



## UNIVERSEUM

### *Ordinary General Assembly Minutes*

Trondheim, 16th June 2012

*President, Sofia Talas*

*Secretary, Sébastien Soubiran*

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Numbers of persons who attended the general assembly, 47

Number of voting members: 37

Institutional members: 5; individual members: 32

See the list in annexe 3.

## **1/ Annual report**

Various members of the board were invited as members of Universeum in various conferences : Sofia Talas, Marta Lourenco, Laetitia Maison in Strasbourg, France, February 2012; Roland Wittje, Kiev, Ukraine, October 2011 ; Sébastien Soubiran, Göttingen, Germany, for the Coimbra Group meeting, May 2012.

A flyer presenting Universeum network was printed in order to communicate about the network and attract new memberships. The flyer is available in pdf on the Universeum website.

There are currently 52 individual members but only a third have paid their 2012 membership ; 10 institutional members, none have yet paid, but some are in the process to. It is planned to organise a communication scheme to get more memberships and receive the annual fees.

As discussed in the 2011 general assembly a mail has been sent to collect bionotes, only 7 were received so far.

The annual report was approved by all voting members of the General Assembly (GA).

## **2/ Budget**

The income of Universeum comes from the membership fees.  
The only expenses were bank account fees and the printing of flyers.  
For details see annexe 1

The financial report was approved by all voting members of the AG.

## **3/Report on national networks**

One of the goals of Universeum is to promote the creation of national and regional networks and to support existing ones. Many steps were taken in that direction in different European countries. France: a conference was held in Strasbourg in February with the aim to write a "Manifeste" for a concerted national action to preserve and promote university heritage and collections and send it to the ministry of higher education and research. Finland: a network has been created. Its first act was the writing of common goals and general statute for university heritage in order to increase funding; Scotland: the network is well established now: it is called UMIS. Funds were collected to develop a single portal presenting the collections of the different Scottish universities. A biannual conference is also organised gathering the various actors involved in heritage museums and collections, the next one will be held in 2013 in St-Andrews; Germany: setting up of a coordination group by the Humboldt University funded by the federal ministry of education and research, a conference will be organised in Göttingen in October ; Ukraine, a national conference was organised in Kiev in October 2011 in order to improve the visibility of university heritage and gathered different actors from Ukraine involved in its preservation and valorisation, another conference is planned in October 2012.

#### **4/ Report by the working group on recent scientific heritage**

see annexe 2

#### **5/Honorary members**

Three honorary members were chosen by the board this year, they have been approached and accepted the invitation :

Professor Alar Karis, Rector of the University of Tartu

Professor of Antonio Novoa, Rector of the University of Lisbon

Professor Giuseppe Zaccaria, Rector of the University of Padova

#### **6/ Scientific committee**

The board proposed 6 members for the scientific committee who were approved by all the voting members of the General Assembly. The members chosen have accepted the offer.

Reet Mägi, Natural History Museum, University of Tartu, Estonia

Ing-Marie Munktel, Museum Gustavianum, University of Uppsala, Sweden

Jim Bennett, Museum of the History of Science, University of Oxford, UK

Paolo Brenni, Museo Galileo, University of Florence, Italy

Michel Van-Praët, National Museum of Natural History, France

Ann Barrett, Imperial College, London, UK

#### **7/ Strategic Plan**

The board is working on the development of a strategic plan, it will be submitted for discussion during the next general assembly 2013.

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

The proceedings of the 2011 universeum network meeting were published by Padova University Press. Members will be given a code to download them for free on universeum website. Printed version can be ordered to Sofia Talas, price 15 €.

The proceedings of the 2012 universeum network will be published by the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters. There will be a call for papers to participants who gave a paper at the Trondheim annual meeting.

#### **9/ Future meetings**

The XIVth Universeum network meeting will be held at the University of Valencia, 6-8<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.

Panu Nykänen offers to hold the 2014 Universeum annual meeting in Aalto University, Finland

## **10/ Theme for 2012 European Academic Heritage Day**

In order to raise awareness of the importance of university heritage, Universeum has established, in accordance with the Council of Europe, 18 November as the European Academic 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.

The theme for this year will be: "Objects in context ?"

## **11/ Ongoing and future projects**

Professional training scholarship are available in the Erasmus programme

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/training\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/training_en.htm)

A collaborative exchange programme on museums funded by the EU commission and the Turkish Ministry of Culture started between the University of Kocaeli (coordinator) and the University of Strasbourg (partner). A European-Turkish conference dealing with University museums will be held in Kocaeli by the beginning of November 2012. A call for papers will be published by mid-July 2012.

## **12 / AOB**

None

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