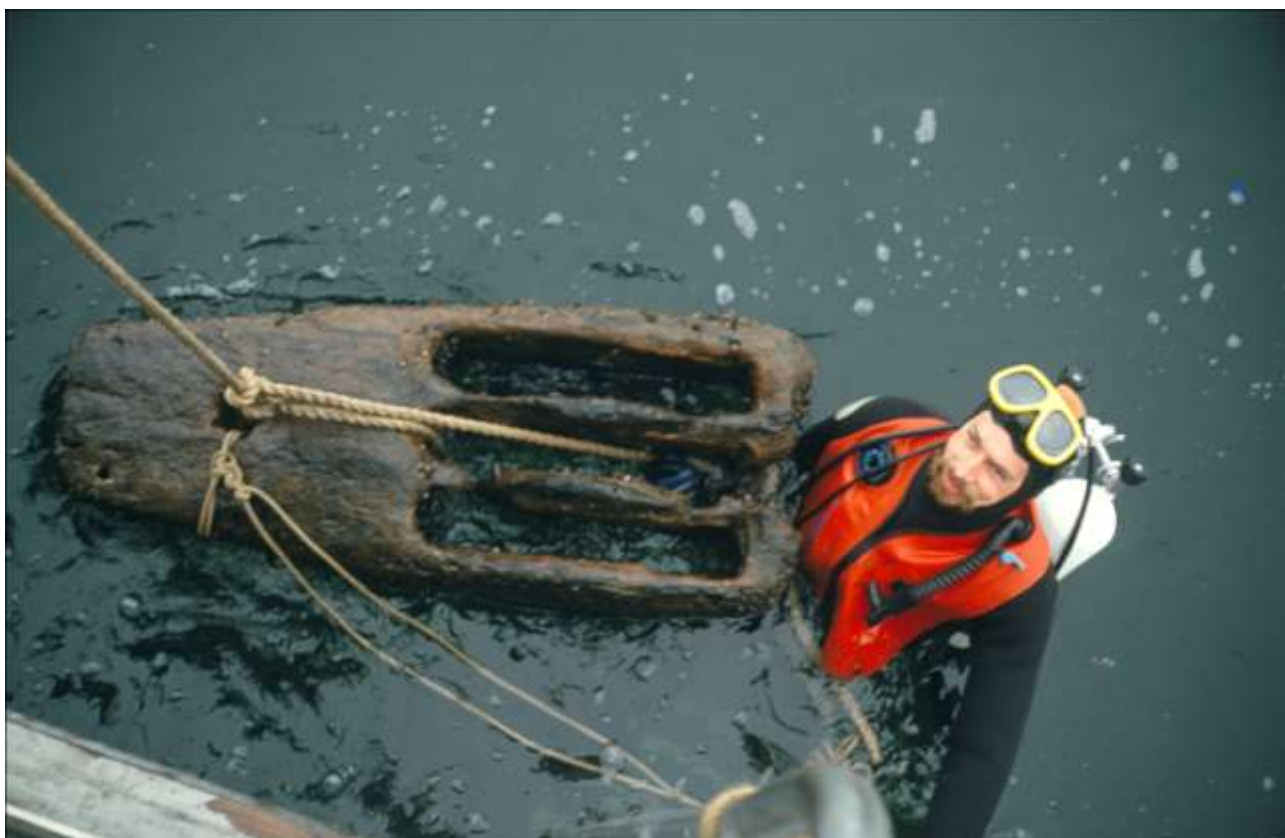


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Front and back pages – The diary of seaman Niels Trosner. Riksarkivet, Oslo.

This page – Diver with block from Dannebrog, 1986. Photo: Birger Thomsen.



Encounters in the Baltic Sea 1450-1850. Archaeology and history hand in hand?

