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 Catharijneconvent, 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 & collocattione 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 Antoing

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 Reception - Poster session

Friday 28 October

8:30 – 9:00 Registration with juices

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 and María Judith Feliciano (Victoria and Albert Museum, UK and Independent Scholar, New York, USA)
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 Neskses 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 Catharijneconvent, 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 Bergh - 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.
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 het Bronze ad Iron Ages. Some kind of protohistoric relics
10. Kristof Haneca and Marjan Buyle - The reliquary of Saint-Dymphna: dating wood and bones
11. Laura Hendriks - Microscale radiocarbon dating from paintings to cultural heritage textiles
12. Georges Kazan and Jamie Cameron - The Relics Cupboard of St Paul’s Cathedral, Liège, Belgium: A Preliminary Survey
13. Friederike Leibe - Medieval textiles from the tomb of the founder of the Tegernsee Monastery
14. Caroline Polet - Study of the skull attributed to Saint Gerolphus (8th c. AD)
15. Gabriela Sanchez Reyes - Sanctity through the light of science: radiographic images on ceroplastic reliquaries
16. Sabine Schrenk - Turning tunics into relics
17. Fanny Van Cleven, Jeroen Reyniers and Anton Ervynck (eds.) - “Met maagdelijke blik”: presentation of the study and conservation of the reliquary of Herkenrode
18. Tine Van Osselaer and Leonardo Rossi - Power in the blood. The material culture of non-approved cults (19th and 20th century)
19. Mark Van Strydonck - Radiocarbon dating of local saints
20. Konstantin Voronin and Mariya Kabanova - Interdisciplinary study of medieval 15th century Russian icons of the Our Lady Deksiokratusa “Milostivaja” (dendrochronological, radiocarbon, chemical-physical, historical and cultural studies)