

PRACTICAL LITERACY AND CHRISTIAN IDENTITY IN NORTHERN EUROPE (TO C. 1200)

Bergen, 23-25 April 2009. Venue: Clarion Hotel Admiral, Bryggen Museum

Thursday 23 April
9:00-10:00 PRACTICAL LITERACY – THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE
Ildar Garipzanov (University of Bergen), Words of Welcome
Richard Britnell (University of Durham), Pragmatic Literacy and Its Uses, c.820-c.1200
10:00-10:20 COFFEE
10:20-11:50 RUNES AND LITERACY I
Chair: Terje Spurkland
Michael Schulte (Volda University College), Runes and ‘Pragmatic Literacy’: Aspects of Runic Literacy in Scandinavia to c. 1200
Per Stille (Växjö University), Learning Runes: What Can the Usage of Runes of Identified Rune Carvers Tell Us?
11:50-13:00 LUNCH
13:00-14:30 RUNES AND LITERACY II
Chair: Michael Lerche Nielsen
Magnus Källström (University of Stockholm), Clerical or Lay Literacy in Late Viking Age Uppland? The Evidence of Local Rune Carvers and Their Work
Laila Kitzler Åhfeldt (University of Stockholm), Rune Carvers in Sigtuna and Its Hinterland – Scrutinizing Their Work and Relations by Laser Scanning
14:30-15:00 COFFEE
15:00-16:30 LITERACY IN MEDIEVAL RUS’ AND THE EVIDENCE OF BIRCHBARK DOCUMENTS I
Chair: Ildar Garipzanov
Alexey Gippius (Russian Academy of Sciences), Birchbark Literacy and the Rise of Written Communication in Early Rus’
Tatiana Rozhdestvenskaya (University of Saint-Petersburg), Written Culture of Medieval Novgorod in the Light of Epigraphy
16:30-16:45 COFFEE
16:45-18:15 LITERACY IN MEDIEVAL RUS’ AND THE EVIDENCE OF BIRCHBARK DOCUMENTS II
Chair: Antoaneta Granberg
Jos Schaeken (University of Leiden), Birchbark Documents in Time, Space and Networks
Roman Kovalev (The College of New Jersey), Recordkeeping and the Birchbark Texts in the Fiscal System of Pre-Mongol Novgorod
19:30 Dinner at Clarion Hotel Admiral (speakers)



Friday 24 April

9:00-10:30 CHRISTIANITY AND THE RUNIC TRADITION – MANIFESTATIONS IN STONE**Chair:** Judith Jesch**Michael Lerche Nielsen** (University of Copenhagen), Pagan versus Christian Rune Stones from the Viking Age: A Danish Perspective**Kristel Zilmer** (University of Bergen), Christianity in Runes – On Some Contexts of Application in Viking and Medieval Scandinavia**10:30-10:50 COFFEE****10:50-12:20 CHRISTIANITY AND THE RUNIC TRADITION – EXPRESSIONS AND INTERACTIONS I****Chair:** Magnus Källström**James Knirk** (The Runic Archives, Oslo), The Kuli Rune Stone and the “Improvement” of Norway by Christianity**Henrik Williams** (Uppsala University), ‘Dead in White Clothes’: Modes of Christian Expression on Viking Age Rune Stones**12:20-13:30 LUNCH****13:30-15:00 CHRISTIANITY AND THE RUNIC TRADITION – EXPRESSIONS AND INTERACTIONS II****Chair:** Michael Schulte**Rikke Steenholt Olesen** (University of Copenhagen), Runic Script and Latin Language: Innovation, Interaction and Integration**Terje Spurkland** (University of Oslo), Pater Noster and Ave Maria in Runes – Expressions of Magic or Vernacular Religiosity?**15:00-15:30 COFFEE****15:30-17:00 CHRISTIANITY AND THE RUNIC TRADITION – EXPRESSIONS AND INTERACTIONS III****Chair:** Kristel Zilmer**Judith Jesch** (University of Nottingham), With and Without Runes: Christian Monuments in Viking Age Communities of the Irish Sea Region**Antoaneta Granberg** (University of Gothenburg), ‘The Trilingual Dogma’ – Between Practical Literacy and Christian Identity**17:00-17:45** Coffee and final discussion (w/ Kristel Zilmer and Judith Jesch)**20:00 Dinner at Bølgen & Moi (speakers), Rasmus Meyers allé 9**

Saturday 25 April

9:30-12:00 Visit to Bryggen Museum (w/ James Knirk, Anne Ågotnes), Dreggsalmenningen 3**12:00-13:30 Lunch at Clarion Hotel Admiral. The conference ends**

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