Horse and Rider in the late Viking Age
describes the excavation of the Fre-
gerslev burial and its contents. The 
finds, particularly the harness fit -
tings and the remains of a quiver 
of arrows, and the results of a wide 
range of scientific analyses demon -
strate what a remarkable burial this 
once was. The excavation methods 
and documentation procedures, 
the sampling strategies, and the fol-
lowing conservation and preserva -
tion of the finds, give an idea of the 
many new approaches, which may 
be useful when dealing with a de -
composed grave in the future. Part II 
and Part III present new research on 
10th-century equestrian burials and 
their significance in contemporary 
society from a variety of countries 
across Central and Northern Europe.

An equestrian burial from the 10th 
century with an exceptionally elab-
orate horse harness was discovered 
at Fregerslev near Skanderborg in 
eastern Jutland, Denmark in 2012. 
This formed the starting point for 
the Fregerslev Research Project in 
itiated by Museum Skanderborg in 
troduced by Museum Skanderborg in 
2017. Two years later, the museum 
held a conference to present the 
preliminary results of the project. 
A group of researchers from neigh-
brighbouring countries were invited to 
provide a wider international con -
text for a discussion of the social, 
political, cultural and religious back-
ground of the Fregerslev burial. 

With 21 articles, Horse and Rider 
in the late Viking Age presents the 
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Equestrian burial in perspective

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