



18th Viking Congress

Denmark August 5-12, 2017

Draft program May 1, 2017

August 6 Conference Day 1 (Copenhagen)

9.00 – 10.00 Registration and coffee at the National Museum

10.15 – 10.45 Conference Opening in the CINEMA of the National Museum

Curator Per Kristian Madsen, the National Museum

(Director General Rane Willerslev, the National Museum)

Members of the Congress council: Anne Pedersen / Søren M. Sindbæk

10.45 – 12.15 Session 1

Chairman: NN

10.45 – 11.05 “Beyond the Foaming Maelstrom” – Sea Routes, Seascapes and Insular Boat Burial
Stephen Harrison, Ireland

11.05 – 11.25 Vikings beyond the Motherland – the case of Gnezdovo
Veronica Murasheva, Russia

11.25 – 11.45 Viking/Anglo-Saxon Interaction in South-West Scotland: The Galloway Hoard
James Graham-Campbell, England

11.45 – 12.05 The Last Viking King
Ármann Jakobsson, Iceland

12.15 – 13.40 Lunch at the National Museum (opportunity to visit the exhibitions)

13.40 – 15.00 Session 2: Catalysts and change in the Viking Age

Chairman: NN

13.40 – 14.00 Scandinavia in the Viking Age: A peaceful network society
Jon Viðar Sigurdsson, Norway

14.00 – 14.20 War and Peace in the Viking Age: Collective violence and preventive strategies in a
comparative perspective
Fedir Androshchuk, Sweden

14.20 – 14.40 Viking Age Danish Legal Procedure – Part of a common Scandinavian law
Anne Irene Riisøy, Norway

14.40 – 15.00 Danish Influence on the Earliest Rune Stones in Uppland
Magnus Källström, Sweden

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee

15.30 – 17.00 Session 3: Catalysts and change in the Viking Age

Chairman: NN

15.30 – 15.50 Avaldsnes: A sea-kings' seat at the Island of Kjørmt
Dagfinn Skre, Norway

15.50 – 16.05 "And they proceeded to plough and to support themselves": The Viking Great Army and the
settlement of Northumbria
Julian Richards, England

16.05 – 16.20 Changing Places: the impact of Scandinavian settlement on an Anglo-Saxon estate
Dawn Hadley, England

16.20 – 16.40 Repton resolved? New evidence for the nature and impact of the Great Army winter camp
Catrine Jarman, England

16.40 – 17.00 From Plunder to Early State Building and Taxation in Viking Age England
Gert Tinggaard Svendsen, Marie Bønløkke Missuno & Gunnar Lind Haase Svendsen, Denmark

17.30 – 19.00 Reception at the National Museum

August 7 Conference Day 2 (Copenhagen)

9.00 – 10.20 Session 4: Catalysts and change in the Viking Age

Chairman: Pernille Hermann

9.00 – 9.20 Monumental Myths – The ship grave ritual as a mean in political centralisation processes in
Viking Age Scandinavia
Jan Bill, Norway

9.20 – 9.40 The Riddles of a Chamber-grave – Bj 750 at Birka
Gunnar Andersson, Sweden

9.40 – 10.00 Burial and Religious Change in Viking Age Iceland
Orri Vésteinsson, Iceland

10.00 – 10.20 The End of Viking Age Iceland: settlement history and the institutionalization of Christianity
Douglas J. Bolender, USA

10.20 – 10.45 Coffee

10.45 – 12.10 Session 5: Catalysts and change in the Viking Age

Chairman: Pernille Hermann

10.45 – 11.05 Archaeology at the Site of Við Kirkjugarð, Sandur, Sandoy, Faroes
Símon Arge, Faroes

11.05 – 11.25 Personal Belief in Hiberno-Norse Dublin
Ragnall Ó Floinn, Ireland

11.25 – 11.45 Scandinavian Christianity Overseas in the Ninth Century
Lesley Abrams, Oxford

11.45 – 12.05 Early Christian grave monuments, social networks and ecclesiastical organisation in eleventh-
century Sweden
Cecilia Ljung, Sweden

12.10 – 13.30 Lunch at the National Museum

13.30 – 15.00 Session 6: The power of social networks

Chairman: NN

13.30 – 13.50 The Cross and the Sword: Signs of dual religious belonging in a late Viking Age warrior grave in Langeid, South Norway

