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Announcements

SASS 2008

Please note that the deadline for paper proposals for the March 2008 SASS meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, is 15 November 2007. See call for papers below.

The American Council of Learned Societies and its Member Societies

Steven C. Wheatley, Vice President ACLS

The ACLS constitution defines our mission as pursuing “the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and the social sciences and the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the national societies devoted to such studies.” So, “learned societies” is not only our last name, as it were, but an object of our work. As the constitutional formulation implies, much of that work is a collective activity that is collegial in character. It must be stressed, however, that while ACLS is a federation, it is most certainly not the federal government of our societies.

If one were founding an institution in 2007, it is unlikely that one would choose a name as seemingly rarefied as “the American Council of Learned Societies,” but that name made sense when we were founded eighty-eight years ago in 1919, and it made sense for very practical reasons. (The ACLS is thus just a little younger than the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies.) After World War I, the British Academy sought to build a new international union of national academies, in the wake of the failure of the politicians to create a League of Nations. But who should represent the U.S. in this new union? Lord Bryce, the distinguished scholar and former British ambassador to the U.S., posed that question to his friend, J. Franklin Jameson of The Library of Congress. Should we invite the American Academy of Arts and Sciences or the American Philosophical Society? No, replied Jameson, those selective organizations were “aristocratic,” and not in keeping with the democratic ethos of our nation. Better, Jameson advised, to form a new federation of professional scholarly societies, organizations dedicated to the advancement of learning but open and inclusive in their membership. ACLS began with thirteen societies and now proudly counts sixty-nine members, including SASS, which became a member in 2003.

Jameson's response highlights key characteristics of the modern American learned society. It is voluntary in its membership and leadership; it is open and inclusive. It is dedicated above all to knowledge *qua* knowledge in research, teaching, and practice. This formula has proven remarkably durable and scalable, that is, capable of growth. As the higher education enterprise grew in the U.S. and especially as doctoral and professional education spread beyond a few elite institutions, the learned societies were a critical means of establishing standards and of creating truly national professional disciplines.

The phenomena of learned societies are deeply enmeshed in the history of American higher education. Historians such as Barton Bernstein and Roger Geiger identify them as the wrappings of professional standards that bound together the American research university both at its beginnings in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and in the period of its epoch expansion in the mid-1900s. Learned societies are, with a few notable exceptions, creatures of nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Will they endure in the twenty-first century? That question helps concentrate our minds.

Every fall the ACLS Conference of Administrative Officers (CAO), composed of the Executive Directors of our member societies, meets in a different city to discuss the very important issues of society management and operation: membership, publications, meeting organization, insurance, finance, technology, etc. (These meetings themselves illustrate the power of collective membership: their costs are fully paid by different municipal convention bureaus that hope to inspire societies to hold annual meetings in their cities. Our Administrative Officers take on a certain amount of enforced tourism in order to evaluate the possible meeting sites.) Some members of the CAO refer to these set of practical issues as "tradecraft," a term that is perhaps unconsciously apt. I first encountered it in John Le Carré's novels where it denotes the techniques of spies and secret agents that allow them carry out their objectives undetected. In some ways, that is what the management of learned society's aims for: it is an important element of the infrastructure of knowledge, but like all good infrastructure—transportation, buildings, communications—one hopes that it is serviceable, usable, and even transparent to the user. Each of our sixty-eight member societies is distinctive in its structure and academic focus, but when compared with other sorts of non-profit organizations, but as a group, our societies are more alike than different. ACLS, we hope, provides a space for the sharing of experience and expertise that can help strengthen each society in their distinctiveness.

But as important as the practical discussions are, they are intended—much as the learned societies as organizations are intended—to serve a higher purpose. In the case of ACLS, we hope that we can represent the collective interests of our societies and of their members. (It is worth remembering that most of the members of our societies are members of several societies, so ACLS represents both societies and scholars *as scholars*, not just as specialists in one field.) Meetings of the CAO include discussion of these larger questions, and periodic “retreats” of the group—the next is planned for this fall in Salt Lake City—discuss such “meta-questions” as how societies share scholarship and are shaped in turn by scholarship’s changing patterns.

