



**CALL FOR PAPERS
RURALIA XIII CONFERENCE**

“Seasonal Settlement in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside”

Stirling (Scotland, UK)
9th – 15th September 2019

RURALIA is an international association for the archaeology of medieval settlement and rural life. It provides a European-wide platform for the scientific exchange on current problems in rural archaeology in order to strengthen comparative and interdisciplinary studies. The conference covers the period from the Early Medieval to the Early Modern Period. The conference language is English.

RURALIA XIII will take place in Stirling (Scotland, UK), a city in the central belt of Scotland. The theme will be: *“Seasonal Settlement in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside”*.

In addition to the papers given from Monday to Friday, one half-day and one full day excursion and an optional two-day study trip to the Highlands will be offered.

The conference is jointly organized by Piers Dixon, Kirsty Owen, Mark Gardiner, Niall Brady and Claudia Theune, with the financial support of Historic Environment Scotland, the Historic Rural Settlement Group and support in kind from the Universities of Stirling, Aberdeen and the Highlands and Islands.

Seasonal Settlement in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside

By its very nature, ephemeral seasonal settlement is less well researched than permanent settlement. There has been a rash of recent work on transhumance a subject that has its own history and archaeology and has been variously researched in many parts of Europe. A recent EAA conference session in 2015 tackled this very issue, leading to publication in 2018.

However, transhumance was only one facet of seasonal settlement. It was also necessitated by other forms of economic activity, such as fishing, following the movement of the herring shoals, or charcoal burning, as stocks of woodland are coppiced and burned, and even perhaps iron smelting with the exploitation of bog iron in Scotland, for example.

All of these leave particular forms of settlement and archaeology associated with the particular economic practice and may vary in form according to the environment in which the activity is carried out: whether upland or lowland, coastal or inland, woodland or open pasture, mountain or plain (steppe). The types of buildings and structures that are constructed associated with summer settlement and the evidence for it being seasonal are key determinants of its relevance to this conference. The increased exploitation of resources in the medieval period with a growing population are drivers for this kind of activity which may have varied and developed according to the wider economy, of course, and should be reflected in the archaeology.

We are seeking papers that address some of the questions outlined above that date to the *longue durée* of the medieval period. Sessions may be focused on areas of activity such as fishing or transhumance, or on particular chronological phases within the medieval period depending upon the level of interest shown. Papers which incorporate an interdisciplinary approach to landscape and land-use research are particularly welcome, for example, those combining geoarchaeology, paleoenvironmental studies and historical documentary analysis.

Papers should address some of the following questions:

How do we recognize seasonal settlement? How do we know it is seasonal?

What form do these activities take and how was the associated settlement organized?

What is the environmental evidence for seasonal settlement? This may be proxy data such as pollen rain, physical evidence in the landscape of past land-use or environmental data from excavations of seasonal settlements of whatever kind.

What is the dating for these activities and how does it relate to other forms of evidence, including documentary sources?

How were these activities affected by economic drivers such as population growth and decline and consequent changes which may be reflected in the archaeology or in land-use change?

Please fill out the separate Abstract Form if you wish to give a paper or poster at the conference. Paper proposals are subject to review by the organizing committee. Applicants will be informed of decisions by 30th September 2018.

Short schedule of the conference (Subject to change)

	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
Monday 9th September	Arrival	Arrival	Welcome 3 Lectures	Tour and HES Reception and dinner, Stirling Castle, Great Hall
Tuesday 10th September	6 Lectures	Lunch Poster Presentation	6 Lectures	Committee meeting
Wednesday 11th September	Excursion to Highland Perthshire	Excursion to Highland Perthshire	Excursion to Highland Perthshire	Stirling Council Reception at Smith Museum; dinner out
Thursday 12th September	6 Lectures	Lunch	Excursion to Cambuskenneth Abbey and Menstrie Glen	Conference Dinner
Friday 13th September	7 Lectures	Lunch Main conference ends	Departure for optional study trip to Highland Folk Museum	Dinner , Aviemore
Saturday 14th September	Excursion The Shieling Project	Lunch at Shieling Project	Excursion The Shieling Project	The Shieling, Project
Sunday 15th September	Excursion Strath Conan	Excursion Strath Conan	Departure Inverness	

Conference fee

Conference + hotel + meals + 2 excursions (Monday to Friday) = 500 € (£440)

Accompanying person: double room, meals, excursions (Mon-Friday) = 430 € (£375)

Day delegate rate = 50 € (£45)

Optional Saturday and Sunday- excursion per person = 180 € (£150)

Please send a non-refundable deposit per person of **100 € (£90) due before 1st November 2018.**

Please send the **balance of conference fee due before 1st May 2019** to the following bank account of the RURALIA Association:

KvK nr. 59125101. Rabo Bank account: IBAN NL97RABO0141806877; BIC [Swift] RABONL2U. (if needed the address of Rabo Bank: UTRECHT 18, CROESLAAN 3500 HG, The Netherlands)

Please note that only fully paid conference fees can be considered as reservation for the congress! Note too that the number of hotel rooms available is restricted and will be reserved in the order of receipt of fees.

