

UNIVERSITAS RIGENSIS STRADINA MUSEUM ANATOMIÆ



Workshop

Fluid Preserved Collection Management July 7–8, 2025

RSU Anatomy Museum
9 Kronvalda boulevard, Riga, Latvia

Monday, July 7

RSU Anatomy Museum, 9 Kronvalda boulevard, Riga

14:00 – Arrival, registration, coffee

14:30–~16:30 – Presentations by museum curators, lab technicians etc.
Short introductory talks (approx. 15 minutes each) about the collections, challenges etc.

~16:30–17:00 – Introductory talk by Fabian Neisskenwirth

- Historical background of fluid preservation
- Technical basics: fixation and fluids used today
- Cultural and scientific relevance of fluid-preserved specimens

Evening – Informal social event

(Optional: museum tour, dinner, or walk – details to be confirmed)

Tuesday, July 8

RSU Anatomy Museum, 9 Kronvalda boulevard, Riga

10:00 – Coffee

10:30–13:00 – Session led by Fabian Neisskenwirth

- Hazards and Management Issues

- Preventive conservation for large and small collections, low-budget strategies

- Ethics with human remains
- Safety and hazardous materials in fluid preservation

- The Specimen Container

- Container types, materials, and aging
- Sealing methods: traditional vs. modern
- Market overview of available options

- Introduction to Conservation Problems

- Common issues with fluids (evaporation, turbidity, deposits)
- Specimen deterioration (discoloration, staining, tissue damage)
- Container problems (oxidation of mounting materials, damaged jars)

13:00–14:00 – Lunch break

14:00–~16:00 – Continuation of session, discussion and Q&A

• Conservation Problems and Solutions

- Interactions between container, fluid, specimen, and mounts
- Assessing and addressing conservation issues
- Fluid transfer and specimen rehydration

• Reparative Technology

- Reusing and repairing containers
- Suitable mounting and support materials

• **Final Q&A**

Open discussion and questions from participants

~16:00 – Farewell

**This is a preliminary draft that can be adapted. Most of the presentations will be held using a PowerPoint with examples. A list of useful literature will be given to each participant of the workshop.*

Application fee: 25 EUR

Student fee: 15 EUR

Apply by: June 20

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