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FOURTH CIRCULAR

Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the fourth and final circular concerning the 17th International Saga Conference in Reykjavík and Reykholt, which commences in just over two weeks. Around 400 delegates (including 15 accompanying persons) are expected to attend the conference. We are delighted that so many of you have decided to come and hope you will all have a good time!

In this circular, we are taking the opportunity to remind you of the most important practical issues. Further information (including a map of the university and of Reykholt) can be found on the conference website, www.sagaconference2018.hi.is, which will be updated regularly during the next three weeks.

Registration and information desk; book display

Registration will take place in the foyer on the lowest floor in Veröld–Hús Vigdísar (VHV), Brynjólfsgata 1, on Sunday 12 August at 17.00–20.00, and on Monday 13 August at 8.00–9.00.

During registration on Sunday 12 August, an informal reception will be held in the foyer in VHV (also outside, weather permitting). Between 17.30 and 19.30 that day, NECRON (the Network of Early Career Researchers in Old Norse) will also be hosting a reception in Room VHV-007.

On all the days when delegates are in Reykjavík (Monday, Wednesday, Friday), there will be an information desk in VHV; it will be open. Please do not hesitate to ask our assistants at the desk if you have any questions. Those delegates who arrive late (after the initial registrations) will be able to register at the information desk.

On the conference days in Reykjavík, a book display will also be run on the lower level of Háskólatorg (HT).

Conference programme

The conference programme and abstracts of papers can be viewed on the conference website (www.sagaconference2018.hi.is/program/). The programme includes three plenary lectures (which will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning in Háskólabíó), five seminar sessions and a poster session. You will receive a printed version of the programme at registration. During the conference, delegates will also have free access to the internet and be thus able to access the abstracts on their laptops, tablets or smartphones. The University of Iceland has the **eduroam** access service in all its facilities. If you already have an **eduroam** connection at your home institution, you can connect to the **eduroam** network at the

University of Iceland. Those not with **eduroam** access from their home institution will also be granted access to the wireless network. Further information will be available in the printed programme and at the conference registration desk. Those who also wish will be able to purchase a printout of the abstracts at registration.

Sessions – facilities and timing

In Reykjavík, all sessional papers will be held in the University of Iceland buildings, Veröld–Hús Vigdísar, Háskólatorg and (on Friday 17 August) the Hátíðarsalur (the Aula, in the Main Building). The standard set-up includes a networked PC with internet access, projector and screen.

In Reykholt, sessions will be held in the churches (the old and the new), in Snorrastofa and the school building. They will all have PCs, projectors and screens. Unfortunately, two of the rooms do not have wheelchair access, for which we apologize in advance.

Delegates should bring their AV-presentations on a USB memory stick to copy them onto the PCs in the auditoria. Please make sure that your presentations are PC-compatible (it may be safest to use a pdf format). There will be an assistant in each room to help speakers and chairpersons with AV/IT and other matters. We encourage speakers to contact the assistants and set up their presentations in good time (for instance in the break previous to your session) to ensure smooth running of the sessions. Speakers have 20 minutes to deliver their papers, followed by 10 minutes that are set aside for discussion and a 5 minute break to allow people to move between sessions.

If you have a handout, please either bring enough copies with you or send it to us in a pdf-file by **Friday 10 August**, and we will print it out for you.

Posters

Delegates are responsible for printing their poster in advance and bringing it to Reykjavík. Posters can be mounted during registration on Sunday 12 August (17.00–20.00) and Monday 13 August (8.00–9.00). There will be an assistant present to help.

Reykholt day

On Tuesday 14 August all sessions will be held at Reykholt in Borgarfjörður. All delegates will travel to Reykholt on conference coaches which will depart from the Main Building of the University of Iceland at 8.30 sharp.

Excursions

Information about the excursions can be found on the conference website. The weather in Iceland is very changeable so please bring warm clothes and waterproof jackets. This is especially important for those going on the trip to Breiðafjörður, which will include travelling on a boat, and those who are taking the *Leggjarbrjótur* hiking trip to Þingvellir. Those in the latter group must also bring hiking boots.

Social programme

On Monday 13 August, delegates will be invited to receptions which will take place at various locations. Invitations for these will either be sent via e-mail or included in the conference folder.

On Wednesday 15 August all delegates are invited to a reception at the National Gallery of Iceland (on Friðkirkjuvegur by the Lake), which will be hosted by the Icelandic parliament (Alþingi).

The conference banquet will be held in Hótel Saga on Friday 17 August, and will start at 19.30. It will be followed by a disco that will begin at around 22.00. Delegates not attending the banquet are welcome to come and join the dancing!

Finally ...

We hope you will find all the additional information you need on the conference website. However, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly:

For queries regarding excursions, papers, posters or other matters concerning the academic programme, please write to us at sagaconference2018@hi.is.

For queries regarding your registration, accommodation and transport, please write to Helga Gunnur or Ingibjörg at the conference company, CP Reykjavík: helga@cpreykjavik.is, imma@cpreykjavik.is.

As you may have heard, this summer has been unbelievably cold and wet so far in the southwestern part of Iceland. We hope that this is because the best weather is being saved for the days of the Saga conference. However, before you travel, it might be wise to consult yr.no – the excellent weather website run by our cousins in Norway – to see what lies in store.

You can follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/sagaconference2018/>). Twitter users might like to know that the 17th Saga conference has the hashtag **#sagaconf2018**

Have a good trip – we look forward to seeing you here in Iceland!

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