Akonétye
(cal. AD 100 – 420)
Grave with ceramics and worked stones
(Akonétye 2005/6 – layer 5)
Grave with several iron objects such as spears, an axe, bracelets and anklets (Akonétye 2005/6 – layer 6)
Restored iron objects from Akonétye 2005/7 layer 6
Three spears from Akonètye 2005/6
layer 6 (photograph by RGZM*)

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Special-purpose currency from Akonétye (1-6) and Lobethal (7)

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Section of grave LBT 99/2 from Mouanko-Lobethal (cal. 50 BC – AD 130)

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Grave LBT 98/9 from Mouanko-Lobethal (cal. AD 50 – 220)

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Grave with special-purpose currency from Campo 07/1 and 2 (cal. AD 130 – 440)

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Grave with special-purpose currency from Campo 07/1

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Detail of special-purpose currency from Campo CAM 07/1

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Campo Eglise
(cal. 50 BC – AD 440 AD)
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Campo 07/3 – layer 1

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Campo feature CAM 07/3

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Restored spoon and arrow-heads from Campo 07/9 (photo S. Ritter RGZM*)

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Pottery from:
1 a - b Obobogo (Jauze 1944)
2 a - f Campo (2005, 2007)
3 a - c Lobethal (1999)

Gisement No. 3 (Jauze 1944, 119-120):

Situées à quelques mètres l'une de l'autre, ces fosses (elles ont 50 cm de diamètre et 70 à 80 cm de profondeur et sont probablement des sépultures) contenaient un assez Grand nombre de vases [...]

... La position de ces vases était curieuse: enterrés verticalement, leur fond vers l'ouverture de la fosse. [...]

... Un anneau, [...] dont le fer est réduit à l'état d'oxyde, a été découvert dans chacun des dépôts.

Results:

Early Iron Age graves discovered at seven localities in southern and central Cameroon dating to 50 BC – 440 AD.

Graves are furnished with pottery (often overturned) and iron objects (often decorated) and highly sophisticated.

Inventories of iron objects are repeatedly comprised of axes, hoes, special-purpose money, bracelets, anklets and spoons.