



2nd circular

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**First Textiles. The Beginnings of Textile Manufacture
in Europe and the Mediterranean
7th-8th May 2015**

The Danish National Research Foundation's Centre for Textile Research
and the National Museum of Denmark

Dear participants of the First Textiles Conference,

Our meeting is approaching and we are looking forward to welcoming you in Copenhagen in May!

Please find below additional information regarding the event and in the separate documents the programme, abstracts and maps with locations and transport.

Programme and abstracts

Please find the programme of the conference and the abstracts in the separate documents.

Papers

Because of a very tight programme and the limited time of the conference, the papers should not exceed **15 minutes**, while 10 minutes will be devoted to discussion after each paper. The keynote lectures should be no longer than **30 minutes** plus 10 minutes of discussion.

In order to inspire your papers, we have prepared a short list of general questions for you to consider while working on your presentations. We hope that it will help the other participants and listeners to better comprehend the subjects under discussion and we all will benefit greatly from the talks. There will be many different subjects and problems presented and discussed during the conference and we find it important to present our material within an historical, economic and social context, and not to forget the methodology.

Questions

We would appreciate if you discuss your specific material in the context of the region and period you are working on. Please do not only present your specific case but discuss it by taking into account all available evidence for the manufacture and use of early textiles in your region. It would be of great help if you could address at least some of the following points in your lecture (if your paper is methodological this is of course not really applicable to your talk):

1. How would you briefly characterize your period in social and economic terms?
2. Are there any recent comprehensive and extensive studies on textile remains, (potential) textile tools and any other indications for early textile production published in regard to your region and period?
3. What is your data? – Textile remains, textile tools, depictions/impressions of textiles, etc.? Have you included all preserved evidence for textile production in your region?
4. Do you have evidence for the use of other types of dress, e.g. leather, fur?
5. Which approaches do you use in researching the evidence for textile production (ethnographic, experimental, contextual, textual, iconographical, typo-chronological, scientific)? May the application of other approaches be feasible in the future for your research and do you intend to include other approaches in the future?
6. What kinds of fibres were used in your region (hard evidence/indications/assumptions by preserved fibres, zooarchaeology, tools, impressions, depictions, etc.)?
7. Are any remains of textiles preserved in your regions, for example as actual or mineralized pieces, or as impressions?
8. Are there any (potential) depictions of textiles or textile production known from your region?
9. What kind of (potential) textile tools like spindle whorls, loom weights, spools, spindles, pin beaters, shuttles, needles, etc. are known from your region? Please show characteristic samples.
10. Can you directly relate the surviving textile tools to the textiles or to specific manufacture techniques? Have you made or do you intend to do any experiments with replicas?

Locations of the conference

The first day of the conference (Thursday, 7th May 2015) will be hosted by **Centre for Textile Research at the University of Copenhagen** (The Danish National Research Foundation's Centre for Textile Research 2300 Copenhagen S, Amagerfælledvej 56, Orbit Building, Center for Hjernesgade Auditorium, 1st floor <http://ctr.hum.ku.dk/contact/newmap/> <http://ctr.hum.ku.dk/contact/>). There will be lunch in the University canteen, coffee and tea served throughout the whole day, and a reception at the CTR in the late afternoon (around 18:30). Please find the map with the location of CTR and the South Campus at Amager in a separate document.

For the second day (Friday, 8th May 2015) we will move to the **National Museum of Denmark** (National Museum of Denmark, Cinema ('Biograf', on the ground floor), Ny Verstergade 10, 1471 Copenhagen K, <http://en.natmus.dk/museums/the-national-museum-of-denmark/>). Lunch will be served in the Museum's restaurant, and coffee and tea will be available during the day. Please find the map with the location of the Museum in a separate document.

Excursion to Lejre

On Saturday 9th May 2015 you will have an opportunity to go to the Sagnlandet - Land of Legends with its experimental archaeological centre and open air museum at Lejre near Roskilde (<http://www.sagnlandet.dk/en/>). Archaeologist and textile expert Ida Demant will introduce us to the Lejre textile workshop, fibre preparation, spinning and weaving. Lejre is located ca. 40 minutes by train from Copenhagen main railway station (Hovedbanegården). The cost of the excursion will be a return train ticket (ca. 150 DKK = 20€) and lunch/snack in Lejre.

You can also consider visiting Roskilde with its beautiful cathedral (<http://visit.roskildedomkirke.dk/english/>) and the Viking Ship Museum (<http://www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/en/>).

We plan to start our excursion to Lejre around 8:30-9:00 from the Copenhagen main railway station, ca. 15 minutes from the wake Up Hotel where the most of you will be staying (see also below). Depending on the interest of the participants, weather and your time, we plan to go back to Copenhagen in the early afternoon (around 14:00-15:00), but of course you can go back earlier or late if you prefer.

Hotel

We have booked single rooms with breakfast for you in the centrally located **Wake Up Hotel**, Carsten Niebuhrs Gade 11, 1577 Copenhagen V, Tel. +45 4480 0000, e-mail address: carstenniebuhrsgade@wakeupcopenhagen.dk Webpage: <https://www.wakeupcopenhagen.com/the-hotels/copenhagen/carsten-niebuhrs-gade/#/search>

The rooms will be paid by the conference project for two nights: 6/7 and 7/8 May 2015. For those of you who will stay longer we booked the single or double as you wished. The additional nights can be paid by you directly in the hotel by checking out.

Please find the map of the location of the hotel and the main railway station (Hovedbanegården) in a separate document.

We will be happy to answer any further questions concerning the conference and its organisation.

Looking forward to meeting you in Copenhagen soon!

Best wishes

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