Second Dorestad Congress ‘The early-medieval Netherlands in an international Framework’
Leiden (The Netherlands) 2-5 July 2014
Programme as executed

Wednesday July 2nd
Keynote lecture
Gareth Williams, The British Museum
*I wouldn’t be seen dead in that: Sutton Hoo and other Anglo-Saxon ‘royal’ burials in the light of the Staffordshire hoard*

Thursday July 3rd
Session I: Cultural Context
Michiel de Vaan, Leiden University
*Before the birds started nesting: Linguistic diversity in the early-medieval Low Countries*
Herre Wynia, Archaeology City of Utrecht
*Merovingian Utrecht: Results from recent research at Leidsche Rijn and Domplein*
Laurent Verslype, Catholic University of Louvain
*Quentovic defined, again... New perspectives on the lower Canche valley in its territorial framework*
Ben Jervis, English Heritage
*Pottery and coastal communities before the emporia: A case study from south-east England*

Session II: Key Materials
Thomas Calligaro, Centre de Recherche et de Restauration des Musées de France
*Garnets used in Merovingian jewellery: The present picture of sources and procurement evolution*
Genevra Kornbluth
*Merovingian rock crystal: practical tools and status markers*
Line Van Wersch, Catholic University of Louvain
*Merovingian glass: Material, technology and diffusion*
Pieterjan Deckers, Free University Brussels
*Alloys on display: XRF analysis of Merovingian brooches*

Session III: New Research on Dorestad
Menne Kosian, Cultural Heritage Agency
*The city and the river: A reconstruction of the strategical position of early-9th-century Dorestad*
Stijn Heeren, VU University Amsterdam
*Predecessors and early development of Dorestad: The region of Wijk bij Duurstede from the 2nd to the 9th century*
Esther Jansma, Utrecht University
*The dendrochronology of the Early Middle Ages: Local and long-distance timber supply in the Netherlands, with emphasis on Dorestad*
Raphaël Panhuijsen, University of Amsterdam
*The funerary landscape of Dorestad from its Merovingian beginnings to its Carolingian heyday*

Friday July 4th
Session IV: Reputed Royal Graves
Annemarieke Willemsen, National Museum of Antiquities
*Looking for Merovingian royal graves in the Low Countries*
Johan Nicolay, University of Groningen
*Royalty in Frisia*
Sašja van der Vaart, Leiden University
*The problem of defining a chieftain: Early Iron Age chieftains’ graves in the Low Countries*
Session V: Early-Medieval Coinage
Arent Pol
Simplicity and chaos with the Merovingians: The transitional coinage of the seventh century
Wybrand Op den Velde
The Cothen hoard as witness of the international circulation of sceattas
Anna Gannon, Cambridge University
What can iconography contribute to the study of early-medieval coinage?

Session VI: Recent Excavations in the Low Countries
Jasper de Bruin, Leiden University
The discovery of Oegstgeest
Roel Lauwerier, Cultural Heritage Agency Merovingians in a villa at Borgharen
Rica Annaert, Flemish Heritage Agency
The Broechem cemetery: A key to the understanding of early-medieval culture in the Scheldt valley
Conclusions - Annemarieke Willemsen

Saturday July 5th
Congress excursion Aachen & Maastricht