

The Ruralia XIII Conference Programme

Seasonal Settlement in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside

Stirling (Scotland, UK)

9th-15th September

Monday afternoon

14.30pm Welcome from the President of Ruralia, the Head of the Organising Committee, Representative of Stirling University

15.00-17.00 Seasonal Settlement: themes and questions

Richard Oram, Introduction to seasonal settlement and research issues from northern Europe (title to be confirmed)

Caterina Tente, Comparative paper from southern Europe (title to be confirmed)

17.00-19.00 Tour of Stirling Castle and King's Park

19.00-21.00 Reception and buffet dinner, Great Hall, Stirling Castle – Member of Scottish Parliament for Stirling (invited), David Mitchell, Head of Conservation, Historic Environment Scotland

Tuesday morning - Six papers

8.30-10.30 Early medieval seasonal settlement in Eastern Europe

Elena Mikhaylova – Early medieval seasonal and temporary settlements in the forest zone of Eastern Europe: the case of the culture of Pskov long barrows

Maria Vargha – Enduring Memory - Changing Landscape around the 1000 in Hungary

Tuuli Heinonen – From Seasonal Settlement to Medieval Villages? The Early Medieval settlement in coastal region of Uusimaa, Southern Finland

Ivan Valent – In which part of the year did the iron smelting in the Drava valley occur?

Tea/coffee break

11.00-12.00 Northern European seasonal settlement

Christian Madsen – Seasonal settlement and mobility in medieval Norse Greenland

Therese Nasset – From the ruins of a medieval house, western Norway

Tuesday afternoon

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.30 Poster session

14.30-16.00 Seasonal Coastal Settlement - Three Papers

Kevin Grant – Song of the Seaweed Gatherers: Kelp, Seasonality, and Coastal Settlement in later 18th century Hebrides

Gudrun Norstedt – Changes in seasonal settlement patterns of the forest Sami in Fennoscandia

Leif Lauritsen – Albuen, the king's herring market, Denmark

16.00-16.30 Tea/coffee break

14.30-18.00 Northern European seasonal settlement (continued) - Three Papers

Rhiannon Comeau – Seasonal settlement in Wales

Eugene Costello – Seasonal upland settlement as an indicator of 'glocalisation' in rural northern Europe, c.1350-1850

Frode Iversen – Seasonal settlement in Norway: an overview

18.30-19.30 Dinner at Stirling Court Hotel

20.00-21.30 Committee meeting

20.00-21.00 Evening talk on Ben Lawers shielings **Eve Boyle or John Atkinson** (to be confirmed)

Wednesday 8.30-17.30 All day field trip to Highland Perthshire: visiting the Crannog Centre (Mike Benson and Michael Strategos) and high-level shielings at Ben Lawers (John Atkinson and Richard Tipping). Packed lunch

18.00-19.00 Reception at Pathfoot Building, Stirling University

19.30 Self-selected dinner in Bridge of Allan or Stirling

Thursday morning - Six papers

8.30-10.30 Seasonal industry and trade

Darroch Bratt – Whisky distilling in rural post-medieval Scotland

Margarita Mier and Pablo Gomez –Multi-functionality of grazing areas in the Cantabrian mountains

Leif Loftsgarden – Seasonal settlements and the production of iron in the Norwegian mountains

Cynthia Colling – Three cases of iron production sites in Luxembourg: seasonal, specific occasion or year-round?

Tea/coffee break

11.00-12.00 Seasonal settlement in southern Europe [move to Tuesday AS leaves Wednesday]

Harald Stadler – Archaeological Research to seasonal Settlement in a Medieval and Early Modern Countryside landscape in East-Tyrol, Austria

Maria Stagno – A multidisciplinary approach to the relationship between seasonal settlements and multiple uses. Case studies from southern Europe (10th-21st Century): Seasonal settlement in southern Europe

12.30-13.30 Lunch

14.00-18.00 Afternoon field trip: Castle Campbell, Dollar (Castle and Shieling Site Excavation)

19.00 Conference Dinner

Friday morning – Six papers

8.30-10.30 Woodlands and seasonal settlement

Mireia Martinez and Elena Bordas – Dendrochronological research to track transhumance through shepherds' woodcarving in the Pyrenees

Andrew Margetts – To browse and mast and meadow glades: seasonal settlement in the Weald of South-East England

Sylvain Burri – "Living in the woods, living on pastures". A historical and archaeological comparative study of seasonal pastoral and craft-related settlements in medieval and post-medieval Southern France

Ian Maclellan – 'This piece of singular bad neighbourhood': disputed upland grazing and deer preservation in Mamlorn Forest, Scotland 1730-1744

11.00-12.10 Trading, herding and nomadism

Laszlo Ferenczi – Seasonality and the logistics of late medieval and early modern cattle trade in Hungary

Marie Odegaard – Settlements by seasonal horse markets in inland-Norway

Jose Lopez – Long term patterns of nomadic and sedentary settlement in The Crowded Desert of NW Qatar

12.10-12.30 Conference Summary and discussion

Lunch 12.30-13.30

13.30 Depart

13.45 Weekend field excursion leaves for Highlands

16.30-18.00 Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire

18.30 Arrive Accommodation, Speyside Hotel, in Grantown-on-Spey

19.30 Dinner

Saturday morning

8.30-10.00 Travel to the Shieling Project, Struy Bridge

10.30-12.30 Introduction to the project and traditional animal husbandry in highlands

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-16.30 Visit to shielings in Strathfarrar

Dinner and overnight in bothies

Sunday

9.00 Leave for Strathconon

10.00-12.00 Visit to illicit whisky distillery sites with the North of Scotland Archaeology Society in Strathconon

13.00 Inverness Airport for flight home or return to Stirling by bus

17.00 Arrive Stirling University