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2012/5th International Conference on Russian America

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**1st Åland/Finland International Conference
on Russian America**

held in celebration of

the Åland Islands 90th Year of Autonomy

at Mariehamn,

Capital of Autonomous Åland Islands, Finland

2012 August 20-25

taking place at

the newly renovated, art deco inspired hall, designed by Architect Erik Bryggman, built in 1939

"Bio Savoy"

under the title

“Those Other Russians”

Conference Program:

(papers à 20 minutes each + 10 minutes for questions)
conducted in English and Russian, with simultaneous translation

Monday August 20:

Assembly at Bio Savoy

in the Spirit of Russian America's Multiculturalism

5.00 pm: **Welcome Greetings**

Delivery of Conference Key Note Speeches:

6.00 pm: **Sven Haakanson, Ph.D.**

Executive Director of the Alutiiq Museum, Kodiak, Alaska

6.30 pm: **Pertti Hakala**

Researcher, The National Archives, Finland

*The Åland Autonomy in comparison to the Autonomy of
the Grand Duchy of Finland.*

estm. 7.00 pm: at City Library **William F. Cottonaro**: Conference Exhibit Opening:
“A Minerva Figurehead & the Russian Ship Rome”

Tuesday August 21: (9 papers)

9.-10.30 am: Presentation of papers

9.00 **Donald Clifton Douglass**, Recent Genographic Data Strengthens the Theory for Coastal and Island-Hopping Routes to the New World.

9.30 **The Key Note Speaker of the Day: Sune Jungar**, Finland as an Autonomous Part of the Russian Empire in the 19th Century.

10.00 **Andrei V. Grinev**, "Russian Shipwrecks during the Discovery and Opening up of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands (1741-1867).

10.30-11 am: Coffee break

11 am-12 noon: presentation of papers

11.00 **William Cottonaro**, "A Minerva Figurehead and the Russian Ship Rome".

11.30 **The Reverend Eero Sepponen**, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Russian Empire and the Parish in Sitka.

12-1.00 pm: Lunch at Restaurang Arkipelag (/Hotel Arkipelag)

1.30-2.30 pm: presentation of papers

1.30 **Yulia Egorova**, The Role of Priests – Creoles in the Spread of Orthodoxy in Russian America.

2.00 Film "**Russian Alaska**", produced by Tom Backmansson, directed by Peter Berndtson, a production by YLE (1992), (56 min.).

2.30-3 pm: Coffee break

3-4 pm: presentation of papers

3.00 **Alexei A. Istomin**, The Finlanders in the Ross Colony.

3.30 **Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell**, Carl Johan (Samuelsson) Schmidt – Before and After Fort Ross.

4.15 pm: departure from Bio Savoy for Eckerö by bus

5.00-7.00 pm visit the westernmost point of Imperial Russia: **Eckerö Mail & Customs House**,

built 1828 during Finland's Era as a Grand Duchy, guide: Jörgen Lundqvist, International Liaison Officer, Eckerö / Peter Winqvist, Artist, Director of the Eckerö Mail & Customs House, Eckerö, Åland.

The official residence of Imperial Russian Naval **Lieutenant, later Rear Admiral Alexander Elfsberg's home 1846-1857**, guide: Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell MFA

7.00/7.30 pm: return by bus for Mariehamn and the hotels

7.30 pm: Dinner at Havtorn, Mariehamn

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Wednesday August 22: (9 papers)

9-10.30 am: presentation of papers

9.00 **Sergei A. Kan**, Joseph Johansson Lindqvist's Multiethnic and Multicultural Descendants.

9.30 **Marvin Collins**, Gustav Nybom (Niebaum)

10.00 **Alexander de Haes**, Otto Wilhelm Lindholm- Memoirs, an amazing life

10.30-11 am: Coffee break

11 am -12 noon: presentation of papers

11.00 **The Key Note Speaker of the Day: Alexei Ermolaev & Alexander Petrov**, Russian-Finnish Whale Company.

11.30 **Björn Rönnlöf**, Ålanders on Russian Waters.

12 noon-1.00 pm: Lunch at Restaurang Arkipelag (/Hotel Arkipelag)

1.30-2.30 pm: presentation of papers

1.30 **Ivan Saveliev**, Legal Status of Indigenous People in Russian America.

