

"Down the Rabbit hole", backstage of knowledge production

The secret life of fossils (what's going on in the museum)

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Nothing seems more durable than fossils, "petrified" organisms which survived the extraordinary modifications of the Earth through the geological eras, arriving to the present as witnesses of an amazing, lost world... But nothing could be more ephemeral than a fossil inappropriately stored. What did not happen in nature over millions of years could happen inside the museum in a few weeks.

The main effort of museum conservators is to ensure that these exceptional remains are preserved intact for as long as possible, so they can be admired by the public and studied by the palaeontologists.

We will take a look at the "secret life" of fossils, discovering what happens in the backstage of a museum of palaeontology: from the conservation treatments to the daily practice of preventive conservation.

In the afternoon the museums of the Department of Geosciences (Palazzo Cavalli, via Giotto 1) will be open

- Museum of Geology and Palaeontology: guided tour at 17.00, free entrance, reservation required, max 40 people allowed
- Museum of Mineralogy: guided tour at 17.00, free entrance, reservation required, max 20 people allowed

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