

VIKING SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN RESEARCH News-Sheet 2013

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Viking Society was held on Saturday 18 May 2013 at the Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool.

The President, Carolyne Larrington, was in the Chair. The minutes of the last AGM were read and accepted.

Election of officers of the Society was announced as follows:

Re-elected as President: Carolyne Larrington (Oxford)

Re-elected as Vice-Presidents in Council: Michael Barnes, Anthony Faulkes, Rory McTurk, John McKinnell, Richard Perkins, John Townsend, Andrew Wawn, and Kirsten Williams

Elected as Councillors: Eleanor Barraclough (Oxford), Clare Downham (Liverpool), Philip Shaw (Oxford), David Varley (Durham)

Re-elected as Councillors: Aliko Arkomani (London), David Ashurst (Durham), Richard Cole (London), Erin Goeres (Oxford), Guðrún Sveinbjarnardóttir (London), Jonathan Grove (Cambridge), Kathryn Lowe (Glasgow), and Pragya Vohra (York)

Meetings 2012-13

Autumn: Friday 23 November 2012, at University College, London. Speaker: Lars Lönnroth (Göteborg), 'From History to Legend: The Ingvar Stones and *Yngvars saga víðförla*'

Spring: Friday 1 March 2013, at University College, London. Speaker: David Clark (Leicester), 'The influence of Old Norse on transformational children's fantasy'

Summer: Saturday 18 May 2013, at the University of Liverpool. Speaker: Clare Downham (Liverpool), 'The War of the Irish and the Foreigners'

Student Conference: *Place, Space, and Environment*, Saturday 9 February 2013, at the University of Leeds, organized by Alaric Hall. Speakers were as follows:

Matthew Townend (York): 'Medievalism and the Sense of Place: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, 1850-1920'

Sheryl McDonald (Leeds): 'Geography in Icelandic Romance'

Chris Callow (Birmingham): 'Land and Memory in the Sagas of Icelanders'

Haki Antonsson (University College, London): 'Salvation and Place in the Early Icelandic Sagas'

Carl Phelpstead (Cardiff): 'Living (and Dying) with Animals in the Sagas of Icelanders'

Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting, and annual dinner, will be held on Friday 15 November 2013 at University College, London. The speaker will be Dagfinn Skre (University of Oslo).

Publications

For information on how to purchase the Society's publications, see its website:
<http://www.vsnr.org/>

Many of the Society's publications are also freely available at the following website:
<http://vsnrweb-publications.org.uk/>

Prizes

The following student prizes were awarded for the academic year 2011-12:

The Margaret Orme Prize: Thomas Spray (University of Glasgow)

The Townsend Viking Society Prize: Alexandra Gogloza (University College, London)

The Turville-Petre Prize: Christian Carlsen (University of Oxford)

[NB The Turville-Petre Prize for 2010-11 was awarded to David Calder (University of Oxford)]

Research Support Fund

The following awards were made in the year 2012-13:

Edward Carlsson Browne (University of Aberdeen), to organize a conference on 'Elites in Discord in North-West Europe, c.900-c.1500'

Ruth Cheadle (University College, London), to attend the International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo

Robert Cutrer (University of Toronto), to attend the International Medieval Congress, Leeds

Lara Hogg (Cardiff University), to attend the 17th Viking Congress in Shetland

Tom Horne (University of Glasgow), to attend the 17th Viking Congress in Shetland

Cat Jarman (University of Bristol), to attend the conference 'Women in the Viking Age' in Telemark

Joanne Kirton (University of Chester), to organize the second workshop of the 'International Research Network Runes, Monuments, and Memorial Carvings'

Patrycja Kupiec (University of Aberdeen), to pursue research into the shieling site at Vatnsfjarðarsel, Iceland

Maria Lahtinen (University of Durham), to attend a graduate seminar on 'Dynamics of Agrarian Transformation' in Rome

Kenneth James McMullen (University of Iceland), to attend the International Medieval Congress, Leeds

Janis Mitchell (University of Iceland), to attend the 17th Viking Congress in Shetland

Fergus Oakes and Hanna Kilpi (University of Glasgow), to organize a conference on 'Conflict and Rebellion in the North Sea World'

Elizabeth Pierce (University of Glasgow), to attend the 17th Viking Congress in Shetland

Nela Scholma-Mason (University of York), to pursue research into Norse perceptions of the prehistoric landscape of Orkney

Brian Smith (Shetland Museum and Archives), to pursue research on the rentals and revenues of the Lordship of Shetland

Declan Taggart (University of Aberdeen), to attend the International Summer School in Manuscript Studies, Reykjavík

Letty ten Harkel (University of Oxford), to participate in the international network 'The Foundations of European Space', in Stavanger

Sofie Vanherpen (Ghent University), to attend the International Medieval Congress, Leeds