

RELICS @ THE LAB



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
27 & 28 OCTOBER 2016 • BRUSSELS



PROGRAM

Wednesday 26 October

14.00 – 18.00 Registration at the KIK-IRPA

Thursday 27 October

9.00 – 9.30 Registration with coffee and tea

9.30 – 9.50 Welcome and introduction by **Christina Ceulemans** (general director of the KIK-IRPA) and **Mark Van Strydonck** (head radiocarbon laboratory KIK-IRPA)

SESSION 1

Chair: **Anique de Kruijf** (Museum Catherijneconvent, Utrecht, The Netherlands)

9.50 – 10.10 **Julia M.H. Smith** (University of Glasgow, UK)
Late antique and early medieval relic-objects: an overview of the surviving evidence

10.10 – 10.30 **Ruth Noyes** (Wesleyan University, Newbury, USA)
'Ex ea tam ingenti Reliquiarum translatione & collocatione factum est.' A historiography of scientific relic studies and their early modern origins

10.30 – 10.50 **Eleanor Farber** (Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art, Oxford, UK)
Proposing Standard Guidelines for the Scientific Assessment of Relics

10.50 – 11.10 Discussion

11.10 – 11.30 Coffee and tea

SESSION 2

Chair: **Regula Schorta** (Abegg-Stiftung, Riggisberg)

11.30 – 11.50 **Caroline Polet** (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels, Belgium)
Multidisciplinary study of the reliquary contents attributed to the bishop Jacques de Vitry (12-13th C. AD)

11.50 – 12.10 **Alexander Cherkinsky** (University of Georgia, USA)
Does these bones belong to St. Auratianus?

12.10 – 12.30 **Alexander Lehouck** (Abbey Museum of the Dunes, Koksijde, Belgium)
The Idesbald relics of the Abbey of the Dunes revealed (Koksijde-Bruges, Belgium)

12.30 – 12.50 Discussion

12.50 – 13.50 Lunch

SESSION 3

Chair: **Caroline Polet** (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels, Belgium)

13.50 – 14.10 **Anthony J.T. Jull** (University of Arizona, Tucson, USA)
Artifacts, Relics and Radiocarbon

14.10 – 14.30 **Thomas Higham** (University of Oxford, UK)
New AMS Radiocarbon Dates and aDNA Studies of St John the Baptist Relics

14.30 – 14.50 **Raphaël Panhuysen** (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Deconstructing the story of the miraculously recovered skeleton of Ailbertus of Antoining

14.50 – 15.10 **Jamie Cameron** (University of Oxford, UK)
3D Visualisation of Reliquaries via Photogrammetry

15.10 – 15.30 Discussion

15.30 – 17.00 Coffee and tea - Poster session

Friday 28 October

8.30 – 9.00 Registration with coffee and tea

SESSION 1

Chair: **Georges Kazan** (University of Oxford, UK)

9.00 – 9.20 **Jussi-Pekka Taavitsainen** (University of Turku, Finland)
Dating relics with AMS

9.20 – 9.40 **Ana Cabrera-Lafuente** (Victoria and Albert Museum, UK)
Medieval Iberian Relics and their Woven Vessels: The Case of San Ramón del Monte (†1126) Roda de Isábena Cathedral (Huesca, Aragón)

9.40 – 10.00 **Anne Hedeager Krag** (University of Southern Denmark)
New light on silks in the reliquary shrine of St. Canute in Odense Cathedral, Denmark

10.00 – 10.20 **Anja Bayer** and **Regula Schorta** (Abegg-Stiftung Riggisberg, Switzerland)
The Textiles found in the Shrine of Saint Godehard in Hildesheim

10.20 – 10.40 Discussion

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee and tea

SESSION 2

Chair: **Thomas Higham** (University of Oxford, UK)

11.00 – 11.20 **Jeroen Reyniers** (KIK-IRPA, Brussels, Belgium)
What's inside the Thirteenth-Century Shrine of Saint Odilia? A Case of an Interdisciplinary Study

11.20 – 11.40 **Anja Neskens** and **Katrien Houbey** (Musea Maaseik, Belgium)
Saint Harlindis and Relindis

11.40 – 12.00 **Raphaël Coipel** (Conseil régional Hauts-de-France, France)
Project of St Aldegonde: analysis of a treasure

