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COLLECTION OF THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM UTRECHT ON THE MOVE

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Abstract

The University Museum Utrecht welcomes the mobility of its rich collection, e.g., exhibitions of objects outside the context of the museum and its activities. This helps to reach an even broader audience, and further develop the academic, historic and cultural relevance of the collection.

Examples are the collection of *materia medica* exhibited at the Botanical Garden at the Utrecht Science Park (USP), and mathematical plaster models as part of a travelling exhibit promoting mathematics. There are plans to exhibit a collection for teaching and promotion purposes in the new or renovated buildings at the USP. Many objects are on long- or short-term display in museums nationwide and there is constant demand for loan of objects for non-museum purposes such as documentaries or television programs.

Over the years we have gained experience in very diverse cases. Partners outside the museum field often do not realise that musealisation of objects implies a different approach than that applied to current teaching aids, research instruments or objects. E.g., display conditions, transport, insurance, object handling are important issues that are often not taken into account. I will present and discuss the way we handled the diverse issues we encountered and our still developing policy on this.

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