

# WONDERALP : A NEW WUNDERKAMMER FOR EDUCATION

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## WONDERALP

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Claude Reichler, *Wonder and sciences. The Alps and the culture of curiosity*, Unil, Lausanne, 2017

**WonderAlp** is a digital cabinet of curiosities that transforms any tablet or computer into a Modern *Wunderkammer*.

**WonderAlp** is a new multilingual website and an application for Tablet Android and iPad.

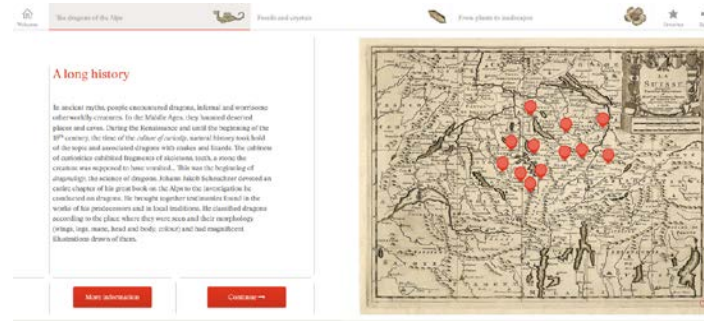
**WonderAlp** displays objects discovered in the Alps during the early period of exploration. It presents some fascinating images found in Early Modern travel literature.



**WonderAlp** is a valuable teaching tool because it explores the history of natural sciences in the Alps and a bygone form of rationality, one which discovered empiricism and classification, while at the same time finding in the world's objects a source of inexhaustible wonder.



Visitors can roam from one screen to another, select their itinerary, create their favorite lists, read and listen to the explanations.



They can also manipulate the images, by comparing or enlarging them, and admire the artistry of their illustrators.



Written and audio documents provide explanations geared toward different audiences. Many of these documents have been translated for the first time from Latin.

### The Wangserberg Dragon

**Habitat:** mountain regions  
**Place of appearance:** Wangserberg, Sargans region  
**Date:** 1660, summer  
**Observed by:** Andreas Rosbauer and a companion, from the bailiwick of Hohenax, county of Sargans  
**Informer:** Landammann Rosbauer, the son of the former Rosbauer  
**Text:** Jakob Scheuchzer quoting Johann Jakob Wagner, 1680  
**Illustration:** Johann Scheuchzer, *Itinera alpina*, vol. II, c. III, p. 294  
Around the year 1660, Andreas Rosbauer, the Recorder and ensign bearer of the bailiwick of Hohenax, was climbing the mountain called Wangserberg in the county of Sargans together with a companion. Suddenly, they came upon a mountain dragon of frightening dimensions. As...



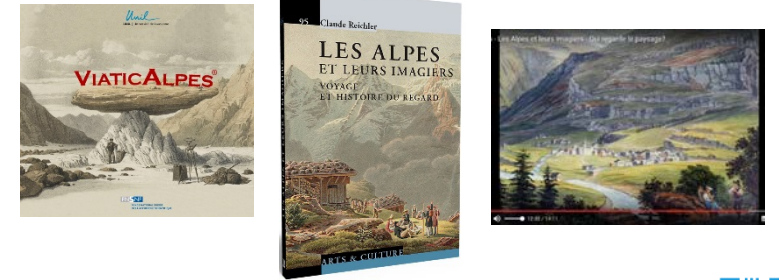
## VIATICALPES

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**WonderAlp** is a new development of the project Viaticalpes

The goal of this project is to bring together and study the iconographic material produced in alpine travel books from the middle of the sixteenth century to the beginning of twentieth. These sources represent an important documentation from a historical, artistic, literary and geographic point of view.

Viaticalpes team has realized the database Viatimages and some multimedia products (Videos, Animated Narratives and an Augmented Book).



## VIATIMAGES

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Viatimages is a database specialized in the field of the illustration of printed travel accounts. The digitalized images and texts are available via Internet to academic researchers, students of different fields and to the public.

