



Bridgemasters' accounts and beyond: Floods in the Bratislava area in 1434-1525

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The poster presentation is aimed to provide an overview of documented flood events, including the late 15th- early 16th-century flood peak, occurred in the Bratislava area within nine decades in the late medieval-early modern period.

On the one hand the poster is designed to provide an overview of the flood data available in the exceptionally rich source material found in the bridgemasters' accounts and other flood-related evidence (e.g. road and fishpond preparation expenses) in the town accounts, legal documents and royal orders (charters) as well as letters and other contemporary documentation (e.g. tax release). Documentary evidence can be found concerning single flood events and related impacts, while another smaller but important group of sources contains information related to multiannual flood problems. Due to the variety and special nature of the available evidence, methodological (e.g. terminology, classification, coverage) problems are also discussed.

On the other hand, in the present poster a classification and a numerical analysis of flood events are also provided: in this case a 3-scale index classification is applied. Moreover, an overview of the greatest flood events or series of events (e.g. the great flood year of 1485 or the prolonged flood problems of 1501-1503) are as well discussed, and results are compared to the available flood series on the upper Danube tributaries and other Central European rivers.