



## UNIVERSEUM

### *Ordinary General Assembly* AGENDA

Glasgow, 15 June 2018

*President, Sébastien Soubiran*

*Secretary, Esther Boeles*

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Participants:

...individual voting members

...institutional voting members

## 1. Annual report June 2017 to June 2018

### - **Executive Committee (EC) meeting**

To discuss Universeum ongoing and future activities, the EC had several Skype meetings and met for 2 days at The Hunterian in Glasgow on 23-25 April 2018.

### - **European Academic Heritage Day**

The 2017 theme proposed by the Executive Committee and voted by the General Assembly in Amsterdam was *Colonisers and colonised*.

The 2018 theme was voted at the GA in Belgrade: *Social and Environmental Sustainability*. A first call for events was sent in June 2018. We hope this call will stimulate more Universities to participate.

### - **Website**

We decided to develop a new website. Up until now the Universeum website was being hosted by the University of Padua. With the shift of the presidency it made no longer sense to make use of that generosity and the EC preferred a sustainable and independent website for the future. The costs for the website are in line with Universeums modest budget. It has easy access to the CMS so the board can edit and add content by itself. The EC wants to thank Simonetta Capparotto for her work on the website from 2011 until now.

### - **Interactions of Universeum with networks and other institutions:** Sébastien Soubiran was invited to present a talk as president of Universeum at:

- University of Belgrade – *Rector seminar of UNICA, networks of universities from the capitals of Europe, 39 universities from 37 capital cities of Europe*. 24-25 May 2018.
- University of Havana, Cuba – *First Winterschool on University Cultural Heritage* – 4-9 March, 2018.
- *UMG annual Conference*, 11 September 2017, University of Birmingham.
- *International Action Summit on Museum Research at the V&A Research Institute initiative. The intention of the Summit is to build towards an Action Plan to surface and profile internationally and strategically the value and importance of the forms of research that take place in museums and collections*. 13 November 2017.

Sébastien Soubiran participated on behalf of Universeum in the UMAC survey of [P-MUS](#) (*Professionalising Museum Work in Higher Education: A Global Approach*), a two-year project developed in collaboration with the AAMG (Association of Academic Museums and Galleries, USA), ICTOP (ICOM's Committee for the Training of Personnel) and Universeum (European Academic Heritage Network).

Sofia Talas represented Sébastien Soubiran by giving a talk at the conference *L'Arte nei musei delle università: tutela e divulgazione* organised by the University of Florence, 1-2 February 2018.

- **Memberships**

There are currently 122 registered individual members (43 paid in June 2018, 3 students). 34 institutional members registered (20 paid in June 2018).

- **Working Groups**

Sam Alberti, Keeper of Science & Technology at the National Museums Scotland, joined the Working Group on Recent Heritage of Science as a co-organiser next to Roland Wittje this year.

The Working Group on Digital Initiatives met in Strasbourg in December 2017 to discuss the programme for 2018-2019.

At the Annual Meeting in Belgrade a new Working Group on Student Engagement was established.

- **New Scientific Committee**

The EC will propose a new Scientific Committee in 2019 during the next AGM and will re-evaluate the role of the Scientific Committee.

- **Annual Conference in Glasgow**

- **Next Meeting**

First steps have been carried out for the organisation of the next Universeum Annual Meeting, which will be held in Brno (June 2019). Sébastien and Esther visited Ondřej Dostál and Lucie Vychodilová from the Mendel Museum in Brno, who organised a meeting with Jan Dostál, professor in Museology at the University of Bratislava and Martina Laznicková, curator of the anthropological museum of the Charles University in Prague.

***[The annual report June 2017 to June 2018 was approved by all individual and institutional members at the AGM.]***

## **2 Financial report 2017**

The accounts of Universeum were expertised by the two auditors, Nathalie Nyst, Université Libre de Bruxelles, and Steph Scholten, University of Glasgow and they were approved.

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| Incomes 2017       | 3120 euros    |
| Expenses           | 2585,81 euros |
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| 2017 balance sheet | 534,19 euros  |

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| Balance sheet total | 9578,09 euros |
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**[The Financial report 2017 was approved by all individual and institutional members at the AGM.]**

### **3. Proceedings of Universeum annual meetings**

- The proceedings of the 2015 meeting in Athens have been published as a ebook under the title: *Turning Inside Out European University Heritage: Collections, Audiences, Stakeholders*. It was edited by Marlen Mouliou, Sebastien Soubiran, Sofia Talas and Roland Wittje (2018, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Press). The ebook is based on the papers presented in UNIVERSEUM 2015 Annual Conference in Athens and is now available online, as an open access publication.
- All the abstracts and authors' biographies of the Glasgow conference are available online on the conference website. Most talks from the conference will be recorded and made available on the YouTube channel of the University of Glasgow. No published proceedings are planned from the conference.

### **4. Theme for the Academic Heritage Day 2019**

The proposed theme for Academic Heritage Day 2019 is "Revolution and evolution"

### **5. Icom awards grant for university museum and professional training: report and round 2.**

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### **6. Research project: organising university museums: a comparison between Bologna, Padua and Oxford**

### **7. Report on national heritage networks**

### **8. Provisional budget 2019**

We have a provisional budget of €3100.-  
Provisional expenses:

- Travel grants: €1500.-
- Annual Conference: €1000.-
- Bank fee: €100.-
- Website maintenance: €500.-

## 9. Future meetings

For 2020 the Free University of Brussels and the Royal University of Louvain offered to host the Universeum meeting. In 2021 the annual meeting will probably be a joined meeting with UMAC in Dresden.

## 10. Ongoing and future projects

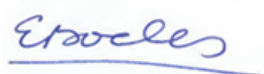
### 11. Universeum new website

The actual website is managed by the university of Padova. In order to get more autonomous and facilitate the updates, a new website has been developed and would be launched by the end of 2018. The design is not radically different, but new tools would be available, like a newsletter, a special access will be given to organizers of working groups, a mailing list, new mails for secretary.

The President, Sébastien Soubiran

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The Secretary, Esther Boeles

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