

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 & collocacione 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 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 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. **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)*
21. **Annemarieke Willemsen** - *Inner Beauty: Looking for Relics in Excavated Medieval Jewellery*