THE PILE - DWELLERS

LIVED IN THE NATURE AND WITH THE NATURE
THEIR MESSAGE FOR US NOWADAYS

April 21st 2011

Dejan Veranič    Jožica Amadea Demšar
Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor
Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor

Pile-dwellings are settlements on wet grounds, lake shores or marshlands.

Alpine region Period of 3000 years on Ljubljana moor. 4600–1600 BC

Villages existed for a maximum of a 100 years.

June 17th 1875

DISCOVERY OF
PILE-DWELLINGS ON
LJUBLJANA MOOR

9 days later

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS
Drainage channels
Maine settlements

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor

Sl. 2.4: Ljubljansko barje. Označene so samo bolje poznane koliščarske naselbine.
Dežman’s Pile-dwellings - Lake

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor

~ 2600 BC
~ 3500 BC
~ 4600 BC

edit: dr. Velušček A.
Maharski prekop

Illustration: Korošec Lavrič T., ZRC SAZU
The lake drains, the moor begins 1600 BC
The Pile-dwellers are important:

- Oldest found wheel in the world.
- 5150 years before present-day
Prehistoric idol

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor
Project – In the Land of Pile-dwellers

1. Turizmu pomaga lastna glava (Youth project of the Tourist Association of Slovenia)

2. The Establishment of touristic-research group in DFG Ig

3. The union of DFG Ig and Institute of Archaeology ZRC SAZU
8 seasons of lectures
Barje ali te poznam?
(Barje do I know you?)

Project In the Land of Pile-dwellers founded with the help of Leader.

Results:
• Koliščarski dan, (Pile-dwellers day)
• Youth Pile-dwellers Camp
• Permanent archaeological, exhibition of Pile-dwellers,
• Publication activity.
Future Goals

- 5 man-size sculptures of Pile-dwellers
- International Pile-dwelling day

UNESCO

Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps

Property names are listed in the language in which they have been submitted by the State Party.

Description

The project involves a sample choice of remains of prehistoric dwellings on lake shores and marshlands in several countries around the Alps (Switzerland, France, Italy, Slovenia, Austria and Germany). Around 750 sites have been listed throughout the Alpine area. In Slovenia, two locations of remains of prehistoric pile dwellings have been selected on the Ljubljanisko Barje marshlands. Placed under the management of Switzerland, which has led the way in research on lakeside dwellers, the nomination is presented as a transnational serial inscription.

The term "pile dwelling site" designates archaeological finds on lake shores, river banks or marshlands, which have benefited from excellent conservation conditions. Most of the time, they are remains of dwellings that date back to the period between 4300 and 800 B.C. They are the relics of old villages which go back to the beginning of rural civilization. Outside that region, there are very few remains of dwellings in wetlands elsewhere in the world. Therefore, as regards research, these sites can be considered as a typical source from the outskirts of the Alpine area.

The remains of dwellings in wetlands provide evidence of major eras of world history. They help us to understand the complex processes which, over a period of 3,500 years, led to the formation of rural societies in central Europe. They are reminders of the development of metallurgy over thousands of years, from copper to bronze to...
Pile-dwellers gave a strong identity to this area and are therefore important for our identity on the local, national and worldwide scale (pending UNESCO heritage site).

The pile dwellers lived in the nature and with the nature.