ACLS also focuses on the role of learned societies’ presidents. For the past several years, we have convened an annual “leadership seminar” for newly elected society presidents and their partners in leadership, the society’s administrative officer. Led by a researcher in non-profit management, this seminar provides a day-long opportunity for the leadership teams to consider the operational and strategic situation of their society and to share their concerns with colleagues from other societies.

What of the other half of the ACLS mission: “advancing humanistic studies in all fields of the humanities and social sciences”? There is an active synergy between this work and our character as a federation. ACLS plays a distinctive role in the complex ecology of American academia. The U.S. system of higher education and research is characterized by a high degree of institutional diversity but also a commonality of values and ideals. As a federation, ACLS represents the breadth and variety of the academic humanities: it is both prestigious and “democratic.” As an operating organization it is small, flexible, and nimble. One principle activity is providing fellowship support for high quality scholarship through careful selection according to the most rigorous standards. Our dual character of being both highly selective and broadly representative is particularly important to the humanities, which are characterized by methodological variety, conceptual pluralism, and institutional dispersion.

The fact that ACLS represents a broad range of scholars gives us the ability to help focus the attention of not only the scholarly community, but also of the institutional leadership of colleges and universities. ACLS can exercise the leadership expected of it if it is both representative and responsible. We must be responsible to that community and responsible for the conservation of its best ideals. Those qualities are going to be only more necessary in the coming years as American higher education will be challenged and stressed by economic, demographic, and techno-

logical changes. ACLS should be an important participant in addressing those challenges.

Another example of the synergy between ACLS's programmatic and federative work is in the area of scholarly publishing and communication. This is an important and dynamic realm, and many of our societies have active publishing programs, buffeted by the economic, technological, and organizational problems in this realm. ACLS tries to address these issues by combining high level discussions at our Annual Meeting and elsewhere with focused experimentation such as in our History E-Book project, which is becoming the Humanities E-Book (see www.humanitiesebook.org/hebnews.html). Our Commission on Cyber-Infrastructure issued a report in 2006 on what new intellectual strategies, critical methods, and creative practices are emerging in response to technical applications in the humanities and what new structures might accelerate positive change (see www.acls.org/cyberinfrastructure/OurCulturalCommonwealth.pdf). Change in this realm is gathering force, so it is hard to predict what will be the future shapes of our system of scholarly communication. But I will predict this: the future will not be congenial if learned societies are not prominent among the forces shaping it.

Workshop for North American University Teachers of Swedish

I am very happy to announce that the next Workshop for North American University Teachers of Swedish will be hosted by the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on 25–27 October 2007. Please save this date and spread word to friends and colleagues. More details on the program and featured guest speakers will be available later this spring and posted at www.swedennewyork.com/workshop.

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From the Consulate General of Sweden in New York

Som svenskklärare har många av er har säkert redan hört om Svenska institutets beslut att slopa stödet för översättning av svensk litteratur. Beslutet har lett till många starka reaktioner både i Sverige och utomlands. För allas kännedom bifogar jag ett antal artiklar och debattinlägg i Dagens Nyheter och Svenska Dagbladet:

www.dn.se/DNet/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1353&a=638693
www.svd.se/dynamiskt/kultur/did_15086224.asp
www.dn.se/DNet/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=2207&a=640092
www.dn.se/DNet/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=2502&a=639794
www.dn.se/DNet/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=2502&a=640084
www.dn.se/DNet/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=2502&a=640612
www.svd.se/dynamiskt/kultur/did_15099152.asp
www.svd.se/dynamiskt/kultur/did_15107994.asp

På generalkonsulatet i New York har vi också tagit del av flera protestbrev och opinionsyttringar i frågan. Vi har inget ansvar för varken Svenska institutets eller Kulturdepartementets budgetbeslut, men vi rapporterar naturligtvis hemåt (främst till UD:s enhet för press, information och kultur) om de reaktioner som vi möter och iakttar här i USA.

