

Foreword

The present guide is to give the interested public an idea of the structural features and interior decoration of the building which was erected in 1755 as the Aula of the University of Vienna and has accommodated the Academy of Sciences since 1857.

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In the interest of readability we have refrained from discussing in detail a number of recent research findings, which we hope will be made available to the scientific world in a separate, more detailed publication.

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