



## Bridging Ages International Conference in Giresun, Turkey



**Hoşgeldiniz , Welcome! Bridging Ages board member:**

**Hakan Adanir**

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the 16<sup>th</sup> Bridging Ages International Conference which will take place in Girusen, Turkey from **27<sup>th</sup> June to 1 July 2022. 2nd July** is an excursion. Optional!

While we regret that the Covid19 pandemic and restrictions prevented us from holding the conference in 2020 and 2022, we are excited about the opportunities of holding this physical conference. Participants are expected from many countries. This is an opportunity to meet, network and share information.

**Conference Topic:**

**“BUILDING TOGETHER BEYOND BOUNDARIES”**

## The Time Travel Method in Education, Environment, Peace Building and Democracy

The program includes several sessions on these issues, as well as an academic session and a Time Travel event to 1938. We welcome people from museums, schools, universities, municipalities, NGOs and other interested persons and organizations.

Today, we see an even greater need to work together beyond boundaries, for a more peaceful and inclusive world. What is the role of cultural heritage and the Time Travel method in this cooperation? ***What can we do together, in education, for a sustainable environment and a world of peace and solidarity?***

As people with significant cultural heritage, the Turks have lived with many nations in Anatolia and witnessed many civilizations and cultures. In this conference people from many parts of the world will come together, seek for hope and solutions.

### Conference themes:

How to use the Time Travel method and Applied Heritage to explore such issues as

- Peace building and solidarity
- Environment, Water use, Climate, Biodiversity and Life
- Development of Local Communities and Democratic Engagement.
- Education, Learning, Schools and Local Heritage-

*Please visit [BRIDGES AGES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Ordu-Giresun, Turkey](https://bridgingagesinternationalconference.com) ([bridgingages.com](https://bridgingages.com)) for more information.*

### Conference Fee and Accommodation

**Conference fee:** (coffee breaks + lunch + dinner+ excursion) .  
Western people: 150 Euro a. Non-western people: 100 Euro

#### Accommodation for delegates .

1. Zifin Hotel (Mountain Hotel- Conference will be held there) 80 Euro per day – Single Room + Include breakfast.
2. Ramada Hotel: (Near the black sea) 30 Euro Per day – Single Room + Breakfast + 10 Euro for buses (transport to conference hall) .
3. Sedef Hotel: (City Centre) 40 Euro per day – single room+breakfast + 10 Euro for buses (transport to conference hall)



## Conference Programme

### Tuesday, June 28

Evening: Informal mingling session

### Wednesday, June 29

- 09.30 Registration
- 10.00 Opening and welcome *Hakan Adanır, Bridging Ages Turkey Representative*
- 10:15 Music, singing, dancing
- *Cemal BAŞ, City Council Member at Municipality of Kecioren*
  - *Prof. Yılmaz Can, Rector of Giresun University*
  - *Özlem DAĞ, CEO of Bahcehir College*
  - *Enver Yücel, BAU University Global President*
  - *Gulshera Khan, President: Bridging Ages*
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 What is the Time Travel method? Bridging Ages history. *Scott Green, USA and Ebbe Westergren, Sweden, Bridging Ages*  
Presentation of participants
- 12.15 Preparation for the Time Travel event the following day
- 12.50 Lunch
- 14.00 Session on Time Travel, Peace Building and Democracy  
Keynote speaker. *Gustav Wollentz, Researcher, Nordic Center for Heritage Learning and Creativity, Sweden*
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 Papers about Time Travel, Peace Building and Democracy: *Agrita Ozola, Tukums museum, Latvia; Linda Liljeberg, Kalmar county museum, Sweden; Milena Milosevic Micic, Serbia*
- 16.30 Conclusion.
- 16.45 End
- 18:00 Evening program: dinner, action

### Thursday, June 30, 2022

- 09.00 Time Travel event  
Gathering, costumes, initiation, event, reflection (fruit/coffee)
- 11.30 End
- 12.20 Lunch
- 13.30 Session on Time Travels and Education  
Keynote speaker. *Rueben Gounden, Principal, Port Shepstone Twinning Association, South Africa*. Launch of the Time Travel Educational Handbook
- 14.30 Coffee break
- 15.00 Papers on Time Travel and Education: *Judy Mkhize, PSTA, South Africa; Ebru Iltenmis, Manisa, Turkey; Anna Achiola, Medieval Rose Association, Rhodes: Prof Zafer Derin, Ege University, Turkey; Yasemin Adanir, Turkey*
- 16.30 Conclusion
- 16.45 End
- 18.00 Evening program: dinner, action  
Invitation to the Bridging Ages conference 2023 in Yukon, Canada, *Scott Green*

**Friday, July 1, 2022**

- 09.00 Session on Time Travels and Environment  
Keynote speaker. *Hakan Adanir, Goperatif, Bridging Ages Turkey*  
Papers on Time Travels and Environment: *Cem Mutlu Türkseven, Goperatif, Turkey;*  
*Kimendren Gounden, Durban University of Technology Ali Uygun, archaeologist, Turkey,*  
*South Africa; Scott Green, USA*
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Time Travels and research/ academics. *Mildred Ayere, Maseno University, Kenya; Alessandra Ricci/Yelyzaveta Nesterova, Koc University, Turkey; Annina Ylikoski, Region Ostrobothnia, Finland; Pille Rohtla, Audentes School, Estonia*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Roadmap to the future, way forward. Discussion, common projects.  
Bridging Ages in Turkey, *Hakan Adanir/ Cem Türkseven*  
Bridging Ages International. *BA board members*
- 15.00 Funding. *Onur Tahmaz, Cem Türkseven*
- 15.30 Summary, *Scott Green, Meltem Uzum*  
Vote of thanks
- 16.00 End  
Bus to Giresun town