A limited number of student burseries are available from Historic Environment Scotland on application.

REGISTRATION FORM

Stirling, Scotland, UK

“Seasonal Settlement”

RURALIA XIII CONFERENCE

9th – 15th September 2019

Please send your registration form by 1st November 2018 to:

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Leithen Crescent,

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I would like to register for the above event:

Surname, first name:			
Address:			
Tel:		Email:	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference + hotel + meals + 2 excursions (Monday to Friday)	500€
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accompanying person: accommodation in double room (hotel + meals + 2 excursions (Monday to Friday))	430€
<input type="checkbox"/>	Optional Saturday and Sunday excursion	170€
<input type="checkbox"/>	Optional payment to enable RURALIA to invite young researchers €

All payments must be made electronically to the Ruralia bank account, in the Netherlands

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I have transferred the conference non-refundable deposit fee (**100 € (€90)**) per person on the (date) _____.

I have transferred the full conference/balance fee (.....€) on the (date) _____.

Please quote RURALIA 2017 and YOUR NAME/NAMES on all transactions.

Date/Signature: _____

By signing this registration for the XIII Ruralia Conference in Stirling I agree that the Ruralia XIII organising committee collect, process and store the personal data that is given on the application (name, country, telephone number, e-mail-address, bank account). The data will be deleted when the conference and all its agenda is completed.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be advised in writing/by email and receipt confirmed by the organizers. Cancellation accepted between May 2019 and 1st August 2019 will be refunded at 70%, excluding the non-refundable deposit fee. Cancellations advised after 1st August 2019 cannot be refunded.

RURALIA XII CONFERENCE
Practical Information Form.

Please complete so that we know your plans and needs.

Arrival

Date of arrival: Monday 9th Sept. 2019 Tuesday 10th Sept. 2019

Other:

Departure

Date of departure: Friday 13th Sept. 2019 Sunday 15th Sept. 2019

Other:

Your stay

I will attend the following meals:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reception Monday 9th Sept. | <input type="checkbox"/> Reception Monday 9th Sept. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Tuesday 10th Sept. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Tuesday 12th Sept. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Wednesday 11th Sept. | <input type="checkbox"/> Reception Wednesday 11th Sept. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Thursday 12th Sept. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Thursday 12th Sept. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Friday 13th Sept. | |

Vegetarian

Allergic to :

Others :

I will presentposter(s). Size: cm by cm (horizontal by vertical).

I need space on the book desk to present / to sell publications.

RURALIA XIII CONFERENCE

Getting to Stirling

The main conference will be based in the Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling. <https://www.stirlingcourthotel.co.uk/>. The hotel is located on the campus of the University of Stirling. There are two options to get to Stirling University by public transport from either Glasgow or Edinburgh airports:

1. There is no train station at Edinburgh Airport. You must take a bus (Airlink 100) from the airport to the train station in Edinburgh (Haymarket) (approximately 20 minutes). There is a scheduled train service from Haymarket to Stirling (approximately 50 minutes).
2. There is no train station at Glasgow Airport. You must take a bus (500 Airport Express) to the city centre (approximately 20 minutes). Walk from Dundas Street to Queen Street Station and take the train to Stirling (direction Alloa; approximately 40 minutes).

On arrival at Stirling, take the bus at Stance A, Goosecroft Road to MacRobert Centre, Stirling University, from which it is 5 minutes to the Hotel and Conference Centre.

If your travel plans are different, please contact Piers Dixon in advance so that we can assist with identifying the most effective journey for you.

Publication of the proceedings

The proceedings of RURALIA conferences are published in the RURALIA volumes, which appear every two years. The volumes are subject to full peer review. It is expected that all presenters (papers and posters) will submit a paper for consideration in the volume. Papers will be new research and will not be previously published. Papers will not exceed 5000 words. Full instructions to authors are available on the RURALIA website, www.ruralia.cz

Papers and posters accepted for the conference cannot be considered for publication if the presenter is not in attendance at the conference.

Timeline of the conference

- **10th September 2018** Abstracts due, papers and posters.
- **30th September 2018** Decisions on submissions made.
- **1st November 2018** €100.00 non-refundable deposit per person and conference registration required.
- **1st May 2019** Balance of conference fee due
- **Cancellations accepted between May 2019 and 1st August 2019 will be refunded at 70%, excluding the non-refundable deposit fee. Cancellations advised after 1st August 2019 cannot be refunded.**
- **31st January 2020** Finished versions of papers to be submitted to the National Representative for peer review