

## **18 November 2015**

European Academic Heritage Day

## Light

## **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 <u>European</u> 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 2015 is **Light** 

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2015 as the *International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies*. One of the main research fields of physics and technology, light is actually crucial in a number of disciplines, from chemistry and natural sciences to photography, painting, cinema and the arts at large. Focusing the 2015 European Academic Heritage Day on light, Universeum encourages reflection on this multifaceted theme and invites European universities to develop the most varied initiatives around it.

18 November programmes (pdf) should be sent <u>until 15 October 2015</u> to: UNIVERSEUM - Sofia Talas (<u>sofia.talas@unipd.it</u>)

UNIVERSEUM 18 November banner can be downloaded at: http://universeum.it/news.html