



A two-day international conference

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 National
Museum of Denmark

Organisation

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Programme

Thursday, 7th May 2015

The Danish National Research Foundation's
Centre for Textile Research 2300 Copenhagen
S, Amagerfælledvej 56, Orbit Building, Center
for Hjerneskade Auditorium, 1st floor
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8:45-9:00

Registration and coffee/tea

9:00-9:05

*Marie-Louise Nosch (Centre for Textile
Research, Copenhagen, Denmark)*
Welcome

9:05-9:20

*Małgorzata Siennicka
and Lorenz Rahmstorf (Centre for Textile
Research, Copenhagen, Denmark)*
Introduction

Session: Fibres and textiles

9:20-10:00

*Dorian Fuller (University College London,
United Kingdom)*
Keynote lecture: Weaving together new
Neolithic worlds: Pre-Pottery flax production
and textile trade in comparative perspective

10:00-10:25

*Sabine Karg (Institute of Advanced Studies,
Center for Theoretical Study, Charles
University of Prague, Czech Republic.
Copenhagen University, Denmark)*
From seed to thread – new evidence for
prehistoric textile plant production in Europe

10:25-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-11:10

Orit Shamir (Israel Antiquities Authority, Israel)
Development and changes of textile
techniques from the Neolithic period to the
Chalcolithic period in the Southern Levant

11:10-11:50

*Karin Margarita Frei (National Museum of
Denmark and Centre for Textile Research,
Copenhagen, Denmark)*
Keynote lecture: Textile provenance
investigations by isotopic tracing techniques

11:50-12:15

*Linda Hurcombe (University of Exeter, United
Kingdom)*
Expanding our thinking on early textiles: rare
finds, unusual materials and different
technologies

12:15-13:30

**Lunch in the canteen of the Copenhagen
University (Building 23, ground floor)**

13:30-14:10

*Lise Bender Jørgensen (Norwegian University
of Science and Technology, Trondheim,
Norway)*
Keynote lecture: The introduction of wool in
Europe

14:10-14:35

*Johanna Bank-Burgess (Landesamt für
Denkmalpflege, Esslingen, Germany)*

Textiles from lacustrine settlements of the
first farmers at Lake Constance (Southwest
Germany)

14:35-15:00

*Ulla Mannering (National Museum of
Denmark and Centre for Textile Research,
Copenhagen, Denmark)*

The earliest cloth culture in Denmark

15:00-15:25

*Janet Levy (Ben Gurion University of the
Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel)*

From adorned nudity to a dignitary's
wardrobe: raiment of the Southern Levant
13,500-4000 BCE

15:25-15:45

Coffee break

Session: Experimental archaeology and cultural comparison

15:45-16:25

*Eva Andersson Strand (Centre for Textile
Research, Copenhagen, Denmark)*

Keynote lecture: First looms. Loom types in
the ancient societies

16:25-16:50

*Karina Grömer (Naturhistorisches Museum
Wien, Austria)*

Experiments with Neolithic weaving tools
(lunular or crescent shaped loom-weights)

16:50-17:15

*Kalliope Sarri (Independent Researcher,
Athens, Greece)*

Textiles, baskets and pots: decorative craft
transfer in the Aegean Neolithic

17:15-17:40

*Agata Ulanowska (University of Warsaw,
Poland)*

More observations on functionality of Early
Bronze Age textile tools from Greece

17:40-18:30

Discussion

18:30

Reception at CTR, Library, 2nd floor

Friday, 8th May 2015

National Museum of Denmark, Cinema
(‘Biograf’) (ground floor), Ny Verstergade 10,
1471 Copenhagen K,
<http://en.natmus.dk/museums/the-national-museum-of-denmark/>

10:00-10:10

Coffee/tea

10:10-10:15

Ulla Mannering (National Museum of Denmark and Centre for Textile Research, Copenhagen, Denmark)
Welcome

Session: Textile production and tools

10:15-10:40

Miriam de Diego, Antoni Palomo, Raquel Piqué, Maria Saña (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain), Xavier Terradas, Ignacio Clemente, Millán Mozota (IMF-CSIC, Barcelona, Spain)
Evidence of textile technology in the Ancient Neolithic site of la Draga

10:40-11:05

Fabienne Médard (Université de Strasbourg, France)
Textile production in Western Europe from the Late Neolithic to the Early Bronze Age: an examination of tools

11:05-11:30

María Irene Ruiz de Haro (University of Granada, Spain)
From East to West: The use of spinning bowls from the Chalcolithic period to the Iron Age

11:30-11:55

Ana Grabundzija (TOPOI, Free University of Berlin, Germany)
Two sides of a whorl

12:00-13:00

Lunch in the National Museum of Denmark (Museum’s restaurant)

13:00-13:25

Giorgos Gavalas (Independent Researcher, Greece)
Textile tools and manufacture in the Early Bronze Age Cyclades: the evidence from Amorgos and Keros islands

13:25-13:50

Lisa Völling (MicroArchaeology, Würzburg, Germany)
Spindle whorls in Troy? A critical examination of a common opinion

13:50-14:15

Deniz Sarı (Bilecik University, Turkey)
The Early Bronze Age textile implements from the Eskişehir region in inland Northwestern Anatolia

14:15-14:40

Carmen Marian (The Centre of Restoration – Conservation of Cultural Heritage, Textile Laboratory, Romania)
Reading impressions of prehistoric textiles on archaeological ceramic

14:40-15:05

Maria Rosaria Belgiorio (Italian National Council of Research, Rome, Italy)
Pyrgos/Mavroraki textile production in 2000 BC Cyprus

15:05-15:30

Final discussion

Saturday, 9th May 2015

Facultative excursion to the Land of Legends and its experimental archaeological centre at Lejre <http://www.sagnlandet.dk/>