



Encounters of Sea and Land

The Sixth ESEH Conference

28th June – 2nd July 2011

Turku/Åbo, Finland



Further information will be available at the conference website
(<http://www.eseh2011.utu.fi>) in the second quarter of 2009.



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The Environmental History Conference of the Year

The European Society for Environmental History has held its biannual meeting since 2001. These conferences have broadened to become a significant forum for international scholars working in the field of environmental history. The sixth ESEH conference will be open to all environmental historians regardless of their nationality or the geographical focus of their research.

The conference will focus on an examination of how sea and land have been encountered in human history and how we have interacted with elements of both. The Baltic Sea and its coastlines provide an excellent case setting for the study of this complex relation.

The conference will be held in Turku from Tuesday 28th June to Saturday 2nd July 2011. The University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University are responsible for local organisation. The five-day meeting will comprise presentations of papers and posters, a keynote lecture, field trips and social events. Besides the main theme Encounters of Sea and Land, the conference will deal with a broad range of subthemes scattered both geographically and chronologically. The participation of young scholars and researchers applying multidisciplinary approaches is particularly encouraged. The conference also provides an opportunity to become better acquainted with Nordic research on environmental history and especially research projects focused on environmental changes in the Baltic Sea region.

Turku – European Capital of Culture 2011

Turku/Åbo is a bilingual Finnish and Swedish speaking city located in a unique environment; it is divided by the Aura River at a bayhead opening into Europe's largest archipelago.

Celebrating its 780th anniversary in 2009, Turku is the oldest city in Finland and the country's former capital up until 1812. Its long and colourful past offers visitors many attractions of historical significance.

The City of Turku is located in the south-west corner of Finland, 160 kilometres west of Helsinki. Turku has an international airport of its own, while frequent bus service connects it to Helsinki-Vantaa international airport. Furthermore, there is the unique experience of arriving in Turku via Stockholm on a passenger ferry sailing through the impressive archipelago. Turku offers rail and bus connections throughout Finland and to major cities in Russia.

