



Locations and Relations of Natural Holy Places in the Baltic Sea Region

5th International Conference Natural Holy Places in the Baltic Sea Region

May 5-8, 2011 Museum in Kętrzyn, Poland

Thursday, May 5, 2011

15.00-17.30 Registration

19.00 Social evening in the castle courtyard

Friday, May 6, 2011

8.30-9.00 Registration

9.00 Opening of the conference

9.20 **Leszek P. Ślupecki** (Poland) - keynote speech

Re-searching for natural holy places. How, what, where, in which order, and who?

Moderator Anna Bitner-Wróblewska

9.50 **Tonno Jonuks** Estonian Literary Museum (Estonia)

Isolated holy places – sites where nothing is around?

10.15 **Juris Urtans** Latvian Academy of Culture (Latvia)

Latvian Hillforts as Holy Places.

10.40 **Edvard Zaikouski** Institute of History, Minsk (Belarus)

The Sacred Sites and the Belt of the European Watershed.

11.05 coffee break

Moderator Leszek P. Ślupecki

11.20 **Heiki Valk** University of Tartu (Estonia)

Sacred trees in southern Estonia: relations with other sacred places

11.45 **Evgeny Viktorovich Platonov** State Hermitage Museum (Russia)

Natural holy places in (re)construction of the cultural landscape.

12.10 **Juha Ruohonen** University of Turku (Finland)

Cup-Marked Stone, Village and Cemetery. Late Iron Age Settlement along River Aurajoki.

12.35 **Baiba Baika** Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (Latvia)

Ancient stone arrangements on the hilltops in Latvia – natural or manmade formations?

13.00 break for coffee and meals

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14.30 **Paweł Szczepanik** Torun University (Poland)

Western Slav Holy Islands in the Early Middle Ages.

14.55 **Kamil Kajkowski** West-Kashubian Museum in Bytów (Poland)

Island as a symbolic center of Early Medieval settlement patterns of micro-regions in the Middle Pomerania.

15.20 **Kazimierz Grażawski** Museum in Brodnica, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (Poland) & **Natalia Grażawska** (Poland)

Islands on the lakes as the Places of Pagan Cult in the Early Middle Ages in the North of Poland – Based on the Example of Island of Lake Radomno.

15.45 coffee break

Moderator Tonno Jonuks

16.00 **Vykintas Vaitkevicius** Klaipeda University (Lithuania)

The roadside: paths, holy places, and rituals.

16.25 **Ruta Muktupavela** Latvian Academy of Culture (Latvia)

Rational and irrational aspects of choice preferences in the location of a modern holy place: case study of Pokaini – the "Latvian Stonehenge".

16.50 coffee break

17.00 **Janis Cepitis** University of Latvia, Faculty of Physics and Mathematics & **Lilija Jakubenoka** Museum of History and Art, Aizkraukle (Latvia)

Devil in folk-tales at stones and other nature and cultural environment objects.

17.25 **Mario Katić** University of Zadar (Croatia)

The Textual Construction of a Holy Place. The Example of Kondzilo.

17.50 **Sandis Laime** Archives of Latvian Folklore, Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art, University of Latvia (Latvia)

Centrality of Zilais kalns in Northern Latvia reconsidered.

19.00 social evening

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Moderator Vykintas Vaitkevicius

9.00 **Ester Oras** University of Cambridge, Department of Archaeology (United Kingdom)

The matter of landscape: contextualising Estonian Early Iron Age ring deposits.

9.25 **Małgorzata Karczewska & Maciej Karczewski** University of Białystok (Poland)

Location of holy places of Bogaczewo Culture (Roman Period) and its relations to the landscape and environment.

9.50 **Sonja Hukantaival** University of Turku (Finland)

Portals beyond - Holy spaces in the domestic sphere.

10.15 coffee break

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10.30-11.30 POSTERS:

Elena Tianina (Russia)

Magic of "area exploration": first settlers' rites as revealed by the archeological excavation in Novgorod.

Marta Szal University of Białystok (Poland)

Preliminary results of studies on vegetation changes in relation to local settlement noted in pollen diagrams from Lake Sałęt and small mire at site Poganowo IV (Mrągowo Lake District).

Dariusz Wyczółkowski Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology

The landscape of Prussian moor deposits. Case study of blacksmith tools deposit in Gierłoż.

Vladimir Semenov (Russia)

Catalogue of the holy places of the Russian North-West (Chudovo district of Novgorod region).

Tomasz Nowakiewicz Warsaw University, Institute of Archaeology & **Aleksandra Rzeszotarska-**

Nowakiewicz Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology (Poland)

Nidaino Lake – bog sacrifice or element of burial rite?

11.30 **Marcin Engel & Cezary Sobczak** State Archaeological Museum in Warsaw (Poland)

Sacrum meeting profanum. The reflections on sacrificial character of the Early Medieval hillfort in Szurpily.

11.55 **Mariusz Wyczółkowski** Museum in Kętrzyn (Poland)

Holy place on the border or border on the holy place? Natural holy places in Medieval Prussia.

12.20 closing discussion

Moderator Leszek P. Słupecki

13.30-19.30 Excursion: *Holy places on the border. Natural holy places in Medieval prussian Bartia.*

Poganowo (settlement complex with cult place), Bezlawki (Teutonic Order castle, prussian hillfort), Święta Lipka (pilgrimage church Our Lady of Święta Lipka, one of oldest pilgrimage sanctuaries in Poland, situated probably near former prussian cult place), Garbno (former Lamgarben, pruss. Laumygarbis – place of destroyed Teutonic Order castle, probably formerly prussian cult place near settlement complex with hillfort), Oświn Lake (Lake Assuenus, Asvinas - in border of former Prussian Bartia, with underwater, palafit type settlement from Early Iron Age, cemeteries from Roman and Migration Period, prussian hillforts and probably cult place in Guja – pruss. Goy), bonfire farewell party in forest.



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