

Third Circular

Zurich and Basel, 2 April, 2015

Dear colleagues and friends,

this third circular, sent to prospective participants in 'Sagas and Space': 16th International Saga Conference, Zurich and Basel, August 2015, gives further information about the registration process, the programme, accommodation and excursions, as well as some practical information concerning the conference. We kindly ask for your understanding that the distribution of the third circular was delayed mainly because of the unstable exchange rates. Some of you have contacted members of the organising committee in the meantime and we hope that we were able to help you with your queries and provide you with all necessary information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further assistance with planning your journey to, or your stay in, Switzerland.

Registration and Prices

Registration is now open and ends 1 May 2015. You will find all necessary information concerning the prices – registration, excursions etc. – on our homepage. Please use the registration form on the website to register.

<https://sagaconference.unibas.ch/practical-information/registration-and-fees/>

Accommodation

We are aware of the fact that prices for accommodation in Switzerland are comparatively high. For this reason, we would like to again direct you to the „Links to External Sites“, which can be found on our website's „Practical Information – Travel and Accommodation“ section. This also contains a „List of Zurich Hotels by Price Category“, advice about „CouchSurfing“ and



even camping.

We are trying to locate additional reasonably priced accommodation and will post updates on the conference website as soon as possible. If you are interested in these possibilities, please check our website regularly.

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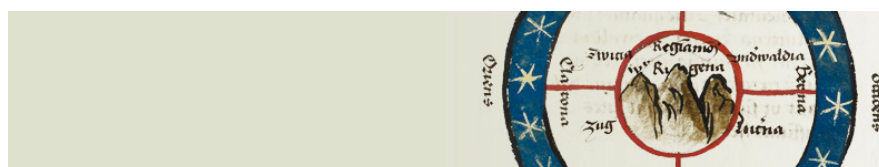
Academic Programme

The review process is now completed and we would like to thank all our colleagues who functioned as anonymous reviewers for their generous help. We received more than 250 abstracts for papers, project presentations and posters to review. If you have submitted an abstract, but have not yet received a definite feedback concerning your acceptance, please contact us via the registration form as soon as possible.

A detailed programme for all individual strands will be compiled and uploaded onto the homepage in the next couple of weeks. As always, the academic programme consists of four plenary lectures. These plenary lectures will be held by Pernille Hermann (Aarhus): "The Mind's Eye: Memory, Space and Senses in Old Norse Literature"; Judith Jesch (Nottingham): "Runes and Verses: The Medialities of Early Scandinavian Poetry"; Edith Marold (Kiel): "Mythic Landscapes in Skaldic Poetry"; Torfi H. Tulinius (Reykjavík): "Sagas and the Space of Literature". Furthermore, there will be roundtable discussions on the following subjects: "Eddic Studies" (Convener: Judy Quinn), "Fornaldarsögur Studies" (Convener: Matthew Driscoll), "Translating the Sagas" (Convener: Jon Gunnar Jørgensen), "Memory Studies" (Convener: Stephen A. Mitchell), "Old Norse-Icelandic Culture and the New Media" (Conveners: Emily Lethbridge and Sandra Schneeberger).

Excursion and Social Programme

All information about the planned excursions can be found on our website, and you can register for the excursions through the registration form. The website also contains information about the accompanying social programme, and this will be updated continuously



over the next months.

Exhibition of Books and Journals

As was the case at previous Saga Conferences, there will be an exhibition of recent publications in Scandinavian medieval studies. If you are interested in presenting your own recent publication or additional information about your research, you or your publisher can contact the organiser, Ulrike Marx ulrike.marx@unibas.ch

MOOC

The Massive Open Online Course "Sagas and Space – Thinking Space in Viking Age and Medieval Scandinavia" will start on 7th of April 2015. If you are interested in joining the course, you can register online through:

<https://www.coursera.org/course/sagaspace>

This circular has been sent to all participants who have submitted an abstract for the conference, are holding a plenary lecture or are organising a roundtable discussion. We would kindly ask you to circulate this information about the conference and the homepage at your University and amongst colleagues.

For further queries, suggestions or comments please use the blank section on the registration form or contact us via www.sagaconference.unibas.ch

Best wishes,

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