Kulturdepartementet föreslår i en promemoria att ett nytt statligt stöd till internationellt utbyte och samarbete på litteraturområdet ska införas fr.o.m. 2008. Stödet ska disponeras av ett centrum för svensk litteratur. Centrumet ska fördela stöd till översättningar av svensk litteratur till utomnordiska språk samt stöd till internationellt kulturutbyte på litteraturområdet. Promemorian skickas nu på remiss till 19 olika instanser, som får en månad på sig att lämna synpunkter, inför regeringens fortsatta hantering av dessa frågor i höstens budgetproposition. www.regeringen.se/sb/d/9200/a/85720.

For further information please contact Niklas Arnegren, Officer for Academic and Cultural Affairs, Consulate General of Sweden, One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 45th floor, New York, NY 10017; phone: 212.583.2585; email: niklas.arnegren@foreign.ministry.se; website: www.swedennewyork.com.

The Scottish Society for Northern Studies

The Scottish Society for Northern Studies (www.northernstudies.org.uk/) is a Scottish-based group having much in common with the Viking Society for Northern Research. It was founded in 1968 to explore the inter-relationships between the Scandinavian, Celtic, and Scottish cultures and provides a forum in Scotland for specialists and enthusiasts of many disciplines to pursue their common northern interests. Through its seminars, conferences, and publications, the Scottish Society for Northern Studies seeks to encourage further exploration and research locally throughout

Scotland and beyond. Features of the website include information on how to join the Society or renew membership, details of past and future events, entry information on the student essay prize, and details of Society publications. There is also a searchable database containing an index of the contents of every volume of the Northern Studies journal.

2007 Conference for the North American University Teachers of Swedish

The 2007 Conference for North American University Teachers of Swedish will be hosted by the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on 25–27 October 2007. Featured guest speakers from Sweden will include author Mats Wahl, historian Lars Trägårdh, and journalist and historian Henrik Berggren. Conference information and online registration is available at: www.swedennewyork.com/conference2007.

Registration must be submitted by 25 September 2007 in order to ensure hotel accommodation. Please feel free to pass this information along to any and all interested colleagues.

Calls for Papers

SASS 2008

The Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study issues a call for papers. The University of Alaska Fairbanks welcomes the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study to its 98th annual meeting, which will be held in Fairbanks, Alaska, 13–15 March 2008. Please note that this is approximately six weeks earlier than usual.

All fields related to Scandinavian Studies are open for presentations. However, since this conference falls during International Polar Year, proposals related to IPY themes are particularly encouraged. For information on the social science component of IPY at UAF, see: www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa/ipyback.htm.

Single paper submissions are welcome, but the organizers encourage participants to submit complete sessions with three or four related papers. Individual submissions should include a one page summary of the paper topic and a curriculum vita of not more than two pages. Session proposals should include a cover statement, summaries of the individual papers, and a CV for each participant.

Proposals should be submitted to Dr. Carol Gold, by e-mail at carol.gold@uaf.edu, or by hard copy to Dr. Carol Gold, Dept. of History, PO Box 6460, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99775. Submissions must be received by 15 November 2007. Please note that this is earlier than the usual submission date. Information concerning the conference will also be available at the SASS website www.scandinavianstudy.org.

All presenters (except those from outside North America) must be SASS members in good standing. For membership information visit the SASS website www.scandinavianstudy.org or contact SASS at sass@byu.edu.

Requests for A/V equipment must be submitted with your proposal. Please be as specific as possible in your request. Requests that are not submitted with proposals cannot be guaranteed equipment.

Graduate student proposals must be accompanied by certification from thesis advisers that the work to be presented is sufficiently advanced to merit presentation at SASS 2008.

Graduate students wishing to have their papers considered for the Aurora Borealis Prize are to submit copies of their papers as read at the meeting (a maximum of twelve double-spaced U.S. letter size pages in 12-point font) to the conference organizers.

Graduate students and independent scholars seeking President's Grants are to submit those requests (addressed to SASS President Susan Brantly) to the conference organizers together with their paper proposals. Information about what is to be included in these requests will be available at www.scandinavianstudy.org.

We look forward to welcoming SASS to Fairbanks, Alaska, the Golden Heart City, in March, 2008.

