



Welcome to Finland

”Bridging Local History in a Global Context”

International Conference on Time Travels
and Historic Environment Education,
Stundars and City of Kokkola, Ostrobothnia, September 10-13 2009



Stundars Open-Air Museum is welcoming Time Travelers from all over the world 10-11.9.2009.

Bridging Local History in a Global Context

Welcome to the next Bridging Ages' conference in Ostrobothnia, Finland for exciting and inspiring days with the theme "Bridging local history in a global context". The theme will be discussed in seminars and workshops with participants from all over the world. We all have a local history! But how do we interpret, communicate and learn from it?

Finland is famous for its sauna traditions, and we will make sure you can experience it as well. You will find Finland as a mix of eastern and western cultures and influences. As a bilingual country, we do speak both Finnish and Swedish and you will notice that the global history has affected our local as well. Remember that September is usually an early autumn month, so be prepared with warm clothes.

Bridging Ages

International Organisation in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels

The conference is the annual meeting of the Bridging Ages organisation. Bridging Ages includes members from schools, museums, universities, local and regional municipalities from thirteen countries in Europe, USA, Africa and Asia all focusing on time travels and heritage education.

The conference is open for all participants interested in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels.

Stundars Open-Air Museum

Stundars Open-Air Museum in the village of Solf in Korsholm consists of more than sixty buildings showing how life in the countryside at the turn of the 20th century might have been. Stundars is mainly focusing on handicraft traditions, building conservation and different pedagogical programmes and activities for both children and adults. Stundars has been using different methods in Historical Environment Education for more than ten years. During the conference we will take you to the first World Natural Heritage of Finland, Kvarken Archipelago and also to the battlefield of Oravais, where one of the crucial battles in the Finnish War 1808 took place.

Time Travel to 1809

Our Time Travel in the city of Kokkola will take us back to the year of 1809, when Finland is on the brink of becoming an autonomous nation under the Russian empire. How will this affect the lives of ordinary people? The Time Travelers will experience the damage caused by the war of 1808-09, but also the hopes and dreams that the people of Kokkola hold for the future. Please bring clothes along suitable for this time period. The Time Travel will take place in the centre of Kokkola – and we hope to encourage the local inhabitants to spontaneously engage themselves as well.

The City of Kokkola

The city of Kokkola was founded in 1620 by the Swedish King Gustaf II Adolf and is today a charming historical town with 36.000 inhabitants. Bridging Ages will spend the last two days (12-13.9) in Kokkola in a joined conference with the Finland-Swedish Museum Association. Kokkola will also be the starting point for the Sunday morning sight seeing tour in the old town of Kokkola, Neristan, and in the rural area of Kronoby.



The conference will continue in the city of Kokkola 12-13.9.2009.



Sunday morning we will stroll around in Neristan, the charming old city of Kokkola.

The Finland-Swedish Federation for Local Heritage

The Finland-Swedish Federation for Local Heritage is an organisation consisting of some 100 community museums along the western and southern coast of Finland. These museums are usually led by voluntary enthusiasts.

Program

Wednesday 9.9.2009

9.00 – 12.00 Possibility to participate in hands-on archeological project with school children in near-by Malax.

Thursday 10.9.2009, Stundars

9.00 Morning Coffee and registration

10.00 Bridging Ages Business meeting

11.30 Lunch

12.30 Welcome to Stundars – guided tour in Museum with handicrafts people in action.

14.00 Opening of the Conference

15.00 Ebbe Westergren, Kalmar läns museum, Sweden, President of Bridging Ages and Professor Jon Hunner, New Mexico State University, USA: "Time Traveling to our recent pasts".

Professor John Parkington, Department of Archaeology, University of Cape Town, South Africa: "The Landscape of the Olifants River Valley, South Africa, as a palimpsest of past stories".

PhD Sanna Asikainen, Finland: "Playing with the past"

20.00 Dinner in Hemmersgården

Friday 11.9.2009, Stundars

9.00 PhD Tom Gullberg, Åbo akademi University, Finland: "To include Time Travels in training of teachers".
Headmaster Thomas Nordström, Christian Folk High School in Vaasa, Finland: "23.9.1998".

10.30 Coffee

10.45 Short presentations, parallel sessions

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Short presentations, parallel sessions

14.30 Workshops (incl. Coffee)

Closing discussion concerning a common project.

16.30 Departure for Kvarken Archipelago, the first World Natural Heritage in Finland. Real Finnish Sauna Experience. Dinner 20.00.

Remember to bring swimsuit and dress yourself in warm and comfortable shoes and clothes!

Saturday 12.9.2009, Kokkola

9.00 Departure from Solf. Visit in Oravais, Furirsbostället – guided tour with theme Finnish War 1808-1809.

14.00 Arrival in Kokkola. *Bridging Ages conference continues together with* The Finland-Swedish Federation for Local Heritage.

Museum educator Lauri Skantsi, K H Renlund Museum: "The Finnish War 1808-1809 and the dawn of a new autonomous nation, Finland".

14.30 Preparations for the Time Travel

15.30 Time Travel to 1809 in the Centre of Kokkola.

20.00 Dinner at Restaurant Mustakari – together with The Finland-Swedish Federation for Local Heritage.

Sunday 13.9.2009, Kokkola

9.45 – 13.00 Sight seeings in Neristan, Kokkola and tour in Kronoby with visit to Tolvmansgården Local Heritage Museum (Lunch at Hopsala Village Centre).

15.00 Back at Vaasa Airport for return journeys...

Welcome

Stundars Open-Air Museum - Mr Olle Victorzon, President

The Finland-Swedish Federation for Local Heritage- Mr Peter Sjöstrand, President

Bridging Ages, International Organisation in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels –

Mr Ebbe Westergren, President

Travel details

The airport of Vaasa, located only 15 minutes from Stundars museum, has daily connections to both Helsinki and Stockholm, operated by several airlines. Ryan airline is operating to the airport of Tampere from where you can continue your journey by train to Vaasa. You can also reach the city of Vaasa (20 minutes drive from Stundars museum) by ferry from Sweden.



Registration form

Surname:..... First name:

Organisation: Address:

Phone: Fax:

Cell phone: E-mail:

Arrival, date, time, flight:

Departure, date, time, flight:

Any meal preferences:

Accommodation.

Do you want the organisers to assist in the booking? Yes No

Accommodation

- In Solf: Solf Gästgivargård (Inn), 300 m from Stundars. 25 €/person/night including breakfast.
- In Kokkola: Sokos Hotel Kaarle, 36 €/night including breakfast.

I would like to share room with:

The registration should be sent by mail to Stundars museum, Stundarsvägen 5, 65450 SOLF, Finland or by e-mail: info@stundars.fi - Deadline to register: June, 30th 2009

Conference fee Thursday – Sunday 10-13.9.2009 (including meals): 200 €

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Dear Time Travelers and Historic Environment Educators:

The next deadline for any stories that you want to submit for the June Bridging Ages Newsletter is May 20.

Please send any articles (including photos) about what you are doing to

Helen Eklund at helen eklund@kalmarlansmuseum.se or Jon Hunner at jhunner@nmsu.edu

And please let us know if you have any questions.

Cheers, Helen and Jon