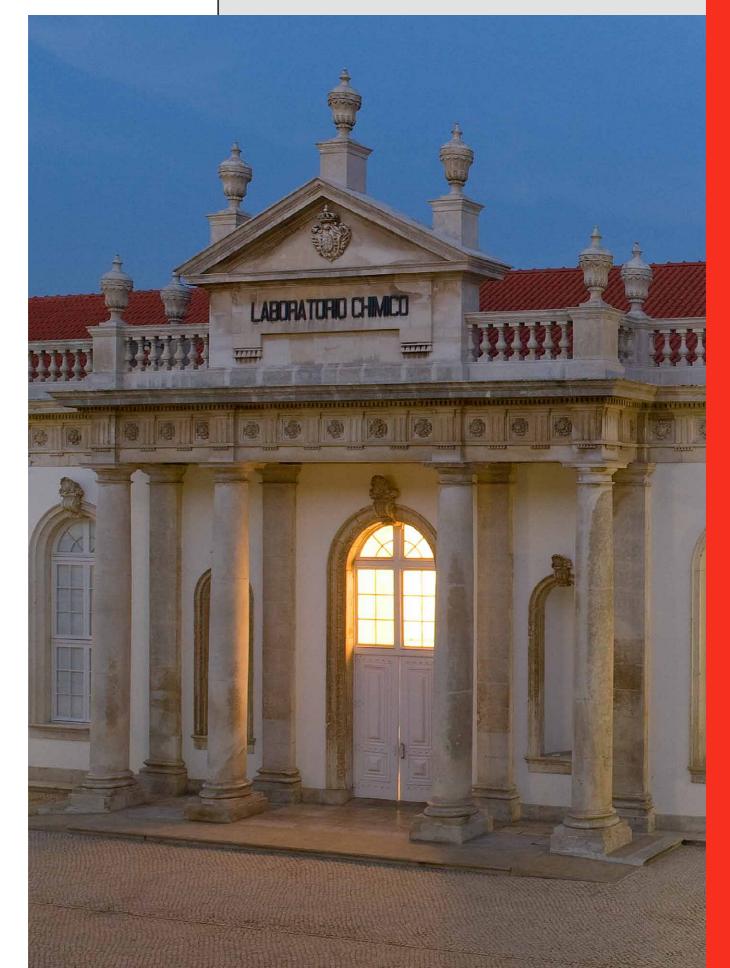
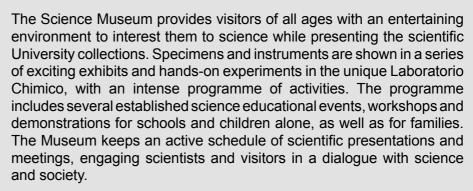


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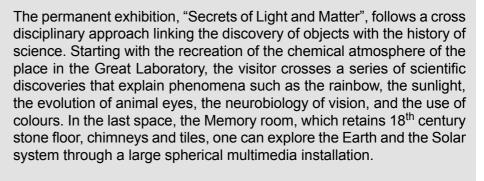




The University owns the oldest and most important scientific collections and spaces in Portugal, dating back to the last quarter of the 18th century, when the enlightened Reform by the Marquis of Pombal took place and established the basis for modern science teaching and research. New faculties and new premises were created, such as the rare Cabinet of Natural History and the Cabinet of Physics in the College of Jesus. The restored Laboratory building, a milestone in the history of Chemistry, is the first stage of the project that aims to become a centre for the promotion of science and scientific heritage. The second stage of the Science Museum project will be the redevelopment of the College of Jesus.



Installing the Science Museum in the Laboratorio Chimico allowed a better understanding of the space through archaeological work, identifying its link to the previous 16th century Jesuit dining-hall. The project restored the historical lecture theatre, created space for a modern permanent exhibition and for temporary exhibitions, and combined the presentation of the collections with the site heritage interpretation.





The Impact of the Micheletti Prize

Wining the Micheletti Award had a real impact on the Museum, which became very successful throughout the year. There was a tremendous coverage by the press and the public became increasingly interested. The media image is the one of an active museum, with a very qualified science offer. The number of visitors had a boost of 70%, from 2007 to 2008. Educational activities more than doubled in 2008 and the museum achieved a very good level of feedback from the public through the webpage, www.museudaciencia.pt. Scientists are now very keen on collaborating with the Museum, which is a key for success.