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ANNOUNCEMENT

Textiles in Ritual and Cultic Practices in the Ancient Near East from the Third to the First Millennium BC

6th-7th October 2015, Copenhagen

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the international workshop *Textiles in Ritual and Cultic Practices in the Ancient Near East from the Third to the First Millennium BC.*, to be held in Copenhagen the 6th and the 7th of October 2015.

The workshop, framed within the French-Danish Research Programme *Ancient Textiles from the Orient to the Mediterranean, 2015-2018* (ATOM) and the *Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship Programme 2013-2015* (Seventh Framework Programme of European Union), will be funded by Carlsberg Foundation (*Carlsbergfondet*). This meeting is affiliated with the Danish National Research Foundation's Centre for Textile Research, SAXO Institute, University of Copenhagen.

The workshop aims at presenting current research on textual, iconographical, and archaeological evidence for the use of textiles in ritual and cult in the Ancient Near East. The main purpose is to address questions related to the use of raw materials, garments of ritual performers and cult images, textile tools in ritual and cultic practices as well as textile metaphors and analogical formulas in rituals. The timeframe will be from the third to the first millennium BC. It will encompass the entire Ancient Near East, including Egypt and Iran. This workshop, the first to address the subject in such a broad perspective, is meant to be in line with the international conference held in November 21-22, 2013 at the National Museum of Denmark and the University of Copenhagen, entitled *Textiles*

and Cult in the Mediterranean Area in the First Millennium BC, organized by Marie-Louise Nosch and Cecilie Brøns.

The preliminary programme of the workshop will appear soon in this website.

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