



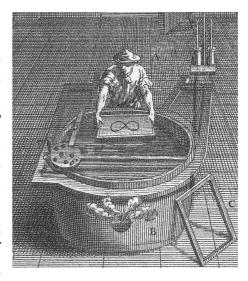
## FONDAZIONE GIANFRANCO FEDRIGONI Istituto Europeo di Storia della Carta e delle Scienze Cartarie

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## THE ORIGINS OF PAPER

Alle origini della carta occidentale: tecniche, produzioni, mercati (secoli XIII-XV) - The Origins of Western Paper: Techniques, Products and Markets (centuries XIII-XV) - is the title of the conference sponsored by the Law School of the University of Camerino (MC) and the Gianfranco Fedrigoni Foundation, European Institute of the History of Paper and Paper Sciences of Fabriano (AN), will take place in Camerino, October 4, 2013. The synergetic relationship, born in May of 2012, between the two institutions seeks to produce results of extraordinary importance in research and culture, providing an opportunity for analysis and comparison among scholars about the beginnings of paper art. The objectives of the study meeting will be: to verify the European and



Mediterranean abundance of the expansive range of Italian paper; locate the farthest Italian paper poles and generate the first mapping; study the technical evolution of Camerti and Fabrianesi paper artifacts through physical and chemical analysis and to create the most complete picture possible of the materials used.

There will be the opportunity to historicise more evidence, scientific vigour and documentary sources that report and confirm the use and trade of western paper in the Marche area starting from the second half of the 13th century; the first reached 750 years ago.

Speakers include Josè Carlos Balmaceda Abrate (Spain - Associación Hispánica de Historiadores de Papel, AHHP), Fabio Bettoni (University of Perugia), Giancarlo Castagnari (Vice President of Fondazione G. Fedrigoni), Claudio Pettinari (Pro-rector Camerino University), Emanuela Di Stefano (Deputazione Storia Patria per le Marche, University of Camerino), Carlo Federici (Ca' Foscari University of Venezia), Fredijana Jukic (Librarian SSAB ROMA), Ivo Mattozzi (University of Bologna), Ezio Ornato (*Centre national de la Recherche Scientifique* - CNRS), Marco Pasa (State Archives of Verona), Graziella Roselli (University of Camerino); Renzo Sabbatini (niversity of Siena), Domenico Ventura (University of Catania).

At this event, in accordance with the University, at the previous conference of Thursday, October 3, 2013, there will take place a day called "Open Paper Mills", which will see involved, deserving students attending the fifth year of the secondary schools of Camerino. The young students will be invited to attend a course "Universal Paper", from its origins to the present day, with a visit to the Museum of Paper and Watermark at Pioraco and Cartiere Fedrigoni S.p.A establishment of Pioraco.