**VIKING SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN RESEARCH**

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**Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Viking Society was held on Saturday 24 May 2014 at St John’s College, Oxford.

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:

Elected as President: Judy Quinn (Cambridge)

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: Michael Bintley (Canterbury), Hannah Burrows (Aberdeen), Alaric Hall (Leeds), and Brittany Schorn (Oxford)

Re-elected as Councillors: David Ashurst (Durham), Eleanor Barraclough (Oxford), Richard Cole (London), Clare Downham (Liverpool), Erin Goeres (Oxford), Guðrún Sveinbjarnardóttir (London), Philip Shaw (Leicester), and David Varley (Durham)

**Meetings 2013-14**

Autumn: Friday 15 November 2013, at University College, London. Speaker: Dagfinn Skre (Oslo), ‘Avaldnes, a sea-kings’ seat by the Norðvegr’

Spring: Friday 28 February 2014, at University College, London. Speaker: Erin Goeres (University College, London), ‘Inspiration through Defeat: 1066 in Scandinavian Historiography’

Summer: Saturday 24 May 2014, at St John’s College, Oxford. Speaker: Carolyne Larrington (Oxford), ‘Kerling / Drottning: Thinking about Medieval Queenship with *Egils saga einhendar ok Ásmundar berserkjarbana*’ [Presidential Address]

Student Conference: *Bodies*, Saturday 9 February 2013, at the University of Durham, organized by David Varley. Speakers were as follows:

Christina Lee (Nottingham), ‘Illness as Metaphor – Body as Text’

Gareth Evans (Oxford), Bodily Subversions of Masculinity in *Njáls saga*’

Andy Orchard (Oxford), ‘*Gestumblindagátur* and a Disembodied Corpus’

Erin Goeres (University College, London), ‘On His Majesty’s Service: The Emotional Bodies of Courtly Poets’

Stephen Harrison (Trinity College, Dublin) ‘A Body Corporate? A New Approach to Dublin’s “Viking Graves”’

John McKinnell (Durham), ‘The Earth as Body in Old Norse Poetry’

**Forthcoming Meetings**

The next meeting, and annual dinner, will be held on Friday 21 November 2014 at University College, London.

**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 2012-13:

The Margaret Orme Prize: Florence Laino (University of York)

The Townsend Viking Society Prize: Beth Howell (University College, London)

The Turville-Petre Prize: Harriet Soper (University of Oxford)

The Peter Foote Memorial Bursary for 2012-13 was awarded to Van Pigtain (University of Cambridge), for travel to Denmark to pursue research on skeletal material from Greenland. The Bursary for 2013-14 was awarded to Bernadette McCooey (University of Birmingham), for travel in Iceland to pursue research on animal husbandry.

**Research Support Fund**

The following awards were made in the year 2013-14:

Leszek Gardela (Snorrastofa, Iceland), to pursue research on Viking Age amulets in Poland

Lara Hogg (Cardiff University), to pursue research on animal husbandry at the National Museum of the Faroe Islands and associated sites

Jane Kershaw (University College, London), to organize a conference on ‘Silver and Other Economies in the Viking World’

Maria Lahtinen (University of Durham), to attend the 6th International Symposium on Biomolecular Archaeology in Basel

Victoria Ralph (University College, London), to attend the 2nd St Magnus Conference in Lerwick

Julian D. Richards (University of York), to organize a conference on ‘The World of the Vikings: 40 Years of Viking Archaeology in York’

Pete Sandberg (University College, London), to attend a workshop on ‘Comparing the Medieval North’ in Aarhus

Heidi Stoner and Meg Boulton (University of York), to organize a conference on ‘*Subterranean* in the Medieval World’

Declan Taggart (University of Aberdeen), to attend workshops on ‘Religion, Ideology, and Cultural Practices in the Old Norse World’ and ‘Comparing the Medieval North’ in Aarhus

Louisa Taylor (University College, London), to attend a workshop on ‘Comparing the Medieval North’ in Aarhus

Sophie Vanherpen (Ghent University), to pursue research on the manuscripts of *Laxdœla saga* at the Árni Magnússon Institute, Reykjavík