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Future Textiles

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The Danish National Research Foundation's Centre for Textile Research (CTR) was host to a 1-day seminar on future textiles on the 3rd November 2009 organized by CTR's Academic Coordinator Mette Bruun (see <http://ctr.hum.ku.dk/calendar/futuretextiles>). Among the speakers were scholars of Engineering, Architecture, and Design as well as representatives from the textile industry. What is of relevance to ancient textile scholars is that engineers and architects today are interested in combining new technology and materials with the properties of textiles, with us since ancient times, such as their ability

to fold or wrap. Thus they visualize intelligent building material that can wrap or fold around buildings of the future, i.e. behave like a textile. The conference provided an opportunity for a wide range of scholars and practitioners from various academic disciplines and commerce and industry to gain insight into each others' work, especially into how new digital technology has provided new areas of cooperation. It is hoped that CTR's conference has also provided a platform for future networking in this sphere.