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**

- 09.00 Excursion for conference delegates, full-day and half-day  
09.00-12.00 Training, presentation of results



**ENQUIRIES TO:**

- Cem Mutlu Türkseven  
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President of Bridging Ages
- Ebbe Westergren  
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**Nsiki Khumalo: "Wow, what a well organised AGM. Well done BA committee. We are looking forward to the next AGM."**

## Bridging Ages 3<sup>rd</sup> virtual Annual General Meeting

**Cherry Cheruto: "This meeting has been the best so far, the presentation right from the president and everyone."**

**Anne Achiola: "Very well organised. Thank you"**

The third virtual AGM took place on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. There were 35 participants, representatives from twelve countries. Members of the previous Board gave a brief presentation of themselves; Gulshera Khan, President BA (South Africa), Tina Lindström, Vice President BA (Sweden), Ebbe Westergren, Honorary President (Sweden), Scott Green, Secretary (USA), Pille Rohtla (Estonia), Samson Semakula- (Uganda), Steven Labarakwe (Kenya), Agrita Ozola (Latvia) and Monica Mattback (Finland)

Gulshera Khan presented the Annual Report 2021 and outlined the two past years as being strong indicators of social cohesion and commitment. She highlighted the progress made by Bridging Ages despite the ongoing pandemic and travel restrictions. Condolences were conveyed to those who have lost their loved ones. Ebbe Westergren presented the Action Plan for the coming year. Vibrant discussion pursued and reports adopted.

### Tribute to outgoing Board members, Tina Lindstrom and Steven Labarakwe.



Tina Lindstrom has worked at Kalmar county museum, Sweden since 1996. She left for a few years, went back to teaching and was a principal at a school. She returned to the museum until now. She been involved in Bridging Ages since the beginning in 2004. She worked several years as Head of the Pedagogical Department, Kalmar County Museum.

***" Creative , has the biggest heart in the world. She is very good at giving everyone attention/not forgetting about anyone and making one feel included."***

***Her colleagues attribute to Tina.***

#### Message from outgoing Vice President – Tina Lindstrom

*"Now it's time for me to say Goodbye and Thank you for all the good work, all knowledge, experiences and challenges we have shared together on the Bridging Ages board. It has been fun! I will miss you.*

*A special thank you to Gulshera, a great leader and president and thanks for all the support from Ebbe and Gabriella. Good luck for the future!*

*Long live Bridging Ages!*

*Best regards"*



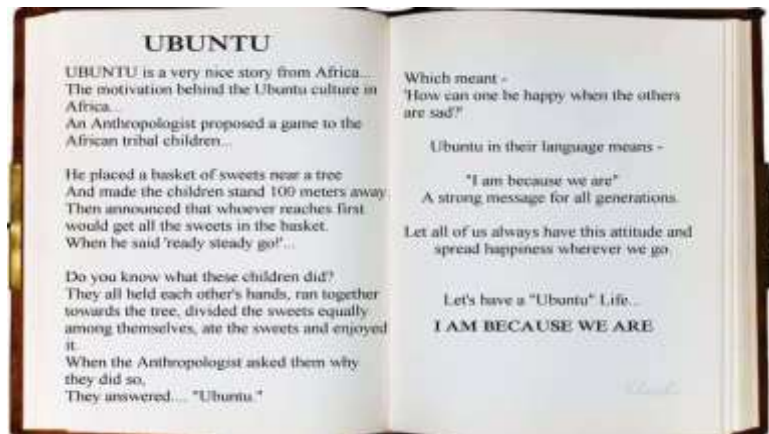
**Steven Labarakwe** is from Ngurunit in Marsabit County, Kenya. Steven was trained as a teacher, became principal and later a regional educational officer in Marsabit County. He served as Minister of Education and later Minister of Health Marsabit County Government.

Steven was invited to the first time travel conference in Vimmerby, Sweden in November 2004, when Bridging Ages started. He has been a passionate member of the Bridging Ages and served on the board since 2015. Steven's big engagement is community building. He has selflessly helped several local communities in development, water, education and health

As a volunteer, Steven was the main organizer and host of the Bridging Ages conference in Ngurunit, Kenya in 2014. Together with his team, the conference was one of the most exciting and important conferences in the history of Bridging Ages. Steven has been the Kenyan leader of several international projects with Sweden and other countries, including mathematics in the historic environment; heritage centres and Samburu rock art. He has also set up several local schools, together with international partners, namely Salato school in Ngurunit and more recently Two Sisters' school in Civicon.

Linda Liljeberg from Kalmar County Museum and Mildred Ayere from Kenya are two new members welcomed to the Board. The Annual Report can be viewed on the Bridging Ages website: [www.bridgingages.com](http://www.bridgingages.com), along with the reports from the countries. The meeting was concluded with this message below.

Scott Green "Thanks Tina and Steven! Welcome Linda and Mildred"



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