- 2.00 **Andrej A. Kibrik**, Native Periphery of Russian America: Upper Kuskokwim Athabaskans.
- 2.30-3 pm: Coffee break
- 3-4 pm: presentation of papers
- 3.00 **Carl-Thomas von Christerson**, The Influence of the Crimean War on Individuals of the Russian-American Company. As Documented by Finnish Sources.
- 3.30 **Graham Robins**, The Åland Russian Fortress Bomarsund.
- 4.15 pm: departure by bus from Bio Savoy for Fort Bomarsund, District of Sund
- 4.45/5.00 pm: guided visit of **Fort Bomarsund, Skarpans & Prästö** old cemetery, guide: Graham Robins, archaeologist, Åland's Bureau of Antiquities
Hugo Casimir Agathus Åkerman, age 14, hired as Cabin Boy on the Russian-Finnish Whaling Company whaler **Grefve Berg**; Naval Officer, Helsingfors based whaler **Storfursten Konstantin** Navigator 3 **Carl Georg Lagus**, **Carl Erik Sundahl** and **Viktor Alfred Törnqvist** Seamen on the Russian-Finnish Whaling Company whalers **Suomi** and **Turku**, guide: Björn Rönnlöf, Dipl. Ing., Chairman of the Board, Sottunga Municipality, Åland Islands
- 7.30-8.30 pm: Dinner at Furulundsgården, Bomarsund
- 9.00 pm Visit to an old Åland house for hot beverages and Åland pancake, Sund
- 10.00 pm: return by bus to Mariehamn and hotels via Kastelholm Castle first mentioned in 1388.

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Thursday August 23: (9 papers)

- 9-10.30 am: presentation of papers
- 9.00 **Andrei V. Grinev**, The Alaska Natives and Creoles as Interpreters.
- 9.30 **Timothy (Ty) L. Dilliplane**, Creole Impact in the Founding / Operation of Remote Kolmakovsky Redoubt.
- 10.00 **Pavel A. Filin**, Russian Borrowings in the Yupik Modern Culture. Cultural Shift and its Effect on Ethnicity.
- 10.30-11 am: Coffee break
- 11 am-12 noon: presentation of papers
- 11.00 **Marcus Lepola**, "Such is the Way of Civilized Nations" – Finnish Dissembled Colonialism in Russian Alaska.
- 11.30 **The Key Note Speaker of the Day: Anne Lisbeth Schmidt**, The Holmberg Collection at the National Museum of Denmark.
- 12 noon-1.00 pm: Lunch at Restaurang Arkipelag (/Hotel Arkipelag)
- 1.30-2.30 pm: presentation of papers
- 1.30 **Sergei A. Korsun**, Aleutian Assembly of the Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera, St. Petersburg).
- 2.00 **Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell**, "The Grape Wine". Who Initiated the News of Russian America in the Grand Duchy of Finland – a Couple of Cases.
- 2.30-3 pm: Coffee break
- 3-4 pm: presentation of papers
- 3.00 **Mira Bergelson**, Intercultural Communication Patterns in Russian America: Burden of Cultural Stereotypes.
- 3.30 **Margarita Nikamo Choquette**, Exploring a Little Known Archive Collection – Imperial Russian Consular Archives covering the USA.
- 4.15 pm: departure from Bio Savoy by bus via:
 a) Jomalaby, District of Jomala: Russian-Finnish Whaling Company whaler **Turku**, stranded for a year at Sitka during the Crimean War, then the Hel-

singfors based whaler *Storfursten Constantin*'s Navigator 1 *Viktor Alfred Törnqvist*, guide: Björn Rönnlöf

b) Hamnsundet, District of Saltvik: Russian-Finnish Whaling Company whaler *Turku*'s Senior Seaman 1 *Johan Petter Häggblom*, stranded at Sitka for a year during the Crimean War, guide: Maj-Len Lindholm, Journalist and Häggblom's great-grandchild

6.30/7.00 pm: return by bus for Mariehamn and the hotels

7.30 pm: Dinner at Havtorn, Mariehamn

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Friday August 24: (7 papers + film)

9-10.30 am: presentation of papers

9.00 *James Gibson*, Ferdinand Wrangell as Colonial Governor: Critic of the Company and Champion of the Workers – Some Candid Comments from His Personal Letters, 1830-1845.

9.30 *Susanna Rabow-Edling*, Married to the Empire: Three Governor's wives in Russian America.