One of the bloodiest encounters during the Great Nordic War (1700-1721) took place in the Bay of Køge. Here 593 sailors lost their lives, as the ship of the line “Dannebrog” engaged in battle with a part of the Swedish fleet on the 4th October 1710. “Dannebrog” caught fire and exploded. Among the dead was the 45 years old Norwegian born captain Ivar Huitfeldt. Since then the encounter has been studied both using written sources and archaeological data.

Køge Museum, The Viking Ship Museum, Kalmar Läns Museum and The University of Southern Denmark’s maritime branch will use the 300 anniversary of the loss of “Dannebrog” to invite to an international congress with the title: “Encounters in the Baltic Sea 1450-1850. Archaeology and history hand in hand?”

The basic theme of the conference aims to address the subject of the Baltic Sea as an interactive melting pot for both friendly as well as hostile encounters during 400 years seen from a maritime perspective. It is a well-known fact that “Mare Balticum” has constituted a hot spot for trade and cultural exchange as well as hegemonic ambitions for several centuries.

Chronologically the 400-year time span of the conference chosen covers an exciting and interesting period in the history of the Baltic Sea. Themes as state formation processes and the building of the first state fleets during the 15th century are essential. A lot of encounters take place during these four centuries and a number of wreck sites related to the period have been identified and partially investigated. Other case studies related to the Napoleon War or the transition from sail to steam during the 19th century would fit into the theme of the conference.

Data from archaeological investigations and the written text as source for information are subject to a continuous scholarly debate. The conference wants to focus on questions regarding the relation between the archival and material sources in maritime archaeology. There is certainly a growing need for cooperation between and integration of archaeological data and data from historical text.

A constructive dialogue regarding the value of material culture as an equal to the written sources is a primary goal of the conference.

A number of speakers and themes have been identified – but it is still possible to list as a speaker. We will try to fit you into the programme which is just now arranged in a near to chronological order. The programme will be adjusted as new speakers come forward.

If you want to contribute as a speaker please send a mail to flemming.riek@koegemuseum.dk (as soon as possible)

Preliminary programme:

Saturday 2nd October:

- 18.00: Arrival and registration at Hotel Niels Juel
21.00: Ice-breaker reception at Hotel Niels Juel

Sunday 3rd October:

- 09.00 – 09.10: Welcome by Flemming Rieck, Køge Museum, Køge.
- Session 1 Chairman
- 09.10 – 09.45: Lars Einarsson, Kalmar Läns Museum, Kalmar: *Gribshunden – eet dansk huvudskepp fron 1400-talet på svensk botten.*
- 09.45 – 10.20: Jørgen Dencker, Vikingeskibsmuseet, Roskilde: *Kalmar Castell 1677 – surrendered and sunk near the Southern tip of Falster, Denmark.*
- 10.20 – 10.55: Morten Johansen, Vikingeskibsmuseet, Roskilde: *Sose Bugt, Bornholm. A catastrophic voyage in 1678 – maritime archaeology today.*
- 10.55 – 11.15: Coffee break
- 11.15 – 11.50: Johan Rönby, University College of Södertörn: *The ghost ship – a completely preserved ship from the 17th century off Gotska Sandön.* (title to be confirmed)
- 11.50 – 12.25: Sallamaria Tikkanen, National Board of Antiquities; Helsinki: *Vrouw Maria – an account of 10 years of investigations.* (to be confirmed)
- 12.30 – 13.45: Lunch at Hotel Niels Juel
- Session 2 Chairman
- 13.45 – 14.20: Lars Einarsson, Kalmar Läns Museum, Kalmar: *Regalkeppet Kronan – ett marinarkeologiskt vittnesbörd om dansk-svenska relationer.*
- 14.20 – 14.55: Jørgen Dencker, Vikingeskibsmuseet, Roskilde: *Dannebrog – 300 years later.*
- 15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break

