



## Announcement & call for papers September 2022

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Dear Colleagues,

The International research group "Textiles from the Nile Valley" is preparing its next conference for autumn 2023. We are pleased to announce that Karine and Fernand Huts will host us again at "HeadquARTers" in the heart of their business centre Katoen Natie, Van Aerdstraat 33, 2060 Antwerp, Belgium. The conference will take place from Saturday, **18th to Sunday 19th November 2023** starting with a reception and walking dinner on Friday evening. Our congress is planned as an on-site-event, but of course we will adapt to pandemic measures that may be necessary.

The main topic of the 2023-conference will be "**Silk**" – based on the material evidence from Egypt and neighbouring countries. Papers about textiles made of silk or textiles with silk decoration, their techniques and dyes, their function and iconography, their evidence in written sources, their role as trade goods, their chronology (radiocarbon-dating), etc. are most welcome. Contributions of 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion are appreciated. As usual, you are also invited to present a paper about your individual research project on textiles from Egypt and its neighbours in general.

Those of you who wish to present a paper in Antwerp are kindly requested to contact us as soon as possible, preferably by the **end of April 2023**. For all those who would like to participate without giving a paper: please inform us about your participation by the **end of September 2023** at the latest.

Registration starts now! A conference fee is NOT charged.  
A choice of reasonably priced hotels for your stay will be provided in the next info-letter.  
Please note that, unfortunately, travel expenses cannot be covered.

We would be happy to welcome you in Antwerp and are looking forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to forward this letter to interested people and to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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