12.00 – 12.20 **Maria Lahtinen** (University of Turku, Finland)
Isotope analyses of the Turku cathedral skull relic and the reliquary fabrics

12.20 – 12.40 Discussion

12.40 – 13.40 Lunch

SESSION 3

Chair: **Mark Van Strydonck** (KIK-IRPA)

- 13.40 – 14.00 **Ingela Wahlberg** (University of Uppsala, Sweden)
Birgittine Reliquaries from Vadstena monastery: characteristic techniques and ornamentations by the Birgittine nun's
- 14.00 – 14.20 **Anique C. de Kruijf** (Museum Catherijneconvent, Utrecht, The Netherlands)
Preserved miraculously
- 14.20 – 14.40 **Fanny Van Cleven** (KIK-IRPA, Brussels, Belgium)
The Relic Treasure of Herkenrode: an online database
- 14.40 – 15.00 Closing discussion and further plans
- 15.00 – 17.00 Visit of the KIK-IRPA: Radiocarbon Laboratory, Textile Laboratory and Textile Conservation Studio

Poster presentations

1. **Ian Andrews** - *Considerations on the Dating and Design of Early Medieval Reliquaries and Book Covers*
2. **Aki Arponen** and **Ina Vanden Berghe** - *Red Fabrics in the Turku Cathedral Relic Assemblage*
3. **Montserrat A. Baez Hernandez** - *The corpi santi under the government of Pius VI, materiality as a sign of identity: first rapprochements to novohispanic cases .*
4. **Jacek Bielak** - *The Reliquary Chapel of Palazzo Pitti in Florence. The Art Collection and Religious Devotion of Maria Maddalena d'Absburgo in 17th Century*
5. **Mathieu Boudin** - *An archaeological mystery revealed by radiocarbon dating of cross-flow nanofiltrated amino acids derived from bone collagen, silk, and hair: case study of the bishops Baldwin I and Radbot II from Noyon-Tournai*
6. **Ignace Bourgeois** - *A box full of surprises. Archaeologists find an ancient relic in St Rumbold's Cathedral (Mechelen, Belgium)*
7. **Jamie Cameron** - *An Unidentified Head of Hair at Romsey Abbey, UK: New Scientific Insights*
8. **Mathilde Daumas** - *Behind the Saint Guidon shrine, a multidisciplinary approach of the relics*
9. **Guy De Mulder** - *Deposition of human bones in settlement contexts during the Bronze and Iron Ages. Some kind of protohistoric relics,*
10. **Hans Geybels** - *Medieval and early modern methods to authenticate relics*
11. **Kristof Haneca** and **Marjan Buyle** - *The reliquary of Saint-Dymphna: dating wood and bones*
12. **Laura Hendriks** - *Microscale radiocarbon dating from paintings to cultural heritage textiles*
13. **Georges Kazan** and **Jamie Cameron** - *The Relics Cupboard of St Paul's Cathedral, Liège, Belgium: A Preliminary Survey*
14. **Friederike Leibe** - *Medieval textiles from the tomb of the founder of the Tegernsee Monastery*
15. **Caroline Polet** - *Study of the skull attributed to Saint Gerolphus (8th c. AD)*
16. **Gabriela Sanchez Reyes** - *Sanctity through the light or science: radiographic images on ceroplastic reliquaries*
17. **Sabine Schrenk** - *Turning tunics into relics*
18. **Annemarie Stauffer** - xxx
19. **Fanny Van Cleven, Jeroen Reyniers and Anton Ervynck (eds.)** - *"Met maagdelijke blik": presentation of the study and conservation of the reliquary of Herkenrode*
20. **Tine Van Osselaer** and **Leonardo Rossi** - *Power in the blood. The material culture of non-approved cults (19th and 20th century)*
21. **Mark Van Strydonck** - *Radiocarbon dating of local saints*
22. **Konstantin Voronin** and **Mariya Kabanova** - *Interdisciplinary study of medieval 15th century Russian icons of the Our Lady Deksiokratasa "Milostivaja" (dendrochronological, radiocarbon, chemical-physical, historical and cultural studies)*
23. **Annemarieke Willemsen** - *Inner Beauty: Looking for Relics in Excavated Medieval Jewellery*