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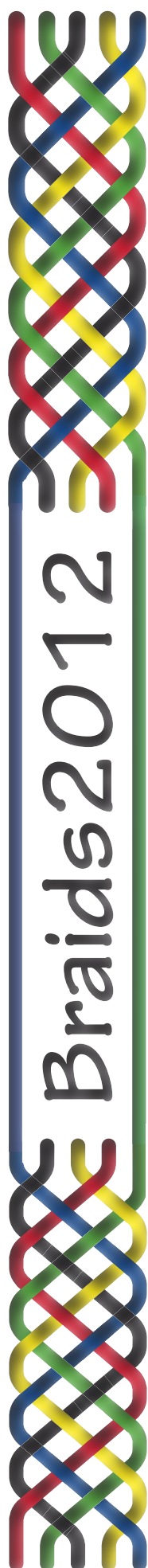
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## The Second International Conference on Braiding

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The first International Conference on Kumihimo took place in Kyoto, Japan in 2007. Organised by Makiko and Shinsaku Tada, it was a ground-breaking event for braiders and braiding. Everyone who attended wanted to do it again. It was the Braid Society Council who took up the challenge, especially Debbie Richardson who masterminded the Grand Plan. Society members and several Come and Try groups contributed to fund-raising. The result was Braids 2012, the Second International Conference on Braiding.

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The focus of this second worldwide gathering expanded to embrace braiding traditions from many cultures, as these pages will show.

Thank you to our twenty-three authors and all of the tutors. A full list of the tutors and their workshops appears at the end of these Proceedings.

We hope that readers will enjoy this lasting record of a wonderful mix of perspectives, techniques and personalities. It won't be *exactly* like attending the conference, but perhaps you will get a flavour of what it was like to be there.

Shirley Berlin and Ruth MacGregor  
*Editors*

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Sámi band weaving, Elizabeth Kolb  
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Ply split braiding, Barbara Walker  
Inkle-woven passementerie, Robyn Spady  
Sprang vest detail, Carol James

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