

Day 1 (Thursday 19th March)

Venue: Dragefjellet, Auditorium 2, Magnus Lagabøtes plass 1

09.00 – Opening of the seminar

09.30-09.50 – **Richard Bradshaw** – *The rewilding of NW Europe: taking on the dinosaurs*

09.50-10.10 – **Trond Dokken** – *The last deglaciation as seen from marine and terrestrial evidence*

10.10- 10.30 – **Tor Eldevik** – *A (very) brief history of climate*

Coffee

11.00-11.20 – **Wenche Eide** – *The mountains and their species - how are they doing?*

11.20-11.40 – **Anne Birgitte Nielsen** and **Bjørn Berglund** – *Färskesjön in Blekinge: From landscape description to quantification*

11.40-12.00 – **Mikael Ohlson** – *Ancient carbon in recent food webs*

Lunch

13.00-13.20 – **John Arvid Grytnes** – *Climate change and elevational shifts*

13.20-13.40 – **Heikki Seppä** – *Trees tracking a warmer climate: The Holocene range shift of hazel (*Corylus avellana*) in northern Europe*

13.40-14.00 – **Oliver Heiri** – *Stacking of discontinuous regional palaeoclimate records: Chironomid-based summer temperatures from the Alpine region*

14.00-14.20 – **Steve Juggins** – *Quantitative reconstructions: Where are we now?*

Coffee

15.00-15.20 – **Cajo ter Braak** – *The Bergen SWAP boot camp*

15.20-15.40 – **Gavin Simpson** – *Embracing the 4th dimension*

15.40-16.00 – **Einar Heegaard** and **Magne Sætersdal** – *Spatial characteristics of fungal fruiting*

16.00-16.20 – **Tore Furevik** – *John Birks and the Bjercknes Centre*

Day 2 (Friday 20th of March)

Venue: Egget, Studentsenteret, Parkveien 1

09.00-09.20 – **Rick Battarbee** – *Grey Heugh's Slack: an unpromising site for palaeolimnological research*

09.20-09.40 - **Henry Lamb** – *Testing hypotheses of climate change and human origins: John started me on this!*

09.40-10.00 – **Svante Björck** – *Some examples of magic in Quaternary stratigraphy*

10.00-10.20 – **Alistair Seddon** – *Extrinsic and intrinsic responses to environmental change: insights from terrestrial palaeoecological archives*

Coffee with Solar Eclipse!

11.00-11.20 – **Henry Hooghiemstra** – *The discovery of the tropical past*

11.20-11.40 – **Willy Tinner** – *Episodic Bernese views on John Birks' academic life as an unrelenting catalyst of palaeoecology renewal*

11.40-12.00 – **Hilary Birks** – *South to north: Contrasting late-glacial and early-Holocene climate changes and vegetation responses between south and north Norway*

Lunch

13.00-13.20 – **Kathy Willis** – *What can palaeoecology tell us about differentiating between changes in ecosystem structure versus function through time? And why does it matter...?*

13.20-13.40 – **Vigdis Vandvik** – *Is palaeoecology a special branch of ecology?*

13.40-14.00 – **Richard Telford** – *What do statistical tests of the significance of a transfer-function derived reconstruction tell us?*

14.00-14.20 – **Bas van Geel** – *Non-Pollen Palynomorphs: a wealth of paleoecological information*

Coffee

15.00-15.20 – **Petr Šmilauer** – *Complementarity of forbs and grasses in seedling establishment in a central-European grassland*

15.20-15.40 – **Thomas Giesecke** – *Postglacial patterns of tree-spreading*

15.40 **John Birks** – *WWWWW*