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Research in Graubünden

FIVE MINUTES FOR SCIENCE

Stay curious and ask questions

"A research adventure", "a sensational discovery": the reporting on scientific topics often uses phrases that suggest something extraordinary. You can also do it with less drama, but with a more realistic approach. For the past ten years, the Bündner Woche has provided a platform for scientists from Graubünden's research institutes and universities to share their achievements. During this period, the researchers wrote 136 articles showing the many facets of everyday research. Their authentic reports illustrate that important scientific findings do not come about by chance, but are the result of years of thorough research.

The article series was initiated by the Academia Raetica, which was founded in 2006 as a non-profit association. Since 2009, it has had an office in Davos. Its member institutions include more than twenty research institutes, universities and hospital clinics, whose interests it represents. It also informs politicians and the public about scientific topics in which the research institutions in Graubünden have been conducting nationally and internationally recognized research for over a hundred years. The focus of the research lies in the areas of "life sciences", "resources and natural hazards", "key technologies", "culture and diversity", "tourism and business", and "computational sciences". At the end of 2013, the Academia Raetica created the Graduate School Graubünden that offers researchers various services (e.g. continuing education courses, networking and exchange). The Academia Raetica and Graduate School Graubünden team consists of Duri Bezzola, Daniela Heinen, Veronika Rall and Martina Schoch.



When the research institutes open their doors, children's scientific curiosity is also sparked. Photo Credit: Yannick Andrea

In addition to media work, the Academia Raetica organizes events to stimulate the exchange of ideas with the public. The Wissenschaftscafé Graubünden, a series of events organized by various scientific institutions, has been a tried and tested format for many years. Experts discuss scientific topics and trends with the public in a relaxed atmosphere. This year, Academia Raetica will organize three of nine events. The following topics are planned: "An end to traffic jams? New mobility concepts for the Grisons" (Chur, 13.06.2019), "Mint - Fit for a changing world" (Davos, 29.08.2019) and "The first people in the Engadine" (Zuoz, 21.11.2019).

The readers of the Bündner Woche will also be able to look forward to interesting articles on scientific topics in the anniversary year 2019, for example on rehabilitation after cancer or on a consumer app for testing food quality. We look forward to hearing from you to ensure that this type of knowledge transfer is not a one-way street. Express your opinion, ask questions, and criticize. Above all: Allow yourself five minutes each month to quench your thirst for knowledge and read our article.

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