



Announcement & call for papers 13-11-2018

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Dear Colleagues,

The International research group "Textiles from the Nile Valley" will hold its next conference in 2019. 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 Aerdtsstraat 33, 2060 Antwerp, Belgium. The conference will take place from **Friday 25th to Sunday 27th October 2019** - not from 18.-19.10.2019 as stated earlier – starting with a reception and walking dinner on Friday evening.

This will mark the 10th time that our research group meets to explore a specific topic around textiles from the Nile Valley. On the occasion of the small jubilee, we propose a retrospective theme dedicated to the discoverers, first collectors and traders of textiles from Egypt of the 1st Millennium AD. Who were the pioneers in researching and collecting these textiles? What was their motivation? How did textiles find their way into museums and collections worldwide? To what extent can their provenance be traced back? These and related questions should be addressed. 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 give a paper in Antwerp are kindly requested to contact us as soon as possible, preferably by the **end of April 2019**.

For all those who would like to participate without giving a paper: please inform us about your participation by **31 July 2019** at the latest. Registration starts now. A conference fee is NOT charged.

During the conference you will have the opportunity to visit the textile galleries in HeadquARTers.

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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