



UNIVERSEUM

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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

- European Academic Heritage Day : the 2012 theme was "Objects in context?", few institutions participated and organised specific activities on that day. The events are available on Universeum website.
- Proceedings of the Trondheim meeting are in press and should be ready very soon. Proceedings of the Padova meeting are still available as pdf version for free to members. Enquiries should be sent to the secretary.
- Sofia Talas was invited to present a talk as president of Universeum in Kocaeli University, Turkey, and gave a talk at a conference dealing with university museums in Turkey and Europe. Sofia Talas was also invited to give a talk in Paris, in December 2012, at a workshop organised by OCIM and the Museum of the Ecole vétérinaire d'Alfort. The aim of the workshop was to train French museum professionals.
- Website. A new section was created to report on the activities of the working groups; information about the working group on recent heritage was made available.
- There are currently 79 individual members but only 39 have paid their membership fees so far; 10 institutional members, only one has paid. A reminder will be sent by the secretary to collect the membership fees. The executive committee will discuss this issue during its next meeting, in order to deal with the members who did not pay their membership fees for the last two years.

2/ Budget

The income of Universeum comes from the membership fees.

The only expenses were bank account fees and a contribution to the organisation of the Valencia meeting.

For details see annexe 1

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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 specific survey was launched by the observatory of OCIM on heritage and science dissemination in French universities, the report will be published by the end of the year. Scotland: the UMIS portal is now completed and accessible online. A call for paper was launched for the next UMIS conference which will be held in St-Andrews in 31st October-1st Nov, the theme is "research in museum: museum in research"; Germany: the coordination group by the Humboldt University funded by the federal ministry of education and research, pursued its activities; Switzerland : a conference will be held in September at the University of Basel, organised by the Museum of Pharmacy, in order to start the creation of a national network for university museums and collections ; Turkey: a conference was held at the University of Kocaeli, on university museums and collections, funded by EU commission in partnership with the University of Strasbourg. It helped to foster the links between various Turkish universities in

order to start a national network; Flanders: an Interuniversity Platform for Academic Heritage was started in 2007 as a collaboration between 4 universities, KU Leuven, Ghent University, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the University of Antwerp. Netherlands: the Dutch SAE will hold a workshop on national portals on university heritage in Amsterdam in September 2013.

4/ Report by the working group on recent scientific heritage

see annexe 2

5/ Proceedings of annual network meetings

The proceedings of the 2013 Universeum network meeting will be published. There will be a call for papers to participants who gave a paper or presented a poster at Valencia annual meeting.

6/ Theme for the 2013 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: « Down the rabbit hole », backstage of knowledge production »

7/ Future meetings

The XVth Universeum network meeting will be held at the University of Hamburg, 12th-14th of June 2014.

There is a proposal to organise the XVIth Universeum network meeting at the University of Athens, Greece.

8/ Ongoing and future projects: none

9/ AOB : None

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