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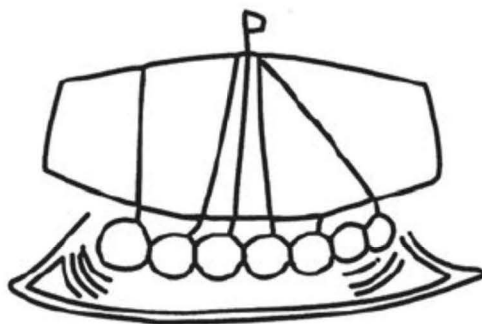
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## EDITORIAL



We are sad to announce that *NAA 2000 is the last volume to be published*. As our loyal subscribers will be only too well aware, NAA has in recent years had problems with regular publication, owing to a faltering economy.

Production has been financed by subscription and an issue-related subvention by NOP-HS (Nordic Board for Periodicals in the Humanities and Social Sciences). Since the end of the 1980s, the number of NAA subscribers has dropped from c. 700 to c. 500, and NOP-HS has now informed us that it will no longer give NAA financial support. The reason given is that NAA does not publish new research results, but constitutes a kind of infrastructure for humanistic research. NOP-HS emphasizes that its decision is final.



For the past many years NAA has had major problems with meeting publication deadlines. NAA 2000 should have been issued at the beginning or end of 2002, and a delay of two years is too long for a publication with topicality as one of its justifications. The delays started as early as 1988, when it was decided that the central editorship should rotate between Norway, Sweden and Denmark on a 5-year basis. This principle proved to be too demanding on resources, and when Sweden in 1996 wished to produce only one volume (NAA 1994), NAA ran into serious difficulties.

A two-year grant in 1997 by the Nordic antiquaries general for the establishment of a permanent central editorship in Denmark in connection with the transition to an interactive digital publication system helped NAA over the first hurdles. An Internet edition was launched. There was once more an annual edition, but we still did not succeed in bringing publication up to date.



The material for an NAA issue is collected and edited by a Nordic network of local editors. Ideally, the authors should write the abstracts, but this has in later years unfortunately been the exception. The local editors receive only a very few authors' abstracts and are therefore themselves compelled to abstract all relevant publications within their particular domain. With the steadily increasing number of publications, this represents a very large work burden. Formerly, local editors could to some extent carry out their NAA work as part of their normal employment, since there was in the archaeological world an understanding of the im-

portance of the work for archaeology in general. That is probably still the case, but in present-day pressed work situations even the large institutions are forced to cut out everything that does not directly derive from law- or charter-derived activities. The result has been that most local editors have to do their NAA work in their free time, and under these conditions it has not been possible to catch up with the accumulated backlog.



An important reason for the loss of subscribers is undoubtedly that NAA has in recent years not been able to keep them up to date with the latest literature. This has been catastrophic for NAA at a time when rapid access to information has become a basic necessity in every work situation. That NAA is also a research resource for the years to come has not been sufficient for it to hold its own as the most important source of information on Nordic archaeology. This has doubtless to do with the competition from the library databases: these are continually updated and augmented with new service elements such as keywords and article lists. And although they cannot in terms of quality compete with a subject-related abstract publication, they match, in contrast to NAA, the ubiquitous topicality demands.

A contributory reason for a falling subscriber base is perhaps a change in literary purchasing habits. Fewer scholars build up large private research libraries, and when this does happen, it is primarily monographs and collective works, and not so much periodicals, that are purchased. Instead the online-services of the libraries are increasingly drawn upon.



NAA was, from its start in 1974, a personal initiative (for a brief historical overview, see Editorial for NAA 1988). Personal commitment has throughout been both a strength and a weakness. It has made NAA independent on the changing priorities of a central bureaucracy, but also means that none of the central Nordic organizations now feels responsible for NAA perpetuation. In this connection, it is also a weakness that NAA is a joint Nordic initiative, so long as there is no joint Nordic organization to support an information service for Nordic archaeology.



In a number of editorials, we have prophesized the approaching issue of NAA 1993, and although we now have to stop publication, we have not completely abandoned the missing volume. It is not certain that a printed version will be issued, but we still hope to include the missing references for 1993 in the database at least.



The subscription for NAA 2000 covers in addition to the book access to the Internet version ([www.naa.dk](http://www.naa.dk)) until 1st October 2005.

How access to the database will be thenceforth has still not been decided, but we expect that it will be adopted by one of the Nordic national libraries who will secure future access.



Thanks to all those who in one way or another have worked for and supported NAA over the years. Special thanks to all the local editors, the Nordic central antiquarian authorities, to NOP-HS – and not least to our subscribers. Without you, NAA would not have lasted for 30 years!

**PREFACE**

Nordic Archaeological Abstracts – NAA – provides the archaeologist with a survey of Nordic archaeological literature from the preceding year and thus enables the specialist to discover what is happening in fields outside her or his own. The detailed indexes make NAA a useful tool for research. See also the Cumulative indexes for NAA 1974-1988.

Abstracts are concise summaries of published articles, with the bibliographical information giving access to the originals. *They are intended to be fair summaries of the literature but should never be used as primary sources.*

**The scope of NAA**

The purpose of NAA is to indicate publications dealing with archaeological investigations, prehistoric, medieval, and post-medieval. In the prehistoric sections, papers dealing with all aspects of human culture within the Nordic area are included.