Zanette Tsigaridas Glørstad, Norway

13.50 – 14.10 Time and Cult: Viking-Age Seasonal Rituals

Alexandra Sanmark, Scotland

14.10 – 14.40 Healing Runes

Judith Jesch & Christina Lee, England

14.40 – 15.00 Mythology of the Prose Edda interacting with the sky

Gisli Sigurdsson, Iceland

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee

15.30 – 17.00 Session 7: The power of social networks, town dwellers

Chairman:

15.30 – 15.50 Revisiting Birka's Black Earth Harbour

Sven Kalmring & Lena Holmquist, Sweden

15.50 – 16.10 Intersection Sigtuna – The first town dwellers in Sweden's oldest town

Torun Zachrisson, Sweden

16.10 – 16.30 Into the Melting Pot: Culinary Identities in Viking-Age England

Steve Ashby, England

16.30 – 16.50 "Humans of Ribe" – the cemetery of an early urban community

Sarah Croix, Denmark

16.50 – 17.00 Closing remarks, practical information

18.00 - Dinner at own initiative

Optional visit to Copenhagen University, The Arnamagnean Institute

Optional visit to Borgring

August 8 Conference Day 3 – *Transfer to Ribe with visits at archaeological sites*

8.00 Departure from the National Museum, Copenhagen

9.00 Viking Ship Museum and workshops, Roskilde (Anne Christine Sørensen)

11.00 Trip to Trelleborg, incl. lunch (Anne Christine Larsen)

16.00 Departure for Jelling; tapas buffet at Kongernes Jelling

C. 21.15 Arrival Ribe

August 9 Conference Day 4, Ribe Katedralskole

9.00 – 9.10 Welcome at Ribe Katedralskole (Puggaardsgade 22, Ribe)

Museum Director Flemming Just, Sydvestjyske Museer

9.10 – 10.20 Session 8: Finds from Denmark

Chairman: Morten Sjøvsø

9.10 – 9.30 Jelling – A part of the surrounding communicative landscape
Charlotta Lindblom, Denmark

9.30 – 9.50 Henne – A special settlement on the west coast of Denmark
Lene B. Frandsen, Denmark

9.50 – 10.10 The extraordinary chamber grave from Fregerslev, Denmark – The find, excavation and future
Merethe Schifter Bagge, Denmark

10.10 – 10.40 Coffee

10.40 – 12.00 Session 9: Denmark; The power of social networks, North and East

Chairman: Morten Sjøvsø

10.40 – 11.00 The gold hoard from Fæsted – The find and its context
Lars Grundvad & Bo Ejstrud, Denmark

11.00 – 11.20 Moving East: An interdisciplinary approach to the question of the beginning of the eastern expansion
Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson, Sweden

11.20 – 11.40 Convivium, cohabitation and lost encounters - changing socio-economic relations between Baltic Finns and groups in Eastern Middle Sweden in the Late Viking age and High Middle Ages
Mats Roslund, Sweden

12.00 – 13.20 Lunch

13.20 – 14.30 Session 10: The power of social networks, West

Chair: Dr. Colleen Batey

13.20 – 13.40 How Scandinavian was the Viking Age in the northern isles?
David Griffiths, England

13.40 – 14.00 Shetland's Lost Landnám
Val Turner, Scotland

14.00 – 14.20 Interaction and identity in south-west Wales in the Viking Age
Nancy L Edwards, Wales

14.20 – 14.45 Coffee

14.45 – 16.00 Session 11: The power of social networks continued

Chair: Dr. Colleen Batey

14.45 – 15.05 Settlement change in Scandinavian Scotland: special deposits in domestic contexts
Jane Harrison, England

15.10 – 15.40 Not necessarily a lack of imagination? – Names and nodality in Scotia Scandinavica
Arne Kruse & Alan MacNiven, Scotland

15.40 – 16.00 Viking shieling names and Scandinavian settlement in Scotland
Ryan Foster, Scotland

- 16.00** **Poster presentations; book table**
- 18.30** **Reception for delegates at The Old Town Hall in Ribe**
Town walks, different options

August 10 Conference Day 5 – Sessions in Ribe, ½-day excursion to Hedeby etc.