AABS 2008

The Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS) welcomes individual paper and panel proposals for its twenty-first conference to be held from 29 May to 1 June 2008 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. The conference's aim is to consider the Baltic region from a broad, multicultural, and multiethnic perspective. This interdisciplinary conference welcomes participants from disciplines including (but not limited to): Linguistics, Literature, Political Science, International Relations, Law, History, Memory, Psychology, Sociology, Demography, Cultural Studies, Religion, Anthropology, Communication, Education, Gender Studies, Ethnic Relations, Environment and Public Health, and Advancing Baltic Studies.

Paper and panel proposals should include a 250–350 word abstract and a 1–2 page curriculum vitae by 15 October 2007.

Please send a copy of your proposal to conference chair Mara Lazda (mlazda@alumni.iu.edu) and to the appropriate division chair below:

Literature: Diana Spokiene (York University) spokiene@yorku.ca

Linguistics: Dzintra Bond (Ohio University) zbond1@ohiou.edu

History, Memory, and Identity: Saulius Suziedelis (Millersville University) ssuziedelis@millersville.edu

Political Science, Intl. Relations, and Law: Mark Jubulis (Gannon University) jubulis001@gannon.edu

Business and Economics: Kenneth Smith (Millersville University) Kenneth.Smith@millersville.edu

Culture, Communication, and Religion: Gediminas Lankauskas (University of Regina) gediminas.lankauskas@uregina.ca

Environment, Public Health, and Sociology: Robert Smurr (Evergreen State College) Smurrr@evergreen.edu

Advancing Baltic Studies: Olavi Arens (Armstrong Atlantic State University) arensola@mail.armstrong.edu

For further information contact: Mara Lazda (mlazda@alumni.iu.edu)

Danish American Heritage Society

The Danish American Heritage Society announces an international conference on “Innovation—The Danish Way” to be held on 1–3 October 2009, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For complete information, see the website at www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org/.

Proposals for papers dealing with any aspect of Danish or Danish-American innovation, past or present, in science and technology, architecture and design, social innovation, the arts and literature, and other relevant areas are welcome. The conference will focus on both contemporary and historical Danish and Danish-American innovation.

Send proposals for papers or sessions to Dr. J. R. Christianson, Conference Chair, at christjr@luther.edu or mail to him at this address: 15 South First Street A812, Minneapolis, MN 55401, USA. Deadline for the first round of submission is 31 October 2007. Proposals should include a title, brief CV, and one-page abstract.

Keynote speaker will be Jørgen M. Clausen, a prominent Danish innovator in industry and education. Clausen is President and CEO of Danfoss,

one of Denmark's large multinational corporations, and Chairman of the Board of Sauer-Danfoss, a major global manufacturing company. He is the past Chairman of Junior Achievement / Young Enterprise Europe, past Chairman of the Board of Risø National Laboratory, and founder with Anette Clausen of Danfoss Universe, Denmark's only science park and museum. Conference organizers are also pleased to announce that Victor Borge's daughter, Janet Borge Crowle, will be sharing highlights from her father's career in the centennial year of his birth.

The conference, "Innovation—The Danish Way," encourages new approaches to understanding contemporary and historical Danish and Danish-American innovation.

Europe in Upheaval: The Era of the Napoleonic Wars

International Conference, Hanasaari Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre (Espoo, Finland)

Date: 21–23 February 2008

Abstract deadline: 30 September 2007.

We are pleased to announce a call for papers for an international conference, *Europe in Upheaval: The Era of the Napoleonic Wars*, organized by the Finnish Historical Society. The war period at the turn of the nineteenth century affected all European countries and brought about far-reaching political, economic, and social changes. Among the many European regions affected by the transformation period was Finland. As a result of the Russo-Swedish War of 1808–09 Finland was formed into an autonomous Grand Duchy under Russian rule, having been an integral part of the Swedish realm since the 12th century. The aim of the conference is to set the history of Finland in an international comparative perspective and analyze the significance and consequences of the era of the Napoleonic Wars in Europe. For the conference, the Finnish Historical Society calls for scholarly contributions on the transformation period in European and Northern European history.

