

MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION IN CULTURAL HERITAGE SETTINGS: SHARED EXPERIENCES FOR BETTER APPROACHES



Archival and museum collections are often exposed to high humidity levels leading to microbiological deterioration and material and immaterial losses, either due to regional climate or the failure of humidity control systems. However, microbiological contamination remains under-assessed. In this project, we analysed concomitantly the microbial contamination derived from microorganisms present in the air and directly in cultural heritage items, from both institutions belonging to the University of Bergen (University Library of Bergen and University Museum of Bergen).

In this webinar we will present the results stemming from the applied innovative and holistic perspective on the contamination levels, their diversity and their potential to inflict damage to the collections thus providing the institutions with much-needed information to better handle and prevent further biodeterioration.

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PROGRAM (all times WEST)

Start	End	Presentation
09:00	09:10	Welcome
09:10	09:30	The Importance of Bilateral Relationships and the EEA Grants Her Excellence Hanne Brusletto, Ambassador of Norway in Portugal His Excellence Pedro Pessoa e Costa, Ambassador of Portugal in Norway Ingjerd Haugen, Policy Director, Section for Central Europe and EEA Grants, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway Dr. Maria Mineiro, Coordinator for Bilateral Relations Fund – EEA Grants
09:30	10:00	Brief introduction of the involved institutions: Prof. Kari Loe Hjelle, Director of the University Museum of Bergen Prof. Márcia Vilarigues, Director of the Department of Conservation and Restoration at NOVA SST NOVA.ID.FCT Prof. José Mirão, HERCULES Laboratory (Évora University) Prof. Carla Viegas, ESTeSL-IPL (Lisbon School of Health Technology, Polytechnic Institute of Lisbon)
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10:00	10:45	Arctic Cultural Heritage - solving microbiological infestation as part of Collection Management (University Museum of Bergen) Speakers: Dr. Hana Lukesova
10:45	11:00	Q&A
11:00	11:15	Break
11:15	12:00	Microbial assessment in the rare book collection of the Sea Trade Archive (University Library of Bergen): Impact of microbial contamination in health and conservation Speakers: Dr. Silvia Sequeira & Ekaterina Pasnak (NOVA SST NOVA.ID.FCT) Dr. Catarina Pinheiro (HERCULES Laboratory, UÉvora) & Prof. Carla Viegas (ESTeSL-IPL)
12:00	12:15	Q&A
12:15	13:00	Discussion and Final Remarks