9.00 – 10.10 **Session 12: The power of social networks continued**
 Chairman: NN

- 9.05 – 9.25 The Year 1000 and Northern European Boom-time Economics
 James Barrett, England
- 9.25 – 9.45 The Power of Social Networks – interactive dynamics in the Viking Age
 Mark Redknap, Wales
- 9.45 – 10.05 Economy and Authority in Viking Age Ireland
 Andrew Woods, England

10.10 – 10.40 **Coffee**

10.40 – 12.00 **Session 13: The power of social networks continued**
 Chairman: NN

- 10.40 – 11.00 Shared Values
 Nanouschka Myrberg Burström, Sweden
- 11.00 – 11.20 The sources of Viking wealth: Lead isotope analysis of silver from the Bedale, Yorkshire, hoard
 Jane Kershaw
- 11.20 – 11.40 Communication through creativity – The 'Vestfold school' revisited
 Unn Pedersen, Norway
- 11.40 – 12.00 Farin vestr – eða sunnan. On the significance of the insular and continental “imports” in Viking period Hedeby
 Volker Hilberg, Schleswig

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**

- 13.00 – 19.00 Transfer to Hedeby, visit to Danevirke

19.30 **Viking Congress Council Meeting (Ribe)**

August 11 Conference Day 6

9.00 – 10.20 **Session 14: The power of social networks / Viking impact**
 Chairman: NN

- 9.00 – 9.20 Viking Heroes and Aspiring Emperors: Learned political discourse in the context of the Viking Age
 Máire Ní Mhaonaigh, Ireland

- 9.20 – 9.40 The political landscape of Viking Age Bornholm (Denmark)
Gitte Ingvardson, Denmark
- 9.40 – 10.00 The changing corpus of Danish Viking art: Animal-style no longer the only game in town
Nancy L. Wicker, USA
- 10.00 – 10.20 Politics, Art and Identity: Changing Attitudes to Viking Art in Ireland
Griffin Murray, Ireland

10.20 – 10.50 Coffee

10.50 – 12.20 Session 15: Viking impact – pride and prejudice

Chairman: NN

- 10.50 – 11.10 Viking Archaeology in Poland: Past, Present and Future
Leszek Gardela, Poland
- 11.10 – 11.30 Where are you to?" Thinking about the Vikings in Newfoundland and Labrador
Shannon Lewis-Simpson, Newfoundland
- 11.35 – 11.55 The Ostmen in Medieval Ireland
Emer Purcell, Ireland
- 11.55 – 12.15 Losing one's tongue: place-names and language changes in medieval Wirral
Eleanor Rye, England

12.20 – 13.50 Lunch

13.50 – 15.00 Session 16: Projects and methods

Chairman: NN

- 13.50 – 14.10 The Viking Phenomenon: A progress report
Neil Price, Sweden
- 14.15 – 14.35 Large-scale high-resolution archaeological prospection of Viking-Age sites in Denmark, Sweden and Norway – the LBI ArchPro approach
Immo Trinks, Germany
- 14.35 – 15.00 Hidden patterns - contextualization of isotope and aDNA data in Sigtuna
Anna Kjellström, Sweden

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee

15.30 – 17.00 Session 17: Viking impact – pride and prejudice continued

Chairman: NN

- 15.30 – 15.50 Viking Age heritage or Viking Age continuity? Orkneyinga saga's account of Sveinn Ásleifarson's 12th century Viking activity
Randi Bjørshol Wærdahl, Norway
- 15.50 – 16.10 Íslands kvennalof: Cultural memories of Viking-Age women in eighteenth century praise poetry
Sofie Vanherpen, Belgium
- 16.10 – 16.30 Up Helly Aa Hellery!
Andrew Jennings, Scotland
- 16.30 – 17.00 Congress conclusions

18.30 Congress dinner at Ribes Vikinger

August 12 Home travel day / start of post-congress tour, August 12-15

Train connections from Ribe via Bramming to Vejle (bus to Billund Airport) and Copenhagen (Kastrup Airport)

<http://www.rejseplanen.dk/>

Bus connection from Ribe to Billund Airport via Esbjerg

<https://www.rome2rio.com/s/Ribe/Billund-Airport-BLL>