

2019 Autumn Meeting

Copenhagen – Programme

Friday 27 September

11.00am Arrival and meet up at the Museum of Copenhagen (address: Stormgade 20, 1555 Copenhagen V). We go together to the Museum of Copenhagen's storage facility in Taastrup, on the outskirts of Copenhagen (address: Erik Husfeldts Vej 4, 2330 Taastrup). Method of transport depends on how many participants we are, so more information about this later on.

12.00am Visit to the Museum of Copenhagen's new storage facility (built 2018). On arrival, tour of the stores by one of the conservators representing the facility. Then **Lunch**, followed by a presentation by Museum Curator and Exhibition Manager Vivi Lena Andersen and closer look at a selection of the leather objects in the collection. These include archaeological finds of gloves, mittens, scabbards, book bindings, purses, belts and shoes from the medieval and especially the early modern period, but also more recent leather objects - such as 18th century fire buckets.

4.00pm Transport back to Copenhagen centre (ca. 1 hour, but depends on the method of transport).

6.00pm (optional) Meet up for dinner at a restaurant close to the Museum of Copenhagen. (One option might be the *Rio Bravo* restaurant right across the street, <https://riobravo.dk/?lang=en>)

Saturday 28 September – at the Museum of Copenhagen

10.00am – 12.00am Guided tour of the new Museum of Copenhagen - with special focus on the exhibited leather objects - by Vivi Lena Andersen. The leather objects on display are shoes from the medieval and early modern periods and fire buckets from the 18th century.

12.00am – 1.00pm Lunch at the Museum of Copenhagen

1.00pm – 3.00pm Visit to the National Museum of Denmark (address: Ny Vestergade 10). It is right across the street from the Museum of Copenhagen, so a very short walking distance. Guided tour of the National Museum's exhibitions, highlighting the leather objects, by post doc. Charlotte Rimstad. She will take us through the exhibitions containing Bronze Age shoes, and the Iron Age, Medieval and Renaissance sections displaying shoes, shoemaking tools and gloves. The tour ends with the galleries displaying clothing (and boats) of leather and fur from the Arctic regions, presented by Anne Lisbeth Smith (tbc).

3.00pm – 5.00pm Experience the rest of the National Museum on your own (and have a tea break at the museum's café). We will meet up at the entrance to the Museum when it closes at 5 o'clock. Short walk back to the Museum of Copenhagen.

6.00pm onwards Dinner at the Museum of Copenhagen café (The museum is closed to the public from 6pm so we have the museum café to ourselves for the evening). There will be a programme of short presentations in the café (during and after dinner). The following presentations are proposed, although not all speakers have yet confirmed:

Curator, Vivi Lena Andersen, Museum of Copenhagen, on the results of a PhD project studying 7,200 shoes and shoe parts from 1300 to 1800 AD found in recent large scale excavations in Copenhagen.

Conservator, Jan Bruun Jensen, The National Museum, on his latest experiences testing conservation methods for archaeological leather, especially leather shoes.

Assistant Professor, Luise Ørsted Brandt, on the research project, just finished, *Fur and skin trade in Viking and medieval Denmark*. The project explored the animal resources for Viking and medieval skin products using biomolecular and morphological methods in order to discuss choices of materials. Introduces the biomolecular method ZooMS (Zooarchaeology by Mass Spectrometry).

Post doc., Charlotte Rimstad, The National Museum, on a new research project: *Fashioning the Viking Age* looking at the latest evidence for Viking Age production of textile, skin and fur in southern Scandinavia.

Sunday 29 September

10.00am (optional)

Vivi Lena Andersen offers a free, 2 hour Guided Tour of Copenhagen to those who are still in town and are interested in discovering historical Copenhagen.

Booking

Please note: places for this visit are limited to 30. Some places are being offered to the Finds Research Group so if you would like to come, please book early to avoid disappointment.

You can reserve a place by visiting our Eventbrite free booking page:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alg-autumn-visit-to-copenhagen-tickets-58631564588>

For other enquiries please contact Angela Middleton, our meetings co-ordinator, directly by email:

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We can offer suggestions for accommodation and places to eat nearer the time.