



## Announcement & call for papers

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Dear Colleagues,

The International research group "Textiles from the Nile Valley" is going to prepare its 6th workshop. 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 **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009**, starting with a reception and walking dinner on Thursday evening.

As a result of the survey after the 2007 conference most opted for "**Accessories**" as main subject for the next meeting, i. e. footwear, headgear, girdles, belts, bags and sacs, jewellery, etc. As usual, contributions – preferably in English – should be based on material from Egypt of the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium approximately. References and comparisons to neighbouring countries of the Mediterranean and the Near East are most welcome.

We would like to invite you to present papers on

- introduction of a special accessory type
- accessories in museum's collections
- accessories from excavations (find context)
- accessories in written sources
- accessories and social status (everyday life, festivities, profession-related, gender-typical etc.)
- accessories in monastic and liturgical habit
- technical analyses and radiocarbon dating on accessories

**Any further suggestion is appreciated!**

There is also possibility to introduce current individual projects on textile history, technology and conservation.

Those who wish to give a paper in Antwerp either on the “accessory”-subject or on other personal research are kindly requested to contact us as soon as possible, preferably until the **end of January 2009**.

For all those who would like to participate without giving a paper: Please, inform us about your participation at the latest until **30 June 2009**. Registration starts now.

Information on schedule and hotel reservation follows in the next circular.

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

Yours faithfully,

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**!!! NOTA BENE !!!**

- Attached to this letter we forward you the Early Textiles Study Group publicity 2008 given to us by Hero Granger-Taylor.
- Please, also note the dates of the next *purpureae vestes* conference, to be held in Naples, 13th to 15th November 2008. The program is available via the main page of the European DressID-project: [www.dressid.eu](http://www.dressid.eu) (link: calendar).