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## **ANNE WIKKULA**

**1954–1997**

Anne Wikkula (Vikkula -1996), lic.phil., Assistant in Archaeology at the University of Helsinki, former chairperson and secretary of the Archaeological Society of Finland, died on the 19th of February 1997.

Born in Helsinki on 30 June 1954, Anne Wikkula graduated as cand.phil. (MA) from the University of Helsinki in 1982. She completed the degree of Licentiate in Philosophy in 1987.

Her professional and working history was typical

of archaeologists in Helsinki, being mainly in the employ of the National Board of Antiquities and the Department of Archaeology of the University of Helsinki. The only exception to this pattern was a series of Stone Age excavations in the Åland Islands in the early stages of her career.

Excavation and survey in the service of the National Board of Antiquities took Anne Wikkula to various parts of the country, from the southwest to the eastern border regions and from the Gulf of

Finland to the outlying northeastern region of Kuusamo. Her most important projects in the field were the excavations at the Stone Age site of Nästiniemi in Laitila, various Stone Age sites in Ilomantsi, and field work at the prehistoric complex of the Rapola hillfort, which is Finland's largest ancient fortification structure. At the National Board of Antiquities she was also involved in projects for developing archaeological prospecting methods.

Wikkula studied archaeology at a time when computers began to make their breakthrough in administration and research. She was soon drawn into "this wonderful world of computers", to quote her own words. She was one of the main experts engaged in developing the computerized site protection and research register of the National Board of Antiquities and she also participated in the work of an organization coordinating archaeological databases in Europe.

In 1990 Anne Wikkula entered the employ of the Department of Archaeology of the University of Helsinki. As assistant, she was responsible for a great number administrative and teaching duties that took time from research. She was also Acting Professor in Archaeology in 1996. However, she was seriously involved in developing the department's projects, of which the most important was a multidisciplinary study on the prehistory of the Lake Saimaa region (see Wikkula 1994 & 1996). The GIS method was of prime importance to this project. Further studies of this method, including an expedition and study trip to Australia, was a natural addition to Anne Wikkula's computer interests and the tasks which had emerged when she was in the service of the National Board of Antiquities.

Anne's personal area of interest was the Late Stone Age and especially the final period of the Comb Ware Culture, as clearly indicated by her publications. Her doctoral dissertation, which was to remain unfinished, was on the Pyheensilta phase, the last stage of the culture.

In addition to her enthusiasm for computers, Anne Wikkula's publications point to a unique and open-minded interest in the methods of archaeology – from recent field techniques and equipment to ethnoarchaeological experiments. Her starting points in regard to methods and research in general were practical. Anne Wikkula was not inspired by far-ranging philosophical and symbolic explanations; an environmentally deterministic position dominated her views of changes in the phenomena of settlement archaeology.

Anne Wikkula took a responsible attitude to her choice of career, and her energy was always at the disposal of colleagues. She was secretary and

chairperson of the Archaeological Society of Finland from 1984 to 1994. She took active steps to further the Society's publications not only by organizing matters but also by actively contributing to both the pages of this journal and other publications of the Society. The Finnish Society for Marine Archaeology also found in Anne an ardent supporter and developer of training in the field.

Appointed and elected to various positions of trust, Anne Wikkula had to take a stand on a variety of issues. Her appended bibliography includes her written contributions to debate and exchanges of opinion in archaeology. They give a good idea of discussion in Finnish archaeology in the 1980s and '90s, and of concerns in administration, the development of teaching and instruction, innovations of method and a variety of passions that stirred archaeologists in Finland. Anne Wikkula boldly took a stand on debated issues. She did so regardless of the fact that this was by no means easy among Finland's few archaeologists. The lack of a critical mass ensured that only few people would find themselves on the same level in debate and discussion. Personal relations could also be a hinder to normal criticism. A book review could easily lead to an admonishing letter, heated remarks and expressions of opinion. Established truths and administratively dictated positions, and the resulting inability to engage in debate, annoyed and frustrated Anne. In 1994, after having sampled scholarly and scientific discussion along Australian and American lines, Anne Wikkula published a polemic article on undue sensitivity in which she even suspected that she had been born in the wrong country.

All this no doubt depressed and fatigued Anne Wikkula. Her comprehensive and critical attitude to her own work and perhaps her enthusiasm for new methodological discoveries slowed her work on her dissertation. Though by no means the only ones, these reasons may explain to colleagues why Anne felt she could no longer go on. We are left with the jarring words on her Internet home page: "When I was still alive".

Anne Wikkula's serious attitude to her own work, her contribution to research, academic teaching and administration particularly in the innovation and introduction of methods and the ideas which she shared in her teaching and projects constitute a life's work that is an abiding contribution to Finnish archaeology.

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