



**The X Nordic Meeting on Stratigraphy  
&  
The XI Nordic Conference on the Application of Scientific Methods in  
Archaeology SMIA XI**

**University of Helsinki, Finland**

**October 20th–23rd 2015**

We would like to invite all colleagues from the fields of archaeology and the sciences from Nordic countries, Europe and overseas to join us in Helsinki, Finland, for The X Nordic Meeting on Stratigraphy and the XI Nordic Conference on the Application of Scientific Methods in Archaeology, SMIA XI, which will be jointly arranged October 20<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at the University of Helsinki.

**Conference themes**

The common themes for the twin conferences are:

- Baltic Sea archaeology
- Demography, diet and health
- Geophysical prospection
- Scientific dating methods and stratigraphic practices

**Keynote speakers**

**Professor Eske Willerslev, Centre for GeoGenetics, Natural History Museum of Denmark**

Eske Willerslev is the director of Centre of Excellence in GeoGenetics and the National CryoBank and Sequencing Facility, and an internationally recognised researcher in the fields of ancient DNA, DNA degradation, and evolutionary biology.

**PhD Göran Tagesson, National Historical Museums (SHMM), Sweden, Linköping**

Göran Tagesson is a researcher of medieval and post-medieval towns and a field-archaeologist working at Archaeological Excavation Department in SHMM. His research interests include urban and historical archaeology, stratigraphy, anthropology, social identities, material culture and artefact studies.

**Professor Kerstin Lidén, Archaeological Research Laboratory, Stockholm University**

Kerstin Lidén is the Head of the Department of archaeology and classical studies at Stockholm University, and a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. She specializes in the analysis of dietary patterns using stable isotopes and aDNA.



**Professor Mikael Fortelius, Department of Geosciences and Geography University of Helsinki, Finland**

Mikael Fortelius is a member of Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters as well as the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters. His research interests include the evolution of Eurasian land mammals and terrestrial environments during the late Cenozoic and ecometrics of fossil and living mammals.

## Presentations

We invite presentations on the following topics:

### [For the X Nordic Meeting on Stratigraphy](#)

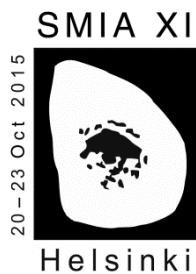
- stratigraphical practices and problem solving
- natural and human impact on urban and rural sites
- geophysical methods and stratigraphy
- underwater stratigraphy
- paleobotanical methods in stratigraphical contexts

### [For SMIA XI](#)

- material studies – elemental analyses
- chronological methods
- stable isotopes
- geophysical prospection
- osteology and paleopathology
- ancient DNA
- biological indicators
- paleoclimate
- paleodemography
- new methods and techniques

Participants can have two posters or presentations in each conference. Kindly send your abstracts of no more than 250 words by **May 31, 2015** to [smia-helsinki@helsinki.fi](mailto:smia-helsinki@helsinki.fi). The speakers will be informed of acceptance by August 2015, when the sessions will also be announced.

The registration fee for the conference will be 100 €/70 € (full fee/student). The last date for registration is **September 15, 2015**.



### Preliminary conference program

	Tue Oct 20	Wed Oct 21	Thu Oct 22	Fri Oct 23
<b>9.00-10.30</b>		Registration	Conference sessions	Discussion for re-establishing the scientific committee for SMIA and choosing the next organizer for SMIA XII in 2018
<b>10.30-12.00</b>		Conference sessions	Conference sessions	Conference sessions
<b>12.00-13.30</b>		Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
<b>13.30-15.00</b>		Conference sessions	Conference sessions	Conference sessions
<b>15.30-18.00</b>	Registration open at 14-17	Keynote speeches	Multidisciplinary Baltic Sea session	Closing session and coffee
<b>18.00-22.00</b>	<i>Evening program to be announced later</i>	Reception at LUOMUS (Museum of Natural History)	Conference dinner at 19 at Restaurant Ostrobothnia	Visit to the National Museum

The third circular with more information about hotels and transport will be sent in early spring 2015.

Meanwhile, follow us on our www-page at:

[http://www.helsinki.fi/arkeologia/tapahtumat/SMIA\\_XI/SMIA\\_web.htm](http://www.helsinki.fi/arkeologia/tapahtumat/SMIA_XI/SMIA_web.htm)

or in Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/stratismiahelsinki2015](http://www.facebook.com/stratismiahelsinki2015)

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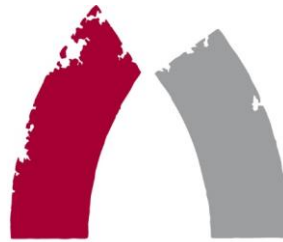
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