

Åland Islands Emigrant Institut  
has in Collaboration With  
The Genealogical Society of Finland & The Provincial Archives of Åland  
&  
The G-Group – Genealogy Across the Baltic Sea  
been Offered the Honour to Host  
**Finland's**  
**XV<sup>th</sup> Swedish Language Family History Conference**  
&  
**Åland Islands Family History Gathering**  
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with the  
*“Åland Islands Smack in the Middle of the Baltic Sea”*  
the Åland Islands Emigrant Institute Banked on the Following Grand Conference Theme:

# **1809-2009:**

## **contacts tied – untied – retied**

### **kontakter knyts - bryts - återknyts**

held at Åland Islands' Government Building  
in Mariehamn, Autonomous Åland Islands  
from 9 to 11 October 2009.

**The Conference Theme:** is riveted on the lively contacts maintained around & across the *“Baltic Sea”*, both in the East-West & North-South directions, which have been tied, untied, as well as retied, in spite of wars, peace, mass deportations, border adjustments, foreign occupations & rules.

**The Program includes 13 Lectures:** with speakers invited from Denmark, Sweden, Russia, USA, Finland & The Åland Islands.

For Åland's part:  
the opportunity to host this conference  
brings forth a most welcome chance to tie new and enriching contacts,  
exchange thoughts, ideas, opinions, facts, insights and reflections,  
expand horizons,  
all in the company of a multitude of neighbours from around and across the  
*“Baltic Sea.”*

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Welcome to the  
**XV<sup>th</sup> Swedish Language Family History Conference**  
&  
**Åland Islands Family History Gathering**

taking place in Mariehamn at the House of Government, Autonomous Åland Islands.  
**from October 9 to 11 in 2009**  
under the heading:

**1809-2009: Contacts Tied - Untied - Retied**  
**1809-2009: Kontakter knyts-bryts-återknyts**

**The Honourable Britt Lundberg, Minister of Culture, Autonomous Åland Islands.**  
will greet everyone welcome to the Åland Islands.

**Håkan Axelsson, FM, Chief Archivist, Provincial Archives of Åland, welcomes everyone**  
to the Åland Islands Government Building. († 1.3.2009)

**Markku Kuorilehto, KH, Chairman of the Board, The Genealogical Society of Finland**  
will offer a few words.

**Erik Lindholm, Chairman, Åland Islands Emigrant Institute and the Chairman of this**  
Conference, will declare the Conference open.

**Göte Sundberg, Sea Captain. Honorary Chairman, Åland Islands Emigrant Institute,**  
Executive Director Emeritus & Board Member of Åland Maritime Museum:  
declares the Conference Book-Market Open for Business.

**Keynote Speaker:**

USA, Kodiak / Anchorage, Alaska:

**Helen Jane Knagg Simeonoff, Artist, Genealogist.**

*The Knagg Family Tree in Alaska & US East Coast, with Roots in Finland,  
Sweden and Germany.*

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**Conference exhibits:**

**1721 – 1922: Two Centuries of Finnish Eastward Labor Migration**

&

**Haddon Sundblom's American Christmas**

on exhibit in rooms # ? & ?

**Annika Dahlblom**, Division Director, Åland Museum, invites everyone to visit the Åland Islands Emigrant Institute's exhibit on display at her museum:

**Åland → America**

**footprints:**

**Warner Sallman ♦ Phil Fagerholm ♦ Haddon Sundblom**

**– peddling messages –**

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Note: The Language of the Conference is Swedish, with possibilities for conversation in English and Russian as well.

## **Lectures:**

Note 1: Each lecture will be limited to max 40 minutes allowing time for questions.

2: There might be reasons beyond our control which will call for some slight changes in the above and below program.

### Sweden:

**Martin Hårdstedt**, FD. Docent. Lecturer in History, Department of History, Umeå University:

*From a Swedish Point of View: To Interpret and Understand the 1808-09 Finnish War.*

**Ted Rosvall**, Cantor. Chairman Emeritus of Sweden's Coalition of Genealogical Societies  
*HANDBOOK IN EMIGRANT RESEARCH. A Trip into American Databases, Person Registries and Internet Resources.*

**Ted Rosvall**, Cantor. Chairman Emeritus of Sweden's Coalition of Genealogical Societies  
*My relatives in Russia, and how I located them.*

**Gunnar Ståhl**, Doctoral Candidate, Department of History. G-Group – Genealogy Across the Baltic Sea:

*Journeys Made Across the Baltic, and Records of Travels Made Abroad from Sweden and Finland found in Swedish Archives.*

**Otfried Czaika**, TD. Docent. Researcher at Stockholm's Royal Library. Chairman: G-Group – Genealogy Across the Baltic.

*The G-Group: Family Research Across the Baltic Sea.*

### Russia:

**Andrey Valterovich Grinev**, Professor of History, St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University, Department of Sociology & Law:

**A Biographical Dictionary In-the-Making.**

### USA:

**Margarita Nikamo Choquette**, M.A., Salt Lake City, Utah (Family History Library):  
*Old North-East European & West Russian, including Ukrainian and White Russian Evangelical Lutheran Parishes.*

### Denmark/Finland:

**Carl-Thomas von Christierson**, Cand. Mag. & Art, Frederiksberg, Denmark.

*Fredrik Wilhelm von Christierson, Life and Fortunes of a Mariner in the 1820-30's. A Case-study in Maritime Research Sources.*

### Finland/USA:

**Maria Jarlsdotter Enckell**, M.F.A., The Sitka Godenhjelm Project Phase II.

*From an Island Home-Turf to Officialdom: Käkargossen Thomas Elfsbergs väg mot stjärnorna.*

### Åbo-St. Petersburg:

**Eero Sepponen**, Church Dean, Head Pastor at both Åbo Swedish language Parish & St. Petersburg's former Swedish language St. Katarina Parish:

*St. Katarina Parish Then and Now: Building Anew on the Past,  
Church Records etc.*

Finland:

**Pertti Hakala**, Researcher, The National Archives, Helsingfors/Helsinki:

*The Effect of the 1808-1809 War in the Åland Islands.*

**Kasper Westerlund**, FM. Director. Sjöhistoriska Institutet at Åbo Akademi University:

*The Development of the Finnish Seafaring after Finland's Union  
with Imperial Russia.*

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