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International conference

Activities of Museum Pedagogy - a tool for the creation of cognitive interests

Event time - October 13, 2017

Location - Livonian Order Castle, Hall of the Capitol

Museum Pedagogy - the Cornerstone of Communication between the Museum and Society.

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The Ventspils Museum in cooperation with the Baltic Association of Pedagogical Historians organizes a conference of museum pedagogues in order to update and raise public awareness in the development of innovative and up-to-date offers. The museums and their educational programs occupy a special place in the field of knowledge-building, which give children and young people an emotionally engaging way to master complex historical events by stimulating interest in historical processes in general. The pedagogical activities of a museum involve all mental processes; each of these processes fulfils their specific functions in cognition and learning about the world. Cognitive interests are research-based because each investigation addresses prior experiential knowledge and creates new knowledge valid for practical usage. Museums should become lifelong learning institutions that, in cooperation with educational institutions, describe and promote cultural heritage.

Plan of the conference:

Part 1.

Registration – **9:30**

Morning coffee break – 10:00

10:30 – 11:15 Opportunity to get acquainted with the Ventspils Museum Interactive Primary School Class

My Museum-My Castle" (in Latvian) in the Ventspils Museum in the Livonian Order Castle

11:30 – Opening of the international conference (Hall of the Capitol)

Ventspils Museum Managers Address the participants of the conference.

11:35 - Museum pedagogue of the Ventspils Museum **Mg.paed. Ilva Buntika**
(Latvia, Ventspils)

Development of pupils' cognitive interests in the study process at the museum.



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11:55 – Manager of Tallinn University Museum **Dr. Veronika Varik** (Estonia, Tallinn)

Museum as a reviver of historical memory: the experience of the Estonian Pedagogical Archives and Museum

12:15 the University of Latvia, doctor student; the employee of the National History Museum of Latvia **Arnis Strazdiņš** (Latvia, Rīga)

Some ideas for evaluating the professional competence of the museum pedagogue: mastering the prehistory of Latvia as a case study

12:35 Professor emeritus; chair of the administrative council of the Baltic Association of Historians of Pedagogy; manager of the Museum of pedagogy of the University of Latvia **Dr. Aīda Krūze** (Latvia, Rīga)

Advantages of the Museum in the Acquisition of the History of Science: experience of the Museum of Pedagogy, the University of Latvia

13:00 -14:00. Enjoying soup of the castle at the medieval hearth. (On-site lunch for all participants. Provided by Pilskrogs).

Part 2. Reports/presentations

14:00 **Elke Urban.** (Germany, Leipzig) Long-lasting head of the Leipzig School Museum; Chair of the Promotion of the Museum and the research project manager in museum pedagogy; partner of international cooperation of the History Museum of Pedagogy of the University of Latvia and Riga Schools Museum.

Learning Democracy at a School Museum

14:25 Associate professor of Riga technical University **Dr. Alīda Zigmunde** (Latvia, Rīga)

The History of Engineering Sciences for Students: problems and solutions

14:45 professor of Klaipeda University **Dr.Lilia Žukauskiene, assistant Renata Jarovaitiene** (Lithuania, Klaipėda)

Educational Activities in Museum: the case of the Museum of the Faculty of Humanities and Education Sciences of Klaipėda University



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15:05 Head of Methodological Association of Home-economics' Teachers of Ventspils
Mg.paed. Jonika Tērvida Craftswoman of the Latvian Chamber of Commerce (Latvia,
Ventspils)

Cooperation between Ventspils Museum and Ventspils School of Home Economics' Teachers

15:25 Conference closing discussions and debates. Coffee.

16:00 – 17:00

The Ventspils Museum offers to visit the Museum's branches:

- The Open-Air Museum at the seaside,
- The House of Crafts and
- The Museum of the Herberts Dorbes "Senču Putekļi"

The abstracts/synopsis of the presentations in Latvian and English

The languages of the conference: Latvian, English, German, Russian