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**Museum of Archaeology and History of Art, University of Athens**

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**Event:**

**Highlighting ancient clay lamps by providing new information material  
and stressing their significance in interactive dialogues.**

**Title and description:**

**Lighting Devices before Modern Technology.**

**Clay lamps of the Classical, Hellenistic, and Early-Byzantine periods  
in the Museum of Archaeology and History of Art of the University of Athens.**

The Museum of Archaeology and History of Art of the University of Athens possesses a number of clay lamps of the Classical and Hellenistic periods and several fragments of others. It also houses on long-term loan from the Museum of Delphi a clay lamp and a rare terracotta mould for lamps dating from the Early-Byzantine period, unearthed during the excavations of the French School of Athens in Delphi.

In order to celebrate the European University Heritage Day 2015, dedicated to the theme of “Light”, the Museum plans to draw attention to these original objects from its collections, which belong to a type of finds frequently encountered in excavations, by providing new information, underlining their presence and significance in a university context and stressing their educational value for university students and high-school pupils participating in its educational programmes.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November groups of students of archaeology, accompanied by their professors, will visit the museum and observe the relevant objects under a new light. The visit will give an opportunity for creative dialogues concerning the archaeological value of such objects, their form and decoration, their practical use and vital importance for the people of their time in both public and private settings.

Information material concerning these lighting devices will remain in place for more days, so that all students of the Department of History and Archaeology and of other Departments of the School of Philosophy or other visitors to the Museum can have a chance to view it and appreciate these interesting objects anew.

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