

Editorial

Part of this issue of the Journal of Nordic Archaeological Science is dedicated to articles presented at the Second International Symposium on Biomolecular Archaeology (ISBA 2) which took place in Stockholm in 2006. The focus is naturally on biomolecules when Garcia-Guixé et al. use stable isotopes from bone protein in fish, Binladen and Willerslev discuss ancient DNA damages and Isaksson reflects on how to interpret ancient subsistence data from lipids and other organic residues.

From here on there is a wider variety in the methods applied to archaeological source material, starting with an application for the sourcing of Neolithic flint by Hughes et al., continuing with a study of a black patinated Bronze Age sword by Schwab et al. and eventually arriving at a study of Medieval bones in pits in Finland by Anna-Kaisa Puputti.

This issue also contains a review article by Yuri B. Tsetlin on Russian ceramic studies, covering almost everything known in this field. One particularly outstanding feature of the issue is the wide geographical distribution of the authors, covering at least seven countries of which only three are in the Nordic region.

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