The sword is causing a great deal of excitement amongst the conservators at the National Museum. It has been found to be in a very high state of preservation beneath the corrosion layer. The sword has been X-rayed, and the result is shown below, along with a similar sword from Scandinavia. The grooving down the right hand side of the sword is still visible in the X-ray.

X-ray. Photo: Trustees of the NMS. Similar type of sword.