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THIRD CIRCULAR

Dear friends and colleagues,

The preliminary programme for the Seventeenth International Saga Conference can now be viewed on the conference website: <http://sagaconference2018.hi.is/program/>

The overarching theme of the conference is **Sagas of Icelanders** but the programme is also designed to mark the 900th anniversary of Iceland's first written law code. The three plenary lectures highlight these themes, each in their own way: Carol Clover will speak on "Proving facts in *Njáls saga*", Lena Rohrbach addresses "Canon and Archive: Icelandic Legal Manuscripts, Premodern Textuality and Concepts of the Law", while Andrew Wawn's paper is entitled "*Njála* in Svarfaðardalur, c. 1775".

In addition, the academic programme consists of 241 papers and nine poster presentations, together with five seminar sessions devoted to specific topics. Papers will be delivered in at least five different languages.

Registration

Registration for the conference is now open. The on-line registration form can be accessed through the conference website, under "Registration". Please note that the registration fee will be higher for those who register on **1 June or later** so we encourage you to register before June.

Accommodation

Our conference company, CP Reykjavík, has reserved a number of hotel rooms for prospective delegates. Information about these hotels can be found on the conference website, under "Hotel & Travel" and rooms can be booked through the on-line registration form. For further information about hotel accommodation please contact Ingibjörg Hjálmsfríðardóttir (imma@cpreykjavik.is). Other housing options in Reykjavík include youth hostels (see www.hostel.is) and airbnb accommodation, and there is also a city campsite (see www.tjalda.is).

Excursions and events

Information about the excursions can be found on the conference website in the "Events & Excursions" section. In addition to a choice of daytrips on Thursday 16th August there is the option of signing up for a two-day post-conference tour to Húnavatnssýsla and Skagafjörður in the north of Iceland. **Please note that this excursion will only take place if there is enough demand.**

In the coming months we will add information to the website about receptions and other events on offer for conference delegates, such as a new exhibition at the National Gallery that celebrates the centenary of Icelandic sovereignty (this will include the opportunity to view some famous manuscripts), and an evening programme at the Nordic House focusing on graphic novels based on Old Norse literature.

Exhibition of books and journals

Publishers and authors are welcome to exhibit recent publications in the field of Scandinavian studies. Those who are interested in this opportunity should contact Helga Gunnur Þorvaldsdóttir (helga@cpreykjavik.is)

In addition, conference delegates may be interested in the following courses which are scheduled to take place ahead of the Saga Conference:

Online course on the Sagas of Icelanders

On 1st March 2018, an online course on the Sagas of Icelanders will open on edX.org. Its main aim is to give a good overview of the Sagas of Icelanders as a whole but special attention will be paid to three sagas: *Njáls saga*, *Eyrbyggja saga* and *Grettis saga*, which will be examined from various viewpoints. The course material includes interviews with fifteen experts from the field of Scandinavian studies and each of the course's six segments is dedicated to a particular topic. To register for the course, please visit this page:

<https://www.edx.org/course/medieval-icelandic-sagas-uicelandx-uoi001x>

Summer school in Scandinavian Manuscript studies

The summer school in Scandinavian Manuscript Studies will be held in Reykjavík 1–10 August. It is jointly organised by the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, the University of Iceland, the Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics at the University of Copenhagen and the National and University Library of Iceland. The programme affords students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with manuscripts under the guidance of researchers from these institutions. The deadline for applications is 1st April 2018, see:

http://www.arnastofnun.is/page/handritaskoli_en

This circular is sent to all those who are giving a paper at the conference, presenting a poster or participating in seminar sessions. We would be grateful if you could circulate this information about the conference and the website at your university and amongst your colleagues.

With best wishes on behalf of the organising committee,

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