10.00 **The Key Note Speaker of the Day: Alexey V. Postnikov**, Arvid Adolf Etholén and His Impact in Geographical Exploration and Mapping of Russian America (1818-1845).

10.30-11 am: Coffee break

11 am-12 noon: presentation of papers

11.00 *Valery O. Shubin*, Arvid Adolf Etholén – Founder of Russian American Company Settlements of Kurile Island (1828-1877).

11.30 *John Middleton*, Russian Ship's Boats in California's History

12 noon-1.00 pm: Lunch at Restaurang Arkipelag (/Hotel Arkipelag)

1.30-2.30 pm: presentation of papers

1.30 *Heikki Hanka*, Godenhjelm in Context – Reasoning the Altarpiece in the Sitka Lutheran Church.

2.00 *Kira Jääskeläinen*, Presentation of coming film project "Sakari Pälsi – On the Traits of the Finnish Explorer".

2.30-3 pm: Coffee break

3-4 pm: *Kira Jääskeläinen*, Film "TAGIKAKS – Once Were Hunters" (55 min.)

4.20 -5.00 pm transport from Bio Savoy by Röde Orm train for an external visit of *The Åland School of Navigation*: Russian-American Company *Skippers Abraham Abrahamsson Öhberg*, guide: Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell, and *Lars Thiodolf Krogius*, guide: Viveca Thomé, Krogius' great-grandchild

6.30 pm: transport from Hotel Park by bus for the **2012/5th Conference Gala Dinner**

9.30 pm: return by bus to Mariehamn and the hotels

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Saturday August 25: (No papers)

8.30 am: departure from Hotel Park for *Kökar – island community far out at sea* – via Lemböte, District of Lemland: Russian-American Company Seamen, Boatswain then 1861 Navigator *Erik Petter Pettersson* and brother *Axel Nylund*, guide: Björn Rönnlöf

10 am: local Åland inter-island Ferry departs for *Kökar Islands*, with Lunch onboard

12.30 pm: arrival at Kökar Islands (far out at sea)

12.30-5 pm: a) guided tour of *Kökar's old church and cemetery, monastery ruins, & sweet water spring*, guide: Kenneth Gustavsson, Ph.D., archaeologist

b) traditional *iron cross grave-markers* such as at *Sitka*, guide: Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell

- c) Finnish Scientist *Henric Johan Holmberg in Russian America 1848-1851*, guide: Eva Meyer, ethnologist
- d) Imperial Russian Naval Lieutenant, later *Rear Admiral* Finlander *Alexander Elfsberg* stationed at *Ajan 1858-1865 Pacific Siberia*, guide: Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell
- e) Seaman *Tomas Vilhelm Nordberg* serving on Russian-American Company ship *Sitkha II*, Helsö, guide: Björn Rönnlöf

5.35 pm: the Åland inter-island Ferry departs Kökar Islands, Dinner onboard.

8.05 pm: ferry returns to Långnäs Ferry Terminal

9 pm: arrival by bus to Mariehamn

10.45 pm: bus departs for Mariehamn's Viking Line Ferry Terminal

11.45 pm: overnight Viking Line Ferry departs Mariehamn for Helsingfors

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P.S. Due to unforeseen circumstances the program might be adjusted.

Sunday August 26 at Helsingfors

7 am-9 am: Breakfast onboard the Ferry.

Not to be missed: shortly before we dock at the Viking Line Ferry Terminal at Helsingfors the ferry will pass very closely by *Fort Sveaborg UNESCO Site*, built in the 1750s during the Swedish times, 1809 in Russian hands up to 1918

10 am: Viking Line Ferry docks at the Ferry Terminal at Helsingfors

10.30 am – 12 guided tour to see the Helsingfors based whaler *Sophia Adelaide's* Skipper *Viktor Rudolf Kählman house in Helsingfors* next to the Sederholm houses, which the Etholén's Household Matron, widowed *Anna Margaretha Sundberg, married Öhmann* inherited in the spring of 1846, upon her return from Russian America, and the old head quarters of the *First Finnish Sea Equipage*, after 1830 home to *Carl Johan Samuelsson Schmidt, departure points for Johan Joachim von Bartram, Carl Georg Lagus, Johan Hampus Furuhjelm*, as well as many others connected to the Russian-American Company, guide: Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell, MFA.

3 pm: train departs Helsingfors Railway Station for St. Petersburg and Moscow

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