# TOWARDS ESTABLISHING BEST PRACTICES IN DOCUMENTING TEXTILE IMPRINTS ON CLAY: A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP IN WARSAW BY THE EXPLORTIC PROJECT

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**10:00–10:20**
Welcome from the organisers.

*Challenges in studies of textile imprints on clay and the ExplorTIC project*
Agata Ulanowska, University of Warsaw and the ExplorTIC team: Kinga Winnicka, Magdalena Przymorska-Sztuczka, Monika Kaczmarek and Marek Truszkowski

**10:20–11:40**
*Digital documentation techniques: 3D scanning, Structure from Motion (SfM) photogrammetry, Reflectance Transformation Imagining (RTI)*
Marek Truszkowski, University of Warsaw

**11:40–12:00**
*Textile imprints on human plaster casts from Pompeii – documentation challenges*
Francesca Coletti, La Sapienza University Rome

**12:00–12:30**
*Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) in the studies of textile imprints on clay*
Karina Grömer, Natural History Museum Vienna and Aldona Kurzawska, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań

**12:30–14:00**
Discussion and lunch break

**14:00–14:20**
*Documenting, publishing and then what? The imprints and casts of seals and sealings at the Archive of the CMS in Heidelberg and their preservation challenges*
Maria Anastasiadou, Corpus der minoischen und mykenischen Siegel Archive, University of Heidelberg

**14:20–15:00**
*Experimental approach in textile imprints studies – methods and perspectives*
Karina Grömer, Natural History Museum Vienna; the ExplorTIC team: Agata Ulanowska, Magdalena Przymorska-Sztuczka, Monika Kaczmarek, Kinga Winnicka, Marek Truszkowski, and the TEXTaiLES team: Katarzyna Żebrowska and Nazarij Buławka

**15:00–15:20**
Coffee break

**15:20–18:00**
Round table discussions and hands-on workshop:

- Standards in a basic technical analysis of impressed textiles
- To cast or not to cast (e.g, in plasticine, air-drying clays and silicone) – practical training and decision making strategies