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The small rural sanctuaries of Greece have not yet encountered much scholarly interest. In an attempt to fill this gap at least partially, the project encompassed a survey of the archaeological evidence from four different regions, based on excavation reports and topographical studies. The results of the study allow not only a more precise understanding of the nature of the individual sanctuaries, but also throw a light on their importance for a part of the ancient society – one which hardly appears in other sources. The rural sanctuaries of Greece could be shown as an important factor as well as for the religious and the social history of ancient Greece.

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For this reason, the importance of the Hans Sigrist scholarship can hardly be overestimated, the more as Classical Archaeology is looked today sometimes as a rather negligible field, and financial support for research is the more the less available. Beside of supporting my personal career – which hopefully soon can be continued – the Hans Sigrist Foundation contributed this way to the humanistic tradition of the University of Bern.

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