Participants are invited to present their papers in the following workshops:

Workshop 1: Military History (chair Dr. Martin Hårdstedt, Sweden)

Workshop 2: States, Nations and Empires (chair Prof. Risto Alapuro, Finland)

Workshop 3: Gender Order (chair Prof. Pirjo Markkola, Finland)

Workshop 4: Memory, Culture, and War (chair Prof. Laura Kolbe, Finland)

Workshop 5: What if ... Counterfactual History (chair Prof. Nils Erik Villstrand, Finland)

The organizers encourage proposals for case studies, comparative analyses, and theoretical reflections on the above-mentioned themes related to the era of the Napoleonic Wars in Europe. We welcome abstracts of no more than 300 words. The title should appear clearly at the top of the abstract, as well as the name of the workshop in which the author wishes to participate. Each proposal must also include full contact information.

Please submit your proposal by 30 September 2007 to johanna.wassholm@abo.fi. Accepted participants will be notified by 20 October. There is no conference fee for participants presenting a paper. Final papers should be sent by 30 January. For more information, please contact conference secretary Johanna Wassholm (johanna.wassholm@abo.fi).

Please visit the conference website: www.histseura.fi/conference.html. Detailed information about the conference and a registration form will be available after 20 October.

Organizers: Finnish Historical Society, in co-operation with the Prime Minister's Office, the Hanasaari Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre and the Nordic Commission of Military History.

Links: Finnish Historical Society (www.histseura.fi) and Hanasaari Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre (www.hanaholmen.fi/english/).

North by Degree: An International Conference on Arctic Exploration

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (ANSP), the American Philosophical Society (APS), the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum (Bowdoin College), and the Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science (PACHS) announce a call for papers for an international, interdisciplinary conference on the history of North American Arctic exploration. The conference will focus on the period from 1850 to 1940.

Topics will include: strategic issues propelling Northern exploration; consequences of culture contact (Western-Inuit/Inughuit relations); the impact of Arctic exploration on popular culture; national identity and "Race for the Pole"; increases in knowledge of the natural world; advances in maritime technology; changes in navigational techniques; advances in travel and communication technologies; and the culture of the explorer.

If you are interested in presenting a paper at this conference, please submit a short (one-page) abstract and a brief bio or abbreviated cv to bclause@

amphilsoc.org. Electronic submissions are preferred, but hard copies may be sent to: "North by Degree," Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science, 431 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

The steering committee will determine which papers will be accepted. Papers presented at the conference will be considered for inclusion in a volume to be published by the American Philosophical Society (R.M. Peck, editor).

Submission deadline for paper abstracts: 30 September 2007.

For further information go to www.ansp.org/research/Arctic/. A full schedule of speakers and events will be available in November 2007.

To discuss possible paper topics contact: Susan Kaplan, Bowdoin College; phone: 207-725-3289; email: skaplan@bowdoin.edu; or Robert Peck, Academy of Natural Sciences; phone: 215-299-1138; email: peck@ansp.org.

Arctic Convoys in World War II

The Historical Institute of the University of Iceland is pleased to announce a call for papers for a conference on the Arctic Convoys in World War II. The conference will be a combination of academic presentations and commemoration events for veterans of the Arctic Convoys. It will be held 9–13 July 2008 in Reykjavík, Iceland. The patron of the conference is Icelandic President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson.

Papers are invited on the following areas:

The political and historical context of the convoys in WWII

The organization of the convoys

Their significance to the outcome of WWII

German U-boat warfare against the convoys

Iceland's role in the convoys

The role of various nations' navies in the convoys

The significance of the convoys to war propaganda

Proposals (max. 300 words) for 30 minute papers and a brief CV should be sent via email attachment by 1 December 2007 to: Eliza Reid eliza@elizareid.com. Tel. +354 893 4173.

The Social History Society: Spaces and Places

The Social History Society is delighted to issue a call for papers and to announce that its 2008 annual gathering will be hosted by the Erasmus

University, Rotterdam, from Thursday 27th through Saturday 29th March. The conference will again be organized around six broad thematic strands. Further information about these strands and details about the location may be found below. The electronic application form will be accessible shortly, and the deadline for receipt of proposals is 8 October.

