

Curriculum Vitae of Volker Jeschkeit

A military engineering and Great War enthusiast for decades, Volker Jeschkeit the engineer has concentrated on Trento's Fortress network since the year two thousand and besides doing surveys, he very often acts as a tourist guide to enthusiasts and an official delegation to many European countries.

Jeschkeit obtains his information for his work that delves into the past, from Rovereto's Italian War History Museum's archives and Vienna's state archive, the Kriegsarchiv office. He has also completed studies at Trento's State archive. He collaborates with the Trento-Sopramonte Forestry Commission, as a volunteer, supporting work to find old articles.

"I hold this body expression of the Municipality of Trento – he says – in high esteem that for me has been the origin and the push for the most important restoration of Trento's Fortress. I like to think of myself as a voluntary advisor and consultant for the Forestry Commission and together with the forest guards I go around the woods of Calisio and other mountains surrounding the city, when necessary also collecting rubbish, checking the safety and access of the paths. Mine is a task to protect the area.

I organise history conferences in the Municipality of Trento's districts. My history tutor, my teacher that has accompanied me for many years is Dr W. Rosner from Vienna/St.Pölten, the greatest expert worldwide on Austro-Hungarian fortifications in Trentino. For me it is an honour to work with him and also to often be accompanied by a dear friend and scholar Nicola Fontana, young historian at Rovereto's War Museum.

I have until now written 8 books about Trento's Fortress in German. The first book has been translated by Nicola Fontana into Italian and an official edition will be published in 2008 by Rovereto's War Museum."