- 15.30 – 16.05: Martin Segschneider, Archäologischen Landesamt, Schleswig: *295 years after: The Discovery of the Swedish warship Prinsessan Hedvig Sophia near Bülk, Schleswig-Holstein.*
- 16.05 – 16.40: Jens Auer, University of Southern Denmark, Maritime Archaeology, Esbjerg: *The frigate Mynden – Tracing the fate of a Danish frigate.*
- 17.00: Guided tour by feet through the old part of Køge. Guide Lars Nielsen, director of the Tourist Office in Køge
- 19.00: Dinner at Hotel Niels Juel
- Evening free

Monday 4th October

- Session 3 Chairman
- 09.00 – 09.35: Speaker to be identified
- 09.35 – 10.10: Speaker to be identified
- 10.10 – 10.45: Speaker to be identified
- 10.45 – 11.15: Coffee break
- 11.15 – 11.50: Speaker to be identified
- 11.50 – 12.25: Jens Peter Schmidt/Detlef Janzen, Landesamt für Kultur- und Denkmalpflege, Schwerin: *Relics of maritime warfare in the bay of Greifswald, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.*
- 12.30 – 13.30: Lunch at Hotel Niels Juel
- Session 4 Chairman
- 13.30 – 14.05: Erich Halbwidl, Schloß Gottorf, Schleswig: *Lindormen.* (to be confirmed)
- 14.05 – 14.40: Jakob Seerup, The Royal Danish Naval Museum, Copenhagen: *Chicken coop, compass and cutlass. Danish naval inventories from the 18th century.*
- 14.40 – 15.10: Morten Gøthche, Vikingeskibsmuseet, Roskilde: *Wrecked off Stevns, Seeland, 1809 – the Swedish frigate Birger Jarl. Archaeology and history hand in hand.*

15.30: Reception at Køge Museum. On the 4th October 1710 the Danish ship of the line exploded in the bay outside Køge after a fierce encounter with the Swedish fleet. Nearly 600 sailors died as the ship was lost – amongst these the commander of the fleet Ivar Huitfeldt.

In Køge this 300 year day is marked by a number of ceremonies, the Queen of Denmark Margrethe II will take part in the programme of the day, there will be a visit of naval ships in the harbour, music will be played by the “Tamburkorps”, there will be a memorial service in the church of Køge – and finally the reception will be offered at the museum. All the participants of the conference are invited to the museum, where there in addition will be a possibility to study a special exhibition on “The battles of the bay of Køge, 1677 and 1710”.

19.00: Conference dinner at Hotel Niels Juel

Tuesday 5th October

Session 5

Chairman

09.00 – 09.35 Lars Froberg Mortensen, Strandingsmuseet, Thorsminde: *A disaster on Christmas night 1811 – the loss of HMS SCT. GEORGE off Thorsminde, Denmark.*

09.35 – 10.10 Staffan von Arbin, Bohusläns Museum, Uddevalla: *Large wrecks at Marstrand.* (to be confirmed)

10.10 – 10.45 Ole Lisberg Jensen, Hellehuse: *Warfare and Gun Boats.* (to be confirmed)

10.45 – 11.00: Closing of the conference

Post conference tour: An optional post conference tour to the Viking Ship Museum will be offered. You can sign up for this tour at the conference.

Information about venue, costs etc.

The venue of the conference is "Hotel Niels Juel" near to the center of Køge. Here all the lectures will be held and most of the participants are expected to stay in this hotel. All meals will be served at "Hotel Niels Juel" and – with one exception – the social events will take place at the hotel.

Prices at "Hotel Niels Juel":

Rooms including breakfast buffet:

Single pr. night	DKr 1.145,-
Double pr. night	DKr 1.345,- (672,50 pr. pers.)
Conference dinner for guests at Niels Juel	DKr 345,- (beverages included)
Conference dinner for residents at other locations	DKr 600,- (beverages included)
Catering 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th of October	DKr 985,- (covers: coffee, fruit, lunches 3 rd and 4 th , and dinner on the 3 rd)
Conference fee for non-speakers	DKr 500,-
Conference fee for students	DKr 200,-

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