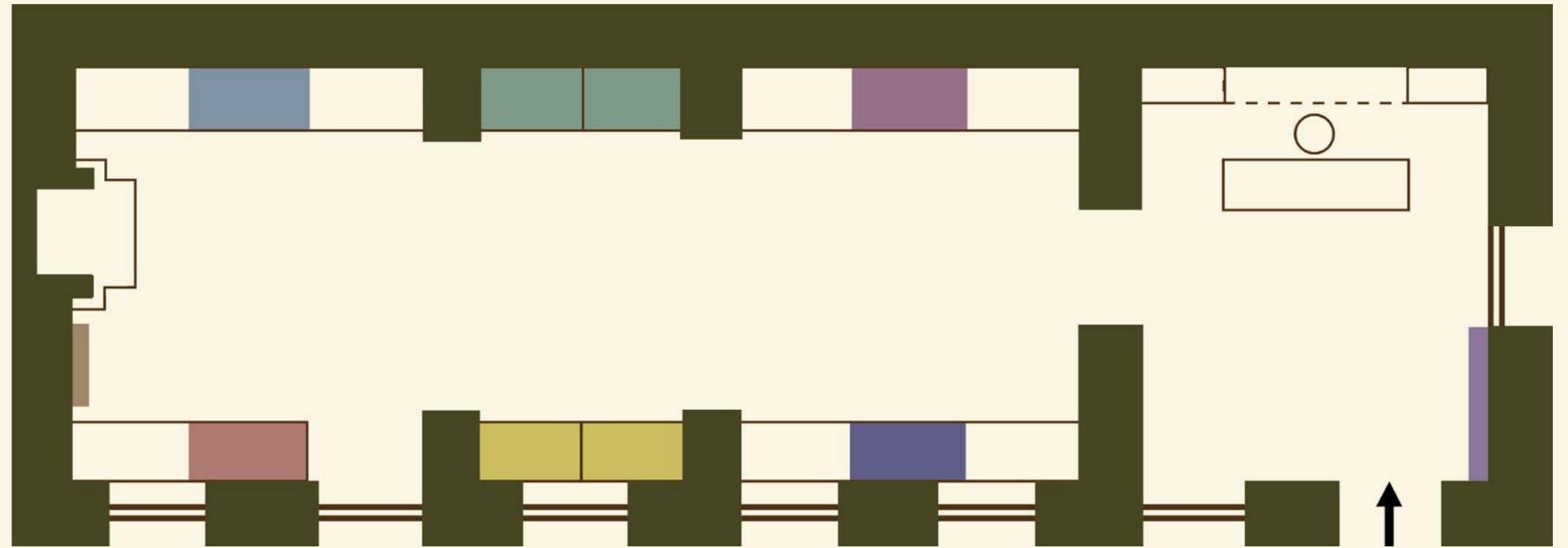
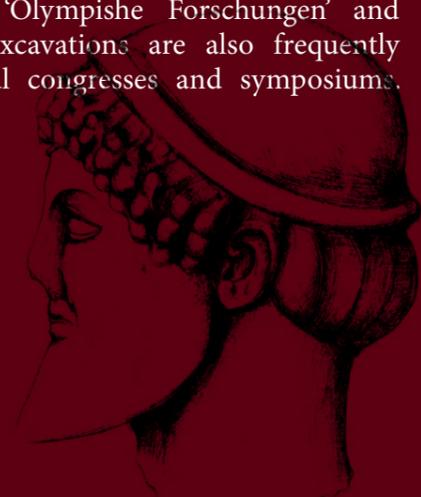


The exhibition devoted to the history of the German excavations in Ancient Olympia from 1875 to today is housed in the refurbished building of the Old Ephorate building, which accommodated the many archaeologists who worked in Olympia. The purpose of the exhibition is to present the archaeological activities that have taken place in Olympia since the 19th century, when the great Sanctuary emerged from oblivion and the unique treasures hidden in the ground came to light.



Strong interest in Olympia was already apparent by the end of the 18th century. The first short-term excavation was carried out in 1829 by the 'French Scientific Expedition to the Morea' (Expédition Scientifique de Morée), which centred on the Temple of Zeus, during which the first fragments of the relief metopes of the temple were found. The German excavations in Olympia started in 1875, in accordance with the terms of the Convention between the Greeks and Germans which defined the rules of the excavations and the obligations of both parties. The results of the first excavations, in which eminent German scholars participated, were published in a monumental five - volume work entitled: "OLYMPIA".

Today, the German Archaeological Institute continues its excavations and restoration work on the site of Olympia under the supervision of the Greek Ministry of Culture and the local Ephorate of Antiquities. The highly organised excavations were and are still today being carried out by leading German archaeologists, the annual results of whose work are published in two scientific journals, 'Olympische Forschungen' and 'Olympia Bericht'. The excavations are also frequently presented at international congresses and symposiums.



- 1. The Discovery of Olympia
- 2. The first excavations in the Altis and the Greek – German convention
- 3. The "Old" German excavations (A)
- 4. The "Old" German excavations (B)
- 5. The revival of the Olympic Games
- 6. Wilhelm Dörpfeld's Excavations
- 7. "New" Excavations in Olympia (1936 – 1966)
- 8. The contemporary archaeological work in Olympia

OPENING HOURS*

November - March: Tuesday - Sunday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday: 10:30 am - 5:00 pm
April - October: Tuesday Sunday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Monday: 12:00 am - 7:00 pm
* The opening hours may change in the future

CLOSED

1 January, 25 March, Good Friday (open 12 noon 5 p.m.),
Easter Sunday, 1 May, 25 26 December

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is permitted without a flash. A special permit is required for the use of a tripod, flash or video camera.

GROUP VISITS

For more information about groups and groups of people with disabilities, it is advisable to contact the Museum in advance

ACCESS

The Museum of the History of Excavations in Olympia is between the Museum of the History of the Olympic Games and the SPAP. It is within 5 minutes walking distance from both the archaeological site and the centre of the town of Olympia.

