



**18 November 2014**

European Academic Heritage Day

**Patterns of Arts and Science**

**Announcement:**

European universities host outstanding libraries, archives, museums, collections and monuments of historic, scientific and artistic interest. This heritage embodies the universities' 900-year contribution to the advancement of science and knowledge and is a major component of European identity and culture.

In order to raise awareness to the importance of university heritage, **UNIVERSEUM, the European University Heritage Network**, has established 18 November as European University 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 2014 is

**Patterns of Arts and Science**

Patterns are crucial to both, arts and science. 2014 is the international year of crystallography. X-ray diffraction patterns have revealed structures of crystals and led up to the discovery of DNA. For centuries, biologists, geologists, and physicists have studied patterns of nature, while musicians, sculptors, painters and writers have studied and interpreted patterns of sound, light, form, and language. X-ray diffraction patterns and other patterns of science have inspired artists and designers, as patterns of art have inspired scientists to think about symmetry and self-similarity. For 18 November 2014, Universeum encourages reflection and the development of initiatives around the theme "Patterns of Arts and Science" in its broadest sense, including life patterns of artists and scientists and patterns of interaction between art, science and other parts of society, opening up for a wide range of possibilities for public engagement.

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