

WULFILA 311-2011

Uppsala, Sweden, June 15-18 2011

The Gothic factor in European history is embraced by many countries. Today the province Moesia is part of Bulgaria. It was once the part of the Roman Empire where Bishop Wulfila settled down with his *Gothi minores*, Christian Visigoths crossing the Danube River to escape persecution in Dacia. Wulfila translated the Bible into Gothic, he constructed the Gothic alphabet and he was a shepherd for his flock, trying to create a Gothic nation based on a learned culture of Christian origin. Today the most important physical remnant of Wulfila's Bible translation is to be found in Uppsala University Library: the *Codex Argenteus*, a magnificent gospel manuscript from the early 6th century Ravenna Court of Theoderic the Great. The Goths are often portrayed from a dark side. Wulfila and his flock, however, mark the beginning of brighter Gothic impact on European history: learned, ecumenical, peace-loving, and multicultural.

According to tradition, Wulfila was born in 311 AD, although the accuracy of this date has been questioned. Nevertheless we are celebrating his 1700th anniversary in 2011. Uppsala University is arranging an international multidisciplinary symposium on the theme Wulfila and the Goths. The symposium is arranged by the University Library and the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor of the University. Do join us in the main building of Uppsala University in June 2011 for the exchange of ideas, discussions and friendly intercourse with colleagues.

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Programme overview

Wednesday June 15

19.00 Welcome toast for early arrivers

Thursday June 16

9-17 Registration
Opening of the Symposium
Scientific sessions
19.00 Conference dinner

Friday June 17

9-14.20 Scientific sessions
14.20 Luncheon
Visit at Old Uppsala Museum
Free activities

Saturday June 18

Excursion to Skokloster Castle



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Please see the conference website for more information and registration:

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