



Announcement & call for papers 29-11-2012

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Dear Colleagues,

The International research group "Textiles from the Nile Valley" is going to prepare its 8th conference. 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 4th to Sunday 6th October 2013**, following the CIETA conference in Lyons. The Textile from the Nile Valley meetings will start with a reception and walking dinner on Friday evening.

"Textiles, tools and techniques" would be the main topic of the 8th meeting. Contributions about looms, all kinds of weaving and spinning tools, their identification, purpose, use, literal evidence and their correlation to special techniques are most welcome. You may also give a paper about your individual research project on textiles in general. Contributions – preferably in English, c. 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion – should be based on material from Egypt of the 1st millennium approximately. References and comparisons to neighbouring countries of the Mediterranean and the Near East are appreciated.

Those of you who wish to give a paper in Antwerp are kindly requested to contact us as soon as possible, preferably until the **end of March 2013**.

For all those who would like to participate without giving a paper: Please, inform us about your participation at the latest until **30 June 2013**. Registration starts now.

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

For a choice of hotels for your stay please see below this letter.

We would be happy to welcome you in Antwerp, even though we have to confess that we cannot cover your travel expenses.

Yours faithfully,

Antoine de Moor
Cécilia Fluck

Choice of hotels

- Holiday Inn Express (close to Katoen Natie) 84 € per night/room, incl. breakfast
- Sir Plantin Hotel (near the main station) 98 € per night/room, incl. breakfast

If you like you can book one of the hotels listed above for a reduced price during your stay at Antwerp. For this, please contact Katoen Natie: Travel@katoennatie.com, mail: Katoen Natie, Travel, Van Aerdtsstraat 33, B-2060 Antwerp, phone: 0032-3-2216823 or 0032-3-2216825. If you prefer to stay elsewhere, please arrange your own booking.