Answer to topical editor

The requested minor revision in the caption of Fig. 2 has been attended: no registration number of the Reiss-Engelhorn-Museum exists for the portrait of St. von Stengel. It is sufficient to mention the photographer.

In section 2.1 I additionally have reworded my previous text more precisely in order to emphasize St. von Stengel's role more which he had during the preparation phase of the foundation of the SMP. This point has not been considered in the earlier literature about the SMP. No additional literature needs to be cited.

The changes have been marked up in hggs-2023-7manuscript-version-4.