

Wiener Archäographisches Forum

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The “Wiener Archäographisches Forum” was founded in 2002 by the late slavist Heinz Miklas of the Institute of Slavonic Studies at the University of Vienna together with scholars from several Austrian universities, which are mainly Vienna-based. Its members belong to two distinct groups of researchers, i.e., philologists of various languages working with manuscripts (especially palimpsests or damaged manuscripts) on the one hand and chemists, specialists of computer vision, of paper and watermarks, as well as conservators on the other. Over the years, a most fruitful cooperation between the two groups has evolved. The non-invasive methods developed by the latter group help improving and enhancing the readability of palimpsests and problematic manuscripts. In this paper, an overview of the history and the activities of the “Wiener Archäographisches Forum” will be given.