



## CIRCULAR LETTER

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much for the tremendous response to our first circular concerning the 7<sup>th</sup> conference of the “Textiles from the Nile Valley” research group.

It is time to provide you with some actualities and the preliminary list of papers now:

On the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 18.30 h before the conference starts, a reception and a light meal will be offered by our host at the HeadquARTers galleries, Van Aerdstraat 33, B-2060 Antwerp.

The conference will take place from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at HeadquARTers. This time we have no special theme. Instead we shall focus on current individual research on textiles from Egypt of the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium AD. Papers are limited to **20 minutes talk + 10 minutes discussion**. Technical equipment for powerpoint presentations as well as slide and overhead projectors will be at disposal. Please, let us know in advance which equipment you prefer. Slides should be submitted 10 days in advance to the conference to Caroline Dekyndt (Katoen Natie, Van Aerdstraat 33. 2060 Antwerp, Belgium).

Because we have a few papers on a waiting list all speakers are kindly requested to confirm or update the title of their contribution (see list attached) until **July 15<sup>th</sup>** latest. Your abstracts – if not sent yet – are appreciated until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 latest.

This year the “Textiles from the Nile Valley”-conference will be followed by the General Meeting of the European project DressID: “Clothing and Identities in the Roman World”. It will take place October 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, also at Katoen Natie. An invitation letter by Ina Vanden Berghe is attached to this letter. For further information please see the official website [www.dressid.eu](http://www.dressid.eu).

If you like you can book one of the hotels listed below for a reduced price during your stay at Antwerp. For this, you have to contact Heidi Scheers from Katoen Natie as soon as possible [[Travel@katoennatie.com](mailto:Travel@katoennatie.com), mail: Heidi Scheers, Van Aerdstraat 33, B-2060 Antwerp, phone: 0032-3-2216823 (Heidi Scheers) or 0032-3-2216825 (Sofie Mangelschots)]. If you prefer to stay elsewhere, please arrange your own booking.

### **Choice of hotels**

- Holiday Inn Express (close to Katoen Natie) 80 € per night/room, incl. breakfast
- Radisson Sas Park Lane Hotel (near main station) 134 € per night/deluxe room (grab and run breakfast incl.); 184 € per night/superior double room (breakfast buffet incl.)
- Theater Hotel (centre) 102 € per night/single room; 122 € per night/double room; breakfast included

During the “Textiles from the Nile Valley-conference” we again would like to offer a bibliography and list of projects from the years 2009 to 2011. For this your help is needed. We would appreciate it very much if you can provide us with your individual publications and research activities during the past two years. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Would you be so kind and confirm your participation at your earliest convenience, and latest until **31<sup>st</sup> August 2011**? In case you subscribed for the conference but realised that you cannot come, please, let us know as quickly as possible.

For any further questions do not hesitate to contact one of the undersigned.

We are looking forward to meet you in Antwerp in October.

Sincerely, Yours

Antoine de Moor  
Căcilia Fluck

**PREMINARY PROGRAMME SEE BELOW!**

## **7<sup>th</sup> Textiles from the Nile Valley conference October 7-9, 2011**

### **Preliminary programme**

#### **Friday, 07.10.2011**

18.30 h      Reception at Katoen Natie

#### **Saturday, 08.10.2011**

9.00          Registration

9.15          Welcome by Antoine De Moor

#### *Textile finds from excavations*

9.30          Textiles with pile from the *praesidia* of the Eastern Desert of Egypt –  
DOMINIQUE CARDON

10.00        Recent textile finds from Qarara – BÉATRICE HUBER

10.30        The embroidered tunic from Douch, Kharga Oasis – FLEUR LETELLIER-  
WILLEMEN

#### **11.00 coffee / tea**

11.30        Roman Period funerary textiles from Kellis and Deir Abu Metta in the Dakhleh  
Oasis – ROSANNE LIVINGSTONE

12.00        A survey of textiles in the UK from the 1913-14 Egypt Exploration Fund  
season at Antinoe – FRANCES PRITCHARD

12.30        The first Indian carpets: a view from Berenike – JOHN PETER WILD

#### **13.00 – 14.30 lunch / snack at Katoen Natie**

#### *Special items*

14.30        Late antique and early Islamic embroideries – AMANDINE MÉRAT

- 15.00 Technical features of flying threads in late Roman textiles – CHRIS VERHECKEN-LAMMENS
- 15.30 Radiocarbon dating of late Roman to early medieval leather shoes and sandals from Egypt – ANTOINE DE MOOR

**16.00 coffee / tee**

- 16.30 Roman Military Clothing in Egypt – GRAHAM SUMNER and ELAINE NORBURY
- 17.00 Hosen: Spätantike Originale und Darstellungen – JULIA B. OCHMANN
- 17.30 Pattern study of linen trousers from Late Antiquity – ANNE KWASPEN and ANTOINE DE MOOR
- 18.00 Headgear from Egypt – PETRA LINSCHIED
- 18.30 Ribbon types and variations: Changes over time? – KRISTIN SOUTH

**Sunday, 09.10.2011**

- 9.00 “Vergoldung” – CLAUDIA NAUERTH
- 9.30 “A man must not go out with a nail-studded sandal” – RENATE ROSENTHAL-HEGINBOTTOM
- 10.00 Mats with inscriptions in the Museum of Islamic Art, Berlin – GISELA HELMECKE
- 10.30 Application of “computer vision” to analysis of AD 8-12<sup>th</sup> century silk textiles – JULIA GALLIKER

**11.00 coffee / tea**

*Iconography*

- 11.30 Presentation of mythological pagan scenes on “Coptic” textiles from the Nile Valley – NADER MOHAMED
- 12.00 Amazons, Indians, and gods: mythological variations – MAYA MÜLLER

12.30 The Amazon hanging in the Katoen Natie collection – SABINE SCHRENK

**13.00 – 14.30 Lunch: snack at Katoen Natie**

14.30 Tabula with the ascension of Alexander the Great in the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts – OLGA LETCHISCAYA

15.00 The “Coptic” rider on textiles from the Hermitage collection – OLGA OSHARINA

*Museums and collections*

15.30 “Coptic” textiles in Joshibi University of Art and Design Art Museum – MIE ISHII

**16.00 coffee/tea**

16.30 Les textiles conservés à la Section copte du musée du Louvre : évolution d’une collection – DOMINIQUE BÉNAZETH

17.00 Late Antique and Early Spanish Muslim textiles: results from the interdisciplinary research project at the Spanish public collections – ANA CABRERA