

18 November 2010

European Academic Heritage Day

Surprise, Astonishment and Wonder

Announcement:

European universities have outstanding libraries, archives, museums, collections and monuments of historic, scientific and artistic interest. From Tartu to Dublin and from Oslo to Lisbon, this heritage embodies European universities' 900-year contribution to the advancement of science and knowledge. The scientific and artistic heritage of European universities is a major component of European identity and culture. Nevertheless, European university heritage has not received the attention and recognition it deserves and, to a large extent, has remained unheralded and unknown to the public at large.

In order to raise awareness to the importance of university heritage, **UNIVERSEUM**, **the European University Heritage Network**, has established, in accordance with the Council of Europe, 18 November as <u>European University</u> Heritage Day.

On this day, European universities celebrate their common cultural heritage through special activities, debates, conferences and access to their museums, collections and monuments. All events will be announced through UNIVERSEUM website.

The theme for 2010 is: *Surprise, Astonishment and Wonder*

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