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**The Roman Gold Jewellery from Lunnern (ZH)  
A Hoard from the 3rd Century AD and its History**

In 1741 a variety of Roman artefacts were discovered in Lunnern in the community of Obfelden (ZH). The governor, Johann Jakob Scheuchzer (1699 – 1761), arranged for systematic excavations to take place in the same year, which – in addition to various buildings, a cemetery and diverse objects – brought to light a piece of Roman gold jewellery weighing 350 grams as well as more than 80 silver coins. The individual items and other archaeological finds, all of which are now in the Swiss National Museum, are scientifically evaluated and presented in their entirety for the first time in this publication. The various cultural influences as well as similar hoards and deposits are analysed in detail.

In addition to the contemporary excavation reports by Johann Jakob Breiting (1701 – 1776) and Johann Georg Sulzer (1720 – 1779), there also exists a painting by Johann Balthasar Bullinger (1713 – 1793) from Zurich which illustrates the location and the results of the excavations. Numerous hitherto unpublished documents about the excavations in Lunnern offer an insight into the Age of Enlightenment and the beginnings of systematic archaeological research in Switzerland. The analysis and research history are supplemented by the latest results from probe excavations, aerial views and magnetic resonance by the Zurich cantonal archaeology office, all of which shed new light on the archaeological site of Lunnern.

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