

Newsletter no. 9



Now is the time to register

Registration deadline is approaching. It is set for 30 April 2023, after which date we cannot guarantee accommodation.

Registration must be done via our website

www.isgf-euro2023.dk

On the website you need to register and send your registration details, and as confirmation you will receive an email telling you to pay the first instalment of the participation fee. Once paid, we will send you an email confirming your participation in the conference. You will also receive an email with information about the choice of excursions on Tuesday 1 August and payment of the remaining participation fee, which must be paid by 30 April 2023.

At the moment there are no more single rooms, so arrange to share a room with a fellowship friend or make a new fellowship friend by choosing accommodation in a twin room. There is plenty of space in all rooms, and all beds are separate single beds.

Conditions for cancellation and rules for refund of paid fees are also described on the website.

Activities at the conference

At the conference, you can take part in two types of activities, some that you have to "sign up" for, and some "self-guided" activities where you do not have to sign up in advance.

Registration is required for the morning activities on July 31. You can participate in two activities and prioritize three requests. All participants will receive an email in March where they can prioritize their requests.

- Paper making see newsletter (NL) 4
- Collages of paper (see NL 4)
- Collect edible plants and bake them into bread (see NL 6)
- Collect plants and press them (see NL 6)
- Folding mobiles made from books (see picture)
- Making things from yarn and leftover clothes (see back page)

Throughout the conference (except for the afternoon of July 31), there will be opportunities for activities of all sizes. There will be a "do-it-yourself" table with materials and instructions on what to make with the materials provided. 12 activities are planned so far, with more to come, such as

- Make different kinds of cords for bracelets, necklaces or decorations for another activity.
- Make shapes out of beads.

There will be many different activities making use of paper, yarn and textiles, things from nature, etc.



I used to be a book

Photo: Jakob Dall

EU Commissioner visits

On Monday afternoon, we will be joined by former EU climate commissioner Connie Hedegaard. Based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (UN), she contributes with an exciting presentation on climate and sustainability.

Afterwards, we can discuss the presentation in groups.



Every morning you can participate in a walk in the beautiful surroundings. **Remember** to bring clothes and footwear for this.

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Driving in Denmark

Danish traffic rules are similar to those in other European countries, but pay particular attention to one point:

There are many cyclists and not all places have cycle paths. So always be aware of cyclists – many are going really fast. At many junctions, they have their own traffic lights, so that is fine – but if you are turning right, always look out for cyclists on your right. Even if you have a green light for right turns, you must let cyclists go straight first before you can turn right and cross their direction of travel.

Speed limits must be strictly observed and these are monitored by stationary and mobile police speed cameras. The minimum fine is DKK 1,000 or about €135. You must pay particular attention to speed at roadworks, as the fine for exceeding the limit is automatically doubled.

On the motorway you can drive 130 km/h, but in many places only 120 or 110 km/h. So keep a close eye on the signs. In towns 50 km/h and on roads 80 km/h, but even here there are many exceptions. **Alcohol:** In Denmark, the limit is 0.5 per mille of alcohol in the blood.



Activities with leftover yarn and clothes

Do you know that it takes about 1,400 litres of water to make a T-shirt? That's a lot, and it also uses a lot of chemicals that wash into rivers and the sea.

Think about how many clothes are thrown away that may have barely been worn! Some of the activities we offer at the conference in Ranum are producing different things from leftover yarn. For example, you will be able to make various cords and ribbons using old Nordic techniques.

If you want to interlock some strings in exciting colors, it requires two of you to stand and throw the bobbins to each other – you might want to sing a song to keep the rhythm going.





Evening program after a nice excursion day

Tuesday is expected to be an eventful excursion day, again with plenty of opportunities to socialize and chat.



Togetherness – one of the three themes of the conference – is of course also at the heart of the evening's socializing, which we put in the hands of the conference participants. We hope that countries will contribute to our shared joy.

Most of us know from experience that it is difficult to entertain on command. Therefore, we invite the participants from each country to contribute to make Tuesday evening enjoyable, cheerful and even inspiring. Maybe we can learn from each other how to do this.

We may get to see a new sketch, learn a new song, hear about some funny little fellowship experiences – or learn a new canon.

The only limit is your imagination.

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