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## THE 4<sup>th</sup> JÓMSBORG CONFERENCE

### *MODES OF ENTERTAINMENT IN THE MEDIEVAL NORTH*

Wolin (Poland), 10–11 April 2026

#### **Friday, 10 April 2026**

The Slavs and Vikings' Centre 'Wolin – Jomsborg – Vineta' in Wolin

9.30 Opening

9.45 Keynote lecture

Viðar Pálsson, *Precarious Conviviality: Feasting with Friends in Medieval Iceland*

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Session I

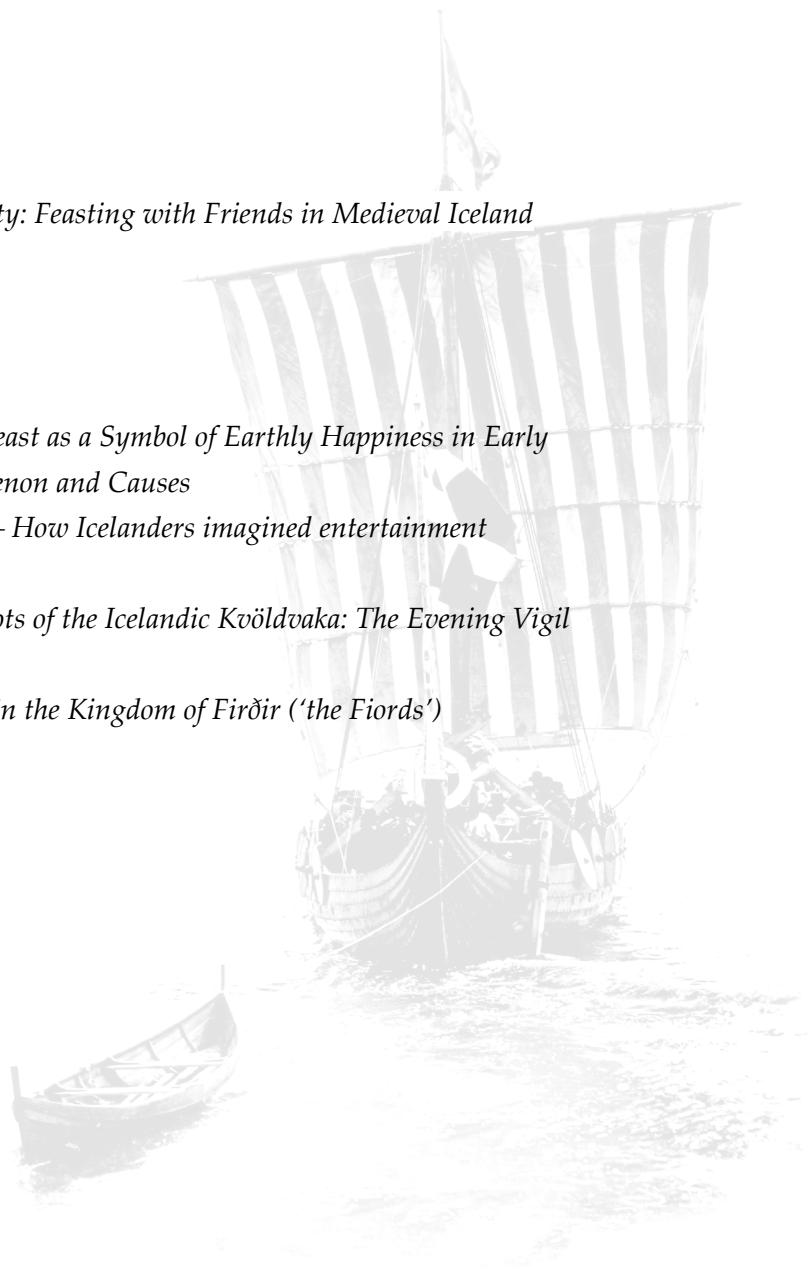
Tomasz Gromadka, *The Alcoholic Feast as a Symbol of Earthly Happiness in Early Medieval Northern Societies: Phenomenon and Causes*

Josef Juergens, *Brawling with bears – How Icelanders imagined entertainment at the royal court*

Łukasz Neubauer, *The Medieval Roots of the Icelandic Kvöldvaka: The Evening Vigil Tradition in Its Historical Context*

Anne Irene Riisøy, *'Entertainment' in the Kingdom of Firðir ('the Fiords')*

13.00 Lunch break



14.30 Session II

Caitlin Ellis, *Entertainment as Release: Poetry and Feasting after Battle*

Jakub Morawiec, *Ok setti hana í kné sér. Who entertained whom during jarl Rognvaldr Kali Kolsson's visit to Narbonne?*

Maciej Lubik, *Double morality in the interest of entertainment. The ambiguous saga image of Haraldr Sigurðarson during his Byzantine service*

16.00 Coffee break

16.15 Session III

Marcin Böhm, *"Gothic" Dance in De cerimoniis aulae Byzantinae? Or, Scandinavian Traditions at the Court of the Byzantine Emperors of the Macedonian Dynasty, Through the Eyes of Constantine VII - An Attempt at Reinterpreting the Issue*

Annett Krakow, *Narrators, storytellers, and their audiences in selected fornaldarsögur*

Marta Rey-Radlińska, *Playing with Sword and Word: Modes of Entertainment in the Saga of the Jónsvikings*

18.00 Conference dinner

**Saturday, 11 April 2026**

The Andrzej Kaube Museum in Wolin

9.30 Piotr Maliński, *Guarding the heritage of the past. 60 years of the Regional Museum in Wolin*

10.00 Coffee break

10.30 Session IV

Grzegorz Bartusik, *The hnefatafl board game as a metaphor*

Remigiusz Gogosz, *Narratives of Play: The Cultural Functions of Games in Medieval Scandinavian Sagas*

Ugnius Mikučionis-Vizgirda, *The knattleikr episodes in Egill Skallagrímsson's Saga Arngrímur Vídalín, Not All Fun and Games - Knattleikr and Violence in the Sagas*

12.30 Lunch break



14.00 Session V

Julian A. Menjivar, *Princess Baldr, The Forgotten Sleeping Beauty: A Comparison of an Old Norse Fairy Tale*

Natalia Radziwiłłowicz, *Völvas: Between fascination and fear*

Leszek Paweł Słupecki, *Entertainment(s) of the gods. Gulnar toflur as the tool and a form of entertainment of Old Norse gods*

15.30 Coffee break

15.45 Session VI

Natalia Mazur-Rodak, *From heathen magic to Christian miracle: competitive forces and the supernatural in Norwegian nature-mythical medieval ballads*

Rafał Borysławski, *Wisdom in wine? Intoxication and images of feasting as gnomic vehicles in Old English poetry*

Julia Jaworska, *"Got synth jw": analysis of language contact and conflict based on a Middle Low German feast toast*

17.00 Final Discussion

18.30 Conference dinner

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