

Editorial

This issue of the Journal of Nordic Archaeological Science has been delayed for various reasons, for which I am truly sorry. But since it contains a number of exciting articles on a variety of topics, I think it will have been worthwhile waiting for.

One special part of the issue is the outcome of a series of seminars called *Interdisciplinary Studies on Prehistoric Material Culture* held at the Archaeological Research Laboratory in Stockholm in 2005. These seminars, which were financed by the Faculty of Arts at Stockholm University as part of its support for leading areas of research, one of which is archaeology, focused on material culture under the following sub-headings: *Seeing the invisible*, *Scientific analysis of material culture*, *Cultural transmission*, *Food and archaeology*, *Material culture and landscape* and finally *Everyday rituals*. The papers arising from that seminar include that of Degryse et al. on prehistoric glass recycling in Turkey, that of Milner on Mesolithic food consumption, Zachrisson's thoughts on landscape and archaeology on Stora Karlsö and not least Blehr's considerations of everyday rituals.

The issue also contains three other articles, however, that were not included in the seminars, although they would just as well have fitted in as truly interdisciplinary studies on the above themes. These are the evaluation by Engström & Johansson of the use of terrestrial laser scanning in archaeology, Hjulström's approach to the study of changes in settlements in Södermanland and the description by Lindeke et al. of the contents of a seventeenth-century medical chest found on a Swedish warship.

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