

## First expert meeting – short summary

The first expert meeting of our project was held at the University of Antwerp on September 16 and 17, 2014. During this two-day workshop the characteristics of the corpus of Middle Dutch printed romances were discussed from an international perspective. Specialists from the field of literary studies and book history gathered to shed light on printed romances in a variety of languages, departing from overviews listing the characteristics of the Dutch corpus. These characteristics included the nature of the corpora, as well as important printers and printing locations; formal characteristics such as form (prose-verse), format, title page, illustrations and chapter headings; the language of the source texts; and the nature and composition of several prologues.

Christa Bertelsmeier-Kierst (Marburg) and Ursula Rautenberg (Erlangen-Nuremberg) participated at the meeting as specialists from the field of German literature. The English literature was represented by Julia Boffey (London) and Jordi Sanchez-Marti (Alicante), whereas Maria Colombo Timelli (Milan), Olivier Delsaux (Louvain-la-Neuve), Francesco Montorsi (Lille) and Tania Van Hemelryck (Louvain-la-Neuve) informed us about the French romances. Anna Katharina Richter (Zürich) participated as the expert on Scandinavian literature and An Faems (Brussels) and Rob Resoort (Amsterdam) advised us as specialists on Dutch romances. Reports of the sessions were written by Wouter Haverals (Antwerp) and Jelmar Huguen (Utrecht).