



# Metals Conservation & Restoration Laboratory

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# Laboratory 47 - Metals C&R

## Practical classes

- Conservator: Sara L. Fragoso
- 1) **Diagnose and conservation of metals** and their alloys. [theoretical classes: Prof. Rui Silva (DCM) - materials department]
- 2) C&R of cultural heritage - **Intervention** in metals and alloys



# Practical classes on Diagnose and Conservation of Metals

- Prevention of deterioration
  - Handling
  - Micro-climate control
  - Conservation materials



# Practical classes on Diagnose and Conservation of Metals

- Practical classes on characterization of deterioration problems in metals and their alloys



# Practical classes on Diagnose and Conservation of Metals

- Outdoor activities

Study visits to:

