“The industrial age of paper and the value of industrial archeology to paper history”
“La période industrielle du papier et l’intérêt de l’archéologie industrielle dans l’écriture de son histoire”
“Das industrielle Zeitalter des Papiers und die Bedeutung der Industriearchäologie für die Papiergeschichte”

DAY 1: Wednesday 19 September 2018

14.00 - 15.45: Arrival and inscription at the congress location “Monasterium PoortAckere”
15.45 - 16.10: Walk (1,2 km) to the ‘Boekentoren’or Book Tower, University Library Ghent
16.15 - 18.30: Opening of the 34th IPH Congress at the Book Tower
   - Welcome by the IPH president Anna-Grethe Rischel
   - Opening speech by Herman Van Rompuy, President Emeritus of the European Council
   - Visit Book Tower:
     - Introduction by Dr. Sylvia van Peteghem
     - The collection by Hendrik Defoort
     - Guided Visit
18.30 - 18.50: Return to the Monasterium PoortAckere
19.00   Welcome Dinner at the Monasterium PoortAckere offered by the organisers
Day 2: Thursday 20 September 2018

Whole day lectures at the congress location Monasterium PoortAckere – coffee breaks, lunch and dinner included

9.15  Opening Day session
9.25  Jos De Gelas - The first paper machine in Belgium. Tribute to Paul Debois.
9.45  Claude Laroque - Indochinese paper manufacturing at the beginning of the 20th Century.
10.05 Aleksandra Balachenkova - This invention is kept secret. New sources on Albert Dupont’s machine for making paper in sheets (1878-1882).

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00  Luz Diaz Galan - The 19th century Spanish papermakers and the new ways to make paper.
11.20  Ingelise Nielsen - Paper at two Danish paper mills in the 20th century.
12.00  lunch at location
13.10  Anna-Grethe Rischel (DK) - The World Exhibition 1873 in Vienna and its importance for paper history.
13.30  Louis André - The production of newspaper in France, the added value of the study of the industrial sites and their machinery.
13.50  Sylvia R. Albro - (Presentation on the 35th IPH congress in 2020)
14.10  Claire Bustarret (FR) - The description protocols for mechanical produced paper in the MUSE database.

14.30  Coffee break

15.30  Enrico Pigorsch - New possibilities of chemical paper analysis by infrared and raman spectroscopy.
15.50  Bruno Kehl (BE) - The element water in the paper industry at Malmedy.
19.00  Dinner offered by organisers
Day 3: Friday 21 September 2018

Whole day lectures at the congress location Monasterium PoortAckere including coffee breaks and lunch. Free evening.

9.15 Opening Day session

9.20 Maria do Rosario Castiço de Campos - The production of paper in the 18th century in Portugal: the case of Lousa’s paper factory.

9.40 Maria del Carmen Hidalgo Brinquis (Spain) - Two enlightened Spanish united with the Netherlands through the study of paper.

10.00 Denis Peaucelle (France) - The Laroche-Joubert papermill through images. A 1913 view of an industrial site.

10.20-11.00 coffee break


11.30 Frieder Schmidt - “A robbery of the flames ...” Fire Hazard and fire catastrophes, especially in the German paper manufactures.

12.00-13.10 lunch at location

13.10 Patricia Engel - Affandis Paper.

13.30 Bent Schmidt Nielsen - Handmade banknote paper during the industrial age.


14.10 Dolores Diaz de Miranda Macias - The corpus « Paper and Watermarks in Spanish documentation” PFES for the Spanish acronym - as a proposal for the development of a database for the study of paper and watermarks.

14.30 Walk to the Gent State archives

15.00 States Archives: Access to the oldest Belgian document on paper that will be shown.

- Historical background of the document
- Conservation questions and issues by Annelies Somers

16.00 Return to the Monasterium PoortAckere and free evening in Gent
Day 4: Saturday 22 September 2018

Daytrip to Herisem Paper Mill including lectures, guided visit, demonstration of cardboard production, General meeting and evening dinner offered by Herisem.

9.00          Opening Day Session Jos De Gelas – An impression of Herisem - slideshow.
9.15          Departure to Herisem
10.40         Claudine Latron - The discovery of a set of material of a French mould maker of the early 20th century and how to valorise.
11.00         Inge Van Wegens - The first World War in the Herisem archives.
11.20         Jan De Cock - The paper trail around Herisem.
11.40         Jos De Gelas - Industrialising at Herisem: how and on what it impacted.
12.00         Exhibition “Fabrieksburen. Industrie in de Zennevallei” (Neighbours of the industry. Industry in the valley of the Zenne) Introduced by Eddy De Knopper, Schepen van Cultuur, Municipality Beersel
12.00 - 13.00 lunch
13.00 - 15.15 Guided visits - 3 groups and free access to the mill
15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break
15.45          Start of the General meeting for IPH-members
              Alternative program for non-IPH members: tour with the Brabant draught horse carriage around Herisem / Walk around Herisem
18.30 – 22.00 Closing dinner at Herisem

Day 5: Sunday 23 September 2018

Visit of the papermill Stora Enso at Langerbrugge, 21st century newspaper production.

9.00          Bus leaving to Langerbrugge
9.45          Reception at the mill and guided tours with recycling paper
12.00         End of visit and return to the Monasterium PoortAckere
12.30         Formal end of the 34th IPH Congress