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European Academic Heritage Day
18 November 2010

Theme for 2010: *Surprise, astonishment and wonder*

**Museum of the History of Physics and Department of Physics
University of Padua**

Physics in the Eighteenth Century: astonishment and wonder

From the beginning of the eighteenth century, new lessons of physics were proposed, characterised by spectacular and often funny demonstrations. These new lectures were immediately successful and, starting from England, they were proposed within a few decades in the whole Europe. Through these lessons, physics acquired in those years an extraordinary popularity not only among specialists but in the “salons” and in royal courts as well.

For the European Academic Heritage Day, the Department of Physics and the Museum of the History of Physics of Padua will stage this “golden age” of physics. Lectures of physics will be given just as they used to be given in those years, with demonstrations and experiments carried out in historical dresses, and guided tours to the eighteenth century collection of the Museum.

For schools, from 9.30 to 13.30

For other groups or single visitors, from 14.30

Only for university students, ***Appetizer at the Museum*** from 19.00 to 21.00

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