The limits of NAA are more restricted for periods with written sources. Thus the medieval section contains primarily papers on archaeological excavations or excavated material, but other material sources of human activity are also included in the concept "medieval archaeology". Existing medieval buildings and their decoration are examples of material also studied by medieval archaeologists. Thus papers dealing with medieval material in the fields of art history and iconography may be found in NAA. Abstracts on churches and iconography are, however, abbreviated. Papers on the postmedieval period are included in NAA only if they deal with archaeologically excavated material. For complete coverage of Great British and North German papers the reader is advised to consult the abstracts publications listed on p 11.

Studies within ethnology, geography, linguistics, the natural sciences, etc., are also abstracted, provided they shed light on problems or material groups commonly met with in the field, or are of special interest from a methodological or chronological point of view.

Corresponding book reviews and annual reports from institutions are included only when they bring information of special interest. For minor articles bringing little or no important new information, complete coverage is not attempted.

The geographical limits of NAA are the Nordic countries, including Greenland. Papers on culturally related areas are cited, if noticed, as long as they bear on material treated by Nordic archaeology.



### How to use NAA

The basic division of the abstracts is chronological (see the *chronological table* on page 378), and within each period they are grouped according to subject. The classification codes – periods 1-11 and the subjects A-L – are explained in the *abstracts section finder*, also indicating the first abstract number in each section. The codes and the subject index help the reader to skim the booklet.

The classification code of the section is attached to each abstract and furthermore codes are given for subsidiary topics treated in the papers. References are given for articles dealing with more than one period in a *cross reference guide*. The indexes will help the reader to find papers by a certain author or on a certain region or important site – see *Index of authors and scholars* and *Site index*. **Most important for finding relevant papers is, however, the *Subject index*.**

After the code, the nationality of the topic is indicated.

Within the section the abstracts are arranged according to the initials of the author; for alphabetization see the introduction to the *index of authors and scholars*.

The abstract reference number comprises two elements: the annual number of NAA and a serial number, starting from 1 each year.

The original title is set in semi-bold type, followed by a translation in parenthesis. For the sake of consistency, all titles are written with small letters, regardless of the original orthography.

The full bibliographical information is given either in the abstract heading or in one of the two lists at the end of the volume. The first list comprises periodicals and irregular serials mentioned in this volume; the other list contains collective works, *Festschriften*, etc., the titles of which are followed by an asterix\* in the abstract heading.

The abstracts are always signed: (Au) = author's abstract, (Au, abbr) author's abstract abbreviated, (Au/editor's initials) = author's abstract adapted by editor, (editor's initials) = editor's abstract; see inside front cover for full names.

### How to write for NAA

The principal rule is that *the author her or himself* writes the abstracts to ensure accuracy and to reduce the editor's rather heavy – voluntary – work.

So if you are publishing a paper on a topic within the limits of NAA, we entreat you to write the abstract yourself (in English, regardless of linguistic ability) and send it to the editor for the country and period in question. Not only is translation very time-consuming, but the difficulties which inevitably attend it are aggravated by abstraction and the frequent lack of supporting explanatory material. Many Nordic words, es-

pecially archaeological terms, have no exact English equivalent and you are liable to be misinterpreted unless you make your own translation decisions. Proper names are, however, retained in the original form (*e.g.* Svend Tveskæg and Helgeandshuset – if it is important for clarification a translation may be added (House of the Holy Spirit)). For bilingual names in Finland the Finnish *and* the Swedish version shall always be given. For the sake of completeness and homogeneity some abstracts have to be written or re-written by one of the editors. All abstracts are finally checked by the linguistic adviser.

The length of abstracts is restricted to 850 ems and this maximum should of course be utilized only for comprehensive and/or important works. Papers and books of special international interest may, however, be given abstracts exceeding the limits of ordinary abstracts.

For directions see abstract sheet at the end of the book.

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Any suggestions for improving NAA will be welcome.

NAA regrets that it cannot undertake to provide off-prints or photocopies of articles abstracted. The general editor are, however, always ready to forward a personal communication to an author, and she can supply the addresses of Nordic publications if required.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

abbr	abbreviated	m a.s.l.	m above sea level
ADP	automatic data processing	Med	Medieval Period
Au	Author	Mes	Mesolithic
BA	Bronze Age	MN	Middle Neolithic
Belg	Belgian/Belgium	N	North
C	century	Neo	Neolithic
c.	circa	Nord	Nordic
cal.	calibrated	Norw	Norwegian/Norway
CeltIA	Celtic Iron Age	Pal	Palaeolithic
conv.	conventional	PM	Post-Medieval Period
Dan/Den	Danish/Denmark	Pol	Polish/Poland
DKNVS	Det kgl. norske videnskabers selskab	PWC	Pitted Ware Culture
E	East	Raä	Riksantikvarieämbetet (the Central Board of National Antiquities)
EN	Early Neolithic	RomIA	Roman Iron Age
Engl	English	Russ	Russian/Russia
Eur	Europe/European	S	South
Est	Estonian/Estonia	SA	Stone Age
Far	Faroese/the Faroe Islands	Scand	Scandinavian/Scandinavia
Finn/Fin	Finnish/Finland	SHMm	Statens historiska museer
Fr	French/France	Sov	Soviet
GB	British/Great Britain	Summ	Summary
Ger	German/Germany	Sw	Swedish/Sweden
GerIA	Germanic Iron Age	TRB	Funnel Beaker culture
Greenl	Greenland	Vik	Viking Age
IA	Iron Age	W	West
Icel	Icelandic/Iceland	Ål	Ålandish/Åland Islands
Kar	Karelian/Karelia	*	For bibliographical information see p 325.
KVHAA	Kungl. vitterhetshistoria och antikvitetsakademien	[ ]	Editor's addition to the abstract heading.
Lat	Latvian/Latvia		
Lith	Lithuanian/Lithuania		
LN	Late Neolithic		