THIRD INTERNATIONAL MARINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE OF THE BALTIC SEA

Rostock March 21 - 24, 2001

Many centuries ago and even today the ship is one of the most important socio-economic links connecting the cultures around the Baltic. Shipwrecks with their complexity and unity, represent better than any other archaeological finds, the interaction between men and sea.

Nevertheless the ship archaeological research programmes of the past were focused more on technical studies in shipbuilding than on the socio-cultural interpretation of shipfinds.

The aim of this conference is, therefore, to concentrate on sociocultural developments of and the exchange between maritime societies as reflected by investigations of shipwrecks and harbour constructions. Archaeological interpretations should also be interdisciplinary discussed in the light of the research results of maritime historians and ethnologists at the conference.

What role did boats and ships play in the establishment of early cultures in the Baltic? Can we distinguish "maritime" from "rural" societies? What organisational structures were necessary to operate boats and ships - the microcosmos of life on board?



How did the construction of landing places and harbours influence the handling of boats and ships?

To further interdisciplinary discussions we beg participants to speak no longer than 20 minutes and to provide posters, films, slides etc. to illustrate their thesis.

Theme: Life with and on board ships as revealed by maritime archaeological investigations - the social cultural aspects of shipfinds and harbour constructions in the Baltic Area. Rostock Maritime Museum Dept of Ship Archaeology Maik-Jens Springman, August Bebel Straße 1, 18055 Rostock, Fax: +49(0)38127254

Registration

Registration for participation in the meeting with a paper should be sent to the organization bureau before the 30. June 2000.

Those conference delegates who wish to present a paper should send an abstract of their paper together with their registration (not more than 200 words). You will get a response from the organization bureau if the paper was accepted for presentation before the 30. of September 2000. A presentation of an poster is also possible.

All authors of papers confirmed to make a presentation are kindly requested to give copies of presentation materials to the Conference Secretariat before end of the Conference, on diskettes. (Windows 95,97).

Programm

The conference will be organised as a four day event, from the 21.-24. March 2001. The first day will be dedicated to scientific presentations, the second will be devoted to an arranged excursion with the research vessel DENEB of the Bundesamt für Seeschiffahrt und Hydrographie.

The fourth day will be dedicated to discussions and resolutions concerning the future of Maritime Archaeological Baltic Sea Conference.

Location

The opening of the conference will be at the University of Rostock, the further programme at the museum ship FRIEDEN.

Lodging

Every participants will be responsible for there lodging by themself. Following possibilities near the museum ship exist: Hotel GEORG BÜCHNER (TEL. +49 381 6700321 & FAX. +49 381 6700321) youth hostel FRIEDEN (TEL. & FAX. +49 381 716224).

Fees

Besides the costs for lodgings for the participants, there is a conference fee of 40 DM per person to cover organisation costs for the conference, students pay 20 DM.

The bank account will be handed further to you on the second circular.

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