The Ruralia XIII Conference Programme

Seasonal Settlement in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside

Stirling (Scotland, UK)

9th-15th September

Monday afternoon

14.30pm Welcome from the President of Ruralia, the Head of the Organising Committee, Representative of Stirling University

15.00-16.30 Panel 1: Seasonal Settlement: themes and questions

Professor Richard Oram, Too Much Environment and Not Enough History: The Opportunities and Challenges in Researching Seasonal Settlement in Atlantic Europe.

Professor Caterina Tente and Margarita Fernandez Mier, Archaeological research on seasonal settlement in the western-south part of Europe - an overview.

16.30-19.00 Tour of Stirling Castle and King’s Park

19.00-21.00 Reception and buffet dinner, Great Hall, Stirling Castle – Welcome from Bruce Crawford, Member of Scottish Parliament for Stirling and David Mitchell, Head of Conservation, Historic Environment Scotland

Tuesday morning - Six papers

8.30-10.30 Panel 2: Early medieval seasonal settlement in eastern Europe

Elena Mikhaylova – Early medieval seasonal and temporary settlements in the forest zone of Eastern Europe: the case of the culture of Pskov long barrows.

Maria Vargha – Enduring Memory - Changing Landscape around the 1000 in Hungary.

Tuuli Heinonen – From Seasonal Settlement to Medieval Villages? The Early Medieval settlement in coastal region of Uusimaa, Southern Finland.

Ivan Valent – In which part of the year did the iron smelting in the Drava valley occur?

11.00-12.00 Panel 3: Seasonal settlement in southern Europe

Harald Stadler – Archaeological Research to seasonal Settlement in a Medieval and Early Modern Countryside landscape in East-Tyrol, Austria.
Maria Stagno – A multidisciplinary approach to the relationship between seasonal settlements and multiple uses. Case studies from southern Europe (10th-21st Century): seasonal settlement in southern Europe.

Tuesday afternoon – six papers

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.30 Poster presentation

14.30-16.00 Panel 4: Seasonal Settlement on the coast

Kevin Grant – Song of the Seaweed Gatherers: Kelp, Seasonality, and Coastal Settlement in later 18th century Hebrides.

Gudrun Norstedt – Changes in seasonal settlement patterns of the forest Sami in Fennoscandia.

Leif Lauritsen – Albuen, the king’s herring market, Denmark.

16.00-16.30 Tea/coffee break

16.30-18.00 Panel 5: Northern European seasonal settlement

Rhiannon Comeau – Seasonal settlement in Wales.

Eugene Costello – Seasonal upland settlement as an indicator of ‘glocalisation’ in rural northern Europe, c.1350-1850.

Frode Iversen – Seasonal settlement in Norway: an overview.

18.30-19.30 Dinner at Stirling Court Hotel

20.00-21.30 Committee meeting

Wednesday 8.30-17.30 All day field trip to Highland Perthshire: visiting the Crannog Centre (Mike Benson and Michael Strategos) and shielings and other settlements at Ben Lawers (John Atkinson and Richard Tipping). Packed lunch

18.00-19.00 Reception at Pathfoot Building, Stirling University

19.30 Self-selected dinner in Bridge of Allan or Stirling

Thursday morning - Six papers

8.30-10.30 Panel 6: Seasonal industry and trade

Darroch Bratt – Whisky distilling in rural post-medieval Scotland
Margarita Fernandez Mier and Pablo Gomez – Multi-functionality of grazing areas in the Cantabrian mountains

Leif Loftsgarden – Seasonal settlements and the production of iron in the Norwegian mountains

Cynthia Colling – Three cases of iron production sites in Luxembourg: seasonal, specific occasion or year-round?

Tea/coffee break

11.00-12.00 Panel 7: Trading, herding and nomadism

Laszlo Ferenczi – Seasonality and the logistics of late medieval and early modern cattle trade in Hungary

Marie Odegaard – Settlements by seasonal horse markets in inland Norway

Jose Lopez – Long term patterns of nomadic and sedentary settlement in The Crowded Desert of NW Qatar

12.30-13.30 Lunch

14.00-18.00 Afternoon field trip: Castle Campbell, Dollar (Castle and Shieling Site Excavation)

19.00 Conference Dinner

Friday morning – Six papers

8.30-10.30 Panel 8: Woodlands and seasonal settlement

Mireia Celma-Martinez and Elena Muntán-Bordas – Dendrochronological research to track transhumance through shepherds’ woodcarving in the Pyrenees

Andrew Margetts – To browse and mast and meadow glades: seasonal settlement in the Weald of South-East England

Sylvain Burri – “Living in the woods, living on pastures”. A historical and archaeological comparative study of seasonal pastoral and craft-related settlements in medieval and post-medieval Southern France

Ian Maclellan – 'This piece of singular bad neighbourhood': disputed upland grazing and deer preservation in Mamlorn Forest, Scotland 1730-1744

10.30-11.00 Coffee/tea

11.00-12.00 Panel 5 (continued): Seasonal settlement in northern Europe

Christian Madsen – Seasonal settlement and mobility in medieval Norse Greenland
Therese Nesset – From the ruins of a medieval house, western Norway

12.00-12.30 Conference Summary and discussion

Lunch 12.30-13.30

13.30 Depart

13.45 Weekend field excursion leaves for Highlands

16.30-18.00 Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire

18.30 Arrive Accommodation, Speyside Hotel, in Grantown-on-Spey

20.00 Dinner

Saturday morning

8.30-10.00 Travel to the Shieling Project, Struy Bridge

10.00-10.30 Coffee/tea

10.30-12.30 Introduction to the Shieling Project and traditional animal husbandry in the highlands

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-16.30 Visit to shielings and other settlements in Strathfarrar

Dinner and overnight in bothies

Sunday

9.00 Leave for Strathconon

10.00-12.00 Visit to illicit whisky distillery site and settlement with the North of Scotland Archaeology Society in Strathconon

13.00 Inverness Airport for flight home or return to Stirling by bus

17.00 Arrive Stirling University