



## UNIVERSEUM

### *Ordinary General Assembly* **Minutes**

Hamburg, 14 June 2014

*President, Sofia Talas*

*Secretary, Sébastien Soubiran*

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Numbers of persons who attended the general assembly, 45

Number of voting members: 39

Institutional members: 8; individual members: 31

## 1/ Annual report 2013

### - European Academic Heritage Day

The 2013 theme proposed by the Executive Committee and voted by the General Assembly in Valencia (8 June 2013) was « Down the rabbit hole », backstage of knowledge production ». The events organised on this day are available on Universeum website (see also the announcement at [http://universeum.it/heritage\\_day2013.html](http://universeum.it/heritage_day2013.html)).

2013 Highlights:

- the International Colloquium on Positioning Academic Heritage. *Challenges for Universities, museums and society in the 21st century*, organised by the University of Ghent, Belgium, Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 November 2013
- See also the event promoted by ULB (great graphic design!)

However, still few institutions participate and organise specific activities on that day: there is probably not enough time to organise things from June, when the theme is voted at the General Assembly (GA), to November. We will thus propose, from now on, to set up the theme one year before (the GA in Hamburg will vote for the theme 2014 and 2015).

### - Proceedings of Universeum Annual Meetings

- The proceedings of the 2012 Trondheim Meeting have been published (Laetitia Maison, Sofia Talas and Roland Wittje (eds), *Shaping European university heritage - Past and possible futures*, Det Kongelige Norske Videnskabers Selskabs Skrifter 3, Trondheim, 2013). To ask for the volume, contact Universeum secretary.
- Proceedings of the 2011 Padova Meeting are still available in paper and as pdf version for free to members. Requests in this sense should be sent to the secretary as well.
- The proceedings of the 2013 Valencia Meeting are in preparation (they will be published by Cambridge Scholars Publishers, editor Pedro Ruiz-Castell).

### - Interactions of Universeum with networks and other institutions: Sofia Talas was invited to present a talk as president of Universeum in St-Andrews (UMIS), in Ghent (International Colloquium on Positioning Academic Heritage. *Challenges for Universities, museums and society in the 21st century*, University of Ghent, Belgium, 18-20 November 2013), in Modena (December 2013).

### - Website

The website has been enriched with 3 new sections : “Resources and publications”, “Governance”, “National and regional networks”.

### - Facebook and Twitter profiles have been set up and put under the responsibility of Esther Boeles, Dutch Academic Heritage Foundation.

### - Elections of the Executive Committee (EC) 2014-2017

The EC in charge has set up specific procedures for the elections of the EC 2014-2017 (first “official” elections). An Election Committee has been nominated (by the

Executive Committee), made up of Reet Magi (University of Tartu) and Bjørn Johansen (University of Oslo).

- Memberships

There are currently 78 registered individual members (48 paid in 2013); 23 institutional members registered (8 paid in 2013)

## **2/ Financial Report 2013**

Income 2013 : 1910 euros

Expenses 2013 : 1043, 74 euros

Net Profit : 866, 26 euros

2012 balance sheet : 2534,72 euros

Balance sheet total : 3400,98 euros

## **3/ Proceedings of annual network meetings**

The proceedings of the 2014 Universeum network Meeting (Hamburg) will be published. A Call for papers will be sent to the participants who gave a paper or presented a poster. Gudrun Wolfschmidt will take care of the Call for papers and of the proceedings.

## **4/ Report by Universeum Workings Groups**

The Working Group on recent heritage of science has held another workshop during the Hamburg Meeting. Discussions have also been going on via e-mail and through the e-platform. This has produced a “Minimum Requirements for Preservation and Access of Recent Heritage of Science (RHS)” document, which will be available as a resource on Universeum website.

A new Working Group has been set up to discuss issues related to databases and portals. It is organised by Esther Boeles, Dutch Academic Heritage Foundation, and Delphine Issenmann, Jardin des science-University of Strasbourg. It will be launched at the next Annual Network meeting in Athens.

## **5/ Themes for the 2014 and 2015 European Academic Heritage Day.**

The theme for 2014 will be: “Patterns of Arts and Science”

The theme for 2015 will be “Light”

## **6/ EU Creative Europe Call**

Universeum has applied for the EU call CREATIVE EUROPE, launched at the beginning of this year by the European commission (Culture Sub-programme « Support to European networks »).

## **7/ Audits**

Two auditors have been elected by the General Assembly:

Nathalie Nyst, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)  
Steph Scholten, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)

## **8/ Report on national heritage networks**

## **9/ Future meetings**

The XVIth Universeum network meeting will be held at the University of Athens, Greece, 11-13 June 2015.

There is a proposal to organise the XVIIth Universeum network meeting at the University of Amsterdam and Utrecht, NL.

## **10/ Ongoing and future projects: none**

## **11/ Elections of Universeum Executive Committee 2014-2017 (Election Committee)**

### **11.1 Presentation of candidates and programmes**

### **11.2 Vote & Results**

See the Minutes of the Election ("Procès-verbal de l'élection du Comité Exécutif lors de l'Assemblée générale d'Universeum tenue à Hambourg, 14 Juin 2014 »)

## **12/ AOB : None**

The President, Sofia TALAS



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