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*Silver in Early Medieval Europe:
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Conference Programme

March 29th

4.00 Discussion of the results from ERC Project SILVER: Jane Kershaw and Stephen Merkel, with Gareth Williams

5.30 **Keynote Address:** James Graham-Campbell

6.00 Wine Reception

7.00 Dinner

March 30th

Session 1: Sources of silver – setting the scene

9.30 *The archaeometallurgy of early medieval silver – an overview* Stephen Merkel

10.00 *Silver and society after Rome: some preliminary results for the chemical characterisation of 5th- to 6th-century silver alloys from England* Toby Martin/ Matthew Ponting

10.30 Coffee

11.00 *Prelude to the Carolingian age, silver in the Age of Gold (450-750)* Frans Theuws

11.30 *Coinage, exchanges and emporia in Northwest Europe (7th-10th c.): economic and political issues* Lucie Malbos

12.00 Lunch

Session 2: Movement of silver

1.30 *Spillings and Westerklijf revisited – some thoughts on the start of the Viking hack-silver economy in the 9th century* Chris Kilger

2.00 *Dirhams in the Irish Sea zone* Tom Horne

2.30 Coffee

3.00 *Time concordance: silver production at Melle and coinage in Poitou in long-term perspective (7th-12th c.)* Guillaume Sarah

3.30 *From the heart of Europe to the Mediterranean: movements of raw materials for new historical narratives* Giovanna Bianchi & Laura Chiarantini

March 31st

Session 3: Silver across the North Sea

9.30 *North Sea silver over the ninth century* Jane Kershaw

10.00 *Sources of silver in Northern Europe during the Long Eighth Century (c. 660-820)*
Rory Naismith

10.30 *Sceattas and pennies from 8-9th century Ribe – and the sources of silver* Claus Feveile/
Tom Birch

11.00 Coffee

11.30 *Carolingian coins in Scandinavia* Jens Moesgaard

12.00 *The Havsmarken hoard* Jesper Hansen

12.30 Lunch

Session 4: Silver in Frisia

2.00 *Central and liminal: Dorestad and Carolingian Frisia* Simon Coupland

2.30 *Central because liminal: geography, networks and silver economy in ninth-century Frisia* Nelleke IJssennager-van der Pluijm

3.00 *Frisian silver and wealth in the ninth-century Frankish world* Elina Screen

4.00 **Keynote address** *Turning Lead into Silver: connecting Science, Archaeology and the future of early medieval economic history at Leeuwarden* Mike McCormick