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First Circular

Dear colleagues and friends

It is with great pleasure that we invite you all to attend the Fifteenth International Saga Conference 2012 in Aarhus. We are very pleased to organise this event.

In this first circular, we wish to inform you about a few general matters and to direct your attention to our website www.sagaconference.au.dk

The theme of the conference is *Sagas and the Use of the Past*. We are planning for seven sessions, namely *Memory and Fiction*, *Textuality and Manuscript Transmission*, *Oral Tradition*, *Genre and Concepts of History*, *Myth and Reality*, *The Christianisation of Denmark and Eastern Scandinavia*, and *The Use of Sagas and Eddas in the 21st Century*.

As something new at the saga conferences, it will be possible to give poster presentations. Posters provide an opportunity to present newly initiated projects related to the conference theme in a form that differs from the way papers are presented in the parallel sessions. We hope many will take this opportunity, and we look forward to initiating this new presentation form (read more on the website).

The pre-prints of the Fifteenth International Saga Conference will not include long papers. Conference participants who present *posters* will have the opportunity to publish up to five pages, whereas participants giving *papers* in the parallel sessions can publish up to two pages. Pre-prints may be ordered in printed form (and will be distributed at the conference) or they may be downloaded from the conference website previous to the conference.



Registration is taken care of by KongresKompagniet. More information will follow in the second circular (August 2011). In the meantime, we encourage you to visit our website often as new information will be posted here.

Important dates

February 2011: First circular

August 2011: Second Circular and Call for papers

Paper proposals and poster proposals must be sent to the organisers in the period from 1 August 2011 to 1 November 2011. Response to everyone and acceptance of papers no later than 1 February 2012

February 2012: Third Circular and Registration

Online registration is possible in the period from 1 February 2012 to 30 April 2012. From 1 May to 1 July 2012 it is possible to register with increased fee

May 2012: Deadline for papers

To be included in the pre-prints, papers must be received no later than 1 May 2012. Papers should be a maximum of two pages (for those presenting papers in parallel sessions) or five pages (for those presenting posters)

July 2012: Fourth Circular

Contact information

If you have questions about the conference that cannot be answered by visiting the conference website, please send e-mails to:

sagaconference@hum.au.dk (if you have questions concerning papers, posters, excursions or other scholarly concerns).

saga2012@kongreskompagniet.dk (if you have questions concerning registration, transport, accommodation, payment, or other practical matters).



The 15th International Saga Conference
Aarhus University 5th – 11th of August 2012

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Aarhus in August 2012!

Best wishes,

The organising committee

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Please forward this circular to colleagues or others that may be interested in joining the conference.