

Til: **DVSs Medlemmer**

MEDDELELSE NR. 2008 – 2

1. **Thomas Telford - 250 Years of Inspiration**

Professor Roland Paxton, Edinburgh holder **onsdag 23. april 2008 kl. 16.00-18.00** et foredrag med titlen **Thomas Telford - 250 Years of Inspiration**. Foredraget finder sted i Ingeniørhuset, Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, København V.

Professor Roland Paxton er ansat ved The School of The Built Environment på Heriot-Watt University i Edinburgh. Han er medlem af (og tidl. formand i) i den engelske Institution of Civil Engineers' (ICE) Panel of Historical Engineering Works (PHEW) og er den største "specialist" i Thomas Telfords liv og virke. Foredraget er på engelsk.



Thomas Telford med hans berømte Pontcysyllte aquaduct i baggrunden. Maleri af Lane.

Roland Paxton siger om sit foredrag: In this lecture, I will review the life and work of arguably Britain's greatest civil engineer Thomas Telford (1757-1834), whose achievement was second to none in applying natural forces, improved constructional materials and technology to the use and convenience of man. His road, bridge, canal and harbour works, many of which are still in use, often won at the limits of engineering practicability, reached beyond Britain to Poland, Sweden and Canada.

In Scotland alone, civilisation 'was advanced a century' by his fishery developments, 1,200 miles of roads, 1,100 bridges; the Caledonian and other canals, and scores of harbours and churches. On this and other work he developed standard techniques in design, contract procedures and management, some of which still influence present-day practice.

Telford's practice was based on self-taught knowledge, practical experiment, experience, bold intuitive design, attention to detail, exceptional project management, knowledge promotion and a driving ambition and dedication. These attributes enabled him to achieve the World's largest and most advanced summit-level ship canal; the greatest aqueduct of the canal age; the most advanced roads in Europe, the world's most innovative iron arch bridges, the longest span suspension bridge at Menai Strait and in the 1820s to influence almost all Britain's public works. In 1820 Thomas Telford became the first president of the newly established Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).

Foredraget om Thomas Telford er arrangeret i samarbejde mellem Dansk Vejhistorisk Selskab, IDA's Teknologihistorisk Gruppe (HITEK) og IDAs selskab Byplan, Vej og Trafik (BVT). Foredraget er gratis efter IDAs regler for mødedeltagelse.

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2. Generalforsamling 2008

- ./. Hermed fremsendes **Referat fra ordinær generalforsamling 2008**, som fandt sted torsdag den
- ./. 21. februar 2008 i Vejdirektoratet i København. Det reviderede regnskab for 2007 og budgettet for 2008 vedlægges ligeledes.

Bestyrelsens sammensætning for perioden 2008 er anført i referatet. Sekretærposten varetages fortsat af undertegnede.

3. Vejhistorisk ekskursion til Vägverkets museum Pylonen og Dalarne

På generalforsamlingen blev det oplyst, at denne ekskursion skulle foregå 22.-24. maj. Da vores guide, museichef Jan-Olof Montelius, ikke kan på dette tidspunkt, er turen skubbet en uge, således at den finder sted torsdag den 29. – lørdag den 31. maj. Afsæt derfor allerede nu disse dage til turen. Nærmere arrangementet i næste Meddelelse.

Med venlig hilsen

Ulrik Winther Blindum

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