



XVIII UNIVERSEUM NETWORK MEETING **University of Belgrade, Serbia, 8-10 June 2017**

Main Theme: Mobility of University Heritage

Call for Papers

The European Academic Heritage Network UNIVERSEUM announces its 18th Annual Meeting.

UNIVERSEUM is concerned with academic heritage in its broadest sense, including university collections, museums, archives, libraries, botanical gardens, astronomical observatories, and university buildings of historical, artistic and scientific significance.

We invite you to submit papers to one of the sessions below. Papers in the thematic sessions 1, 2 and 3 need to present an argument that can be discussed. Descriptive presentations can be submitted to the poster session (session 4).

1. THEMATIC SESSIONS on *Mobility of University Heritage*

Oral 15-min papers followed by 5 min discussion

In Europe, where people and goods move more or less freely, the mobility of museum collections has been researched and promoted over the past decade. Mobility of collections demands implementation of different practices, such as mobility of exhibitions, loan policies, ethical and legal issues, collection information management and dissemination. But can we speak in the same terms and identify similar practices when referring to academic heritage and its mobility? What does the musealisation of a university's material and immaterial culture entail? How do universities move collections in their everyday operation?

This is one way of understanding mobility. The sessions will focus on mobility in the broadest sense, i.e. also in terms of dynamical displays, changing spaces, as well as on the dynamics of changing interdisciplinary approaches to academic heritage interpretation and presentation.

We welcome in-depth papers that will help us to exchange experiences and identify current good practices and case-studies, in order to discuss present and arising challenges related to the mobility of university heritage in Europe now and in the years to come.

2. THEMATIC SPECIAL SESSION on *Historical University Architectural Heritage, Recent Buildings and Large Installations*

Oral 5-min papers, followed by in-depth debate

What happens to the built university environment when objects, collections and people move on? The buildings of a university constitute an important part of its academic heritage while the protection and

promotion of architecture is often treated separately from the protection and promotion of its collections and archives. With laboratory science and big installations, buildings have become increasingly inseparable from the instrumentation they house, which has been the case for astronomical observatories since antiquity. What about historical artistically valuable buildings that are currently used by universities for research, teaching or administrative activities? What part of their architectural heritage should universities preserve? How can universities manage and promote their architectural heritage?

This session aims at collecting short and precise arguments and to launch an in-depth discussion on these various questions.

3. THEMATIC SPECIAL SESSION on *Human remains in university collections*

Oral 5-min papers, followed by in-depth debate

From anatomy to archaeology and anthropology, university collections are full of human remains, which were collected, prepared, and preserved as part of research and teaching activities. The management of these collections is a delicate issue. How to deal with collections of skulls, mummified bodies or body parts, samples of human remains, how to preserve them, present them to public and transmit them to future generations?

This session aims to debate the main issues, some possible solutions and ethical approaches that are currently developed in relation with human remains collections in European universities.

4. POSTER SESSION

We invite presentations of scientific programs, technical issues of and around collections such as storage, preservation and documentation, as well as descriptions of museums, collections and other heritage. Presentations of cultural projects and questions related to the promotion of university heritage are also welcome.

This year, as a special topic for Universeum 2017 Poster Session, we encourage the presentation of posters on Preventive Conservation and Disaster Planning for university heritage (policies, technical issues, etc).

The conference language is English. Post-graduate students are encouraged to present.

Abstracts for session 1, 2 & 3 need to include: i) introduction/problematic/context, ii) main arguments/methods, iii) results or discussion. Abstracts for posters can be more descriptive. The identification of questions and issues for broad in-depth debate are most welcome.

Please send abstract proposals (max. 200 words), with an indication of the session you are submitting to, plus a short biographical note highlighting main research interests and/or field of professional experience (max. 50 words) to the following email address before 28 February 2017: universeum2017@rect.bg.ac.rs

The abstract template is available at: <http://universeum.it/meetings.html>