

STAMPS OF THE OFFICE OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCES

The Monte Olivete has been occupied since the 17th century by educational institutions. This May, MUHNAC commemorates one of them, the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon. The Faculty operated in this building between 1911 and 1998 when it moved permanently to the main university campus. Established in May 1911, the Faculty celebrates 104 years this month.

The Faculty was created just after the creation of the University of Lisbon in March 1911. The liberal revolution of 5 October 1910 triggered profound educational reforms, among which the reorganization of the higher education system. In March 1911, two new universities were created, one Lisbon and another in Porto, merging in both cases schools and academies already existing.

In 12 May, 1911, a Faculty of Sciences was created in each of the three universities – Lisbon, Porto and Coimbra. Organized into three sections (mathematics, physics and chemistry, natural sciences), each granted undergraduate and graduate degrees.



The stamps displayed this month were used by the central office of the Faculty of Sciences. There are 80 stamps in total, arranged on a double-sided wooden bookshelf. Each stamp corresponds to a discipline.

The set is part of MUHNAC's Memorabilia collection. This collection, rarely exposed, consists of c. 250 objects related to the history and memory of the institutions that occupied this location in the past. It is composed by photographs, stamps, vestments, medals, flags, ink and ballot boxes, plants of buildings, models, among others.