Spaces and Places: This is one of six strands which run through the Social History Society annual conference. It explores the shape of the past, the specificity of place, the influence of environment, the nature of boundaries, and the impact of travel. It maps divisions—whether they be urban-rural, region-nation, centre-periphery, north-south, metropole-diaspora—and the communications that flow between them. It is concerned with the exchange of people, materials, and ideas across spaces, whether through migration, trade, or conflict. It explores how landscape shapes historical relations, and how place and experience intertwine. It examines the historical role of imaginary places, and the contribution of wanderers and explorers. Contributors are also invited to consider how the shape of the past can best be visualized, particularly in the light of new technology, and how a sense of place informs collective memory. Proposals may deal with any period and may treat any portion of the globe. Individual papers or panels of up to three papers exploring these themes are all encouraged, as are interdisciplinary papers uniting history with geography and other social sciences. Proposals from postgraduate students are particularly welcomed. Papers given at the Conference can be considered for publication in *Cultural and Social History*, the Society's Journal (see www.culturalsocialhistory.com/).

The conference website is www.socialhistory.org.uk/annualconference.htm. For further information, please contact Katrina Navickas, University of Edinburgh. Please note that her email address is katrina.navickas@ed.ac.uk, and not the address stated on the website. Please register via the online submission form.

Conferences

The Nordic Translation Conference

The Nordic Translation Conference will take place in London at the Institute of Germanic and Romance Studies on 7 and 8 March 2008.

For the first time, a major conference is being planned all about Nordic translation. While many conferences on translation frequently include a

presentation or two that mention Nordic issues, however peripherally, there has not yet been an event solely dedicated to the particular challenges and pleasures of translating between and among the Nordic countries, which are often closely related culturally, if not always linguistically. It should be exciting for academics and translators working on and with the Nordic languages to gather, discuss, and exchange ideas. The speakers will include Douglas Robinson, Kirsten Malmkjær, Tiina Nunnally, and Geoffrey Samuelsson-Brown.

The conference will look at literary and non-literary translation of all kinds, including interpreting and subtitling, both between various Nordic languages and also between English and the Nordic languages. Nordic here includes Danish, Faroese, Finnish, Greenlandic, Icelandic, Norwegian, any of the Sámi dialects, and Swedish. Topics can include, but are not limited to: specific linguistic issues involved in translation/interpretation between two or more languages, analysis of particular texts/genres, professional issues, the translator/interpreter's role, and the effect of cultural similarities/differences among Nordic countries. Both academics and practicing translators are encouraged to attend and present at the conference.

Conference details are available at www.awaywithwords.se/. For ease of communication, English should be the primary conference language. For further information please contact B.J. Epstein (conference@awaywithwords.se) c/o French Department, Swansea University, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, Wales, UK. Fax +44 1792 295978. Email: conference@awaywithwords.se. Visit the website at www.awaywithwords.se/.

ALTA Conference, 2007

The next ALTA (American Literary Translators Association) Conference, taking place in Dallas, Texas, 7–11 November 2007, will include a panel on translation of literary works—novels, poems, plays, etc. from Scandinavian languages. For more information on the conference in general, go to www.literarytranslators.org/conference.html. Although you may see this announcement too late to participate as a panelist, if you are interested in participating there may still be a chance you could be added in; for this purpose, please contact Professor Randi Eldevik at Oklahoma State University (randi.eldevik@okstate.edu) as quickly as possible with a specific proposal for what you would like to talk about on the panel.

The Sea Conference 2008

The Sea Conference 2008: Maritime Societies of the Viking and Medieval World will take place at Kirkwall, Orkney, Scotland from 31 May to 4 June, 2008. The purpose of the meeting is to compare and contrast societies of the “long Viking Age” in the area around the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, the Irish Sea, and the North Atlantic.

For further information contact: TheSeaConference2008@mcdonald.cam.ac.uk. More information is also available on the conference website: www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/TheSeaConference2008/. The conference is organized by the Orkney Heritage Society, the Orkney Archaeological Trust, and the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge.

Positions

The Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies

The Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies is an independent institute of the University of Helsinki that conducts cutting-edge research in the humanities, social sciences, law, behavioral sciences, and theology; promotes interdisciplinary interaction; and supports international research cooperation.

The Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies invites applications for 8–12 Postdoctoral Researcher / University Researcher positions. The term of office for successful applicants will begin on 1 August 2008. The monthly salary will depend on the assessed job demand level and personal work performance. The Board of the Helsinki Collegiums for Advanced Studies will determine the length of the appointments for a fixed term of 1–3 years based on the research plan of each applicant.

Applicants best able to meet the requirements of the post will have a doctoral degree, previous research experience in the humanities and/or social sciences, and demonstrated ability for scientific work at an international level. The applicant must also demonstrate how she or he would participate in the multi- and cross-disciplinary cooperation practiced at the Collegiums. The working language of the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies is English.

The Collegium will appoint applicants who are at different stages of their academic careers. The Collegiums also encourages applications from professor-level applicants. Such applicants may be recruited to the Collegium under the title Research Director.

The application procedure is electronic. The detailed application instructions can be found at www.helsinki.fi/collegium under "Application Procedure" starting 18 June 2007 and a link to the electronic application form can be found at that same site starting August 1. The electronic application will open on 1 August 2007 at 9 am (local Helsinki time). The application deadline is Wednesday, 12 September 2007, at 3:45 p.m. (local Helsinki time). At this hour the electronic application system will be closed. Late applications cannot be submitted. Decisions will be announced in the afternoon of 21 January 2008. For further information, please contact Maria Soukkio, Academic Advisor, collegium-office@helsinki.fi.

Grants and Fellowships

The Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies

The Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies (www.nordals.hi.is) invites applications for the Snorri Sturluson Icelandic Fellowships for 2008. The Fellowships are granted to writers, translators, and scholars (not to university students) in the field of humanities from outside Iceland, to enable them to stay in Iceland for a period of at least three months, in order to improve their knowledge of the Icelandic language, culture, and society. The amount of the Fellowships is based in principle on travel expenses to and from Iceland, plus living expenses while in the country. Should two equally-qualified candidates be under consideration, preference will, as a rule, be given to a candidate from Eastern or Southern Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Oceania. The Árni Magnússonar Institute for Icelandic Studies assists Fellows during their stay in Iceland, at the conclusion of which Fellows are expected to submit a report to the Institute on how the grant was spent.

There is no special application form for the Fellowships. Applicants should submit a brief but thorough account of the purpose of their stay in Iceland, specifying period of stay, as well as details of education and publications. Applications should be sent by ordinary mail (no email application) no later than 31 October 2007 to: The Árni Magnússon Institute

for Icelandic Studies, The Sigurður Nordal Office, P.O. Box 1220, 121 Reykjavík, Iceland.

Footprints on the Edge of Thule

A Ph.D. Studentship in the School of GeoSciences called “Footprints on the Edge of Thule” and fully funded for UK, EU, and International Candidates is supported by a grant to Dr. Eva Panagiotakopulu from the Leverhulme Trust as part of a joint project with the Universities of Aberdeen and Stirling examining the interaction between European settled agriculturalists and indigenous peoples in Greenland and northern Scandinavia. This part of the project will concentrate on the recovery and identification of fossil insect faunas from archaeological sites and related natural successions in Norway and Sweden. We will endeavor to reconstruct detailed pictures of past environments in northern Scandinavia, where indigenous sámi hunter-fishers and herders came into progressively closer contact with Norse and other settled agriculturalists based on relevant paleontological evidence.

The project is collaborative and will be run in cooperation with universities in Greenland and Scandinavia. Some fieldwork abroad will be necessary. You should have, by the project start date, a Masters degree in a relevant field of geography, geology, environmental Archaeology, or entomology, or equivalent postgraduate experience. Practical skills in insect identification are essential. Good organizational ability, attention to detail and interpersonal communication skills are required, as is the ability to work successfully in a team. Deadline for applications is 14 September 2007. Interviews will take place during the first week of October. For informal enquiries please contact Dr. Eva Panagiotakopulu at eva.p@ed.ac.uk. For further information and details on how to apply see www.geos.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/PhD/projects.html.

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