

Regional Groups Report 2016

In April our colleagues in Scandinavia were treated to a two day conference at the Swedish History Museum, Stockholm. Organised by the 'Baltic and North-Atlantic Pottery Research Group', the event had over 20 speakers covering themes as diverse as Scanian Black Earthenware, Scottish Red Wares and 17th-century ceramics from Copenhagen. The conference was well attended and the group are planning the next event which will take place in Estonia in 2018.

Chris Cumberpatch organised another successful pottery day at Doncaster Museum in May. The focus was broader than previous years with papers covering prehistoric, Roman, medieval and early modern pottery from the Peak District, North and South Yorkshire. The event was well attended by professional and amateur archaeologists alike and we look forward to future meetings.

November saw a two day training session, organised by the MPRG, at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. Four sessions were delivered, introducing delegates to the techniques of pottery production, medieval pottery type-series and recording ceramic assemblages, the scientific analysis of pottery, and successful report writing and publishing. Further training days are planned.

Along with the three day MPRG conference in July, these events have ensured that 2016 was very successful for the group and those interested in medieval pottery. I look forward to what 2017 brings.

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