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Photo: Reinhard Knobloch, Mayor of Bad Fischau, guides the participants of the excursion in April 2021 through the Thermal Bath Bad Fischau. Photo: Otto Moog

Mollusc Research Austria (MoFA) sees itself as a hub for the communication, coordination and promotion of scientific malacological projects and studies. Accordingly, we promote communication among malacologists and with other disciplines. This was well accomplished not only at our 2021 annual meeting at the Natural History Museum in Vienna, but especially at the MoFA excursion to Bad Fischau-Brunn in April 2021, which became an enjoyable and fruitful encounter between biologists and speleologists as well as with the local population. The personal welcome and guided tour through the Thermal Bath Bad Fischau by Mayor Reinhard Knobloch and the enthusiasm of the experts opened up the natural features of this region to all participants.

Our excursions correspond in a special way to the association's goal of communicating malacological research and generally also the importance of biodiversity to an interested public. This goal we also pursue with the publication of our journal *Arianta*. As with the previous issues, also the present issue – *Arianta 9* – is available as an online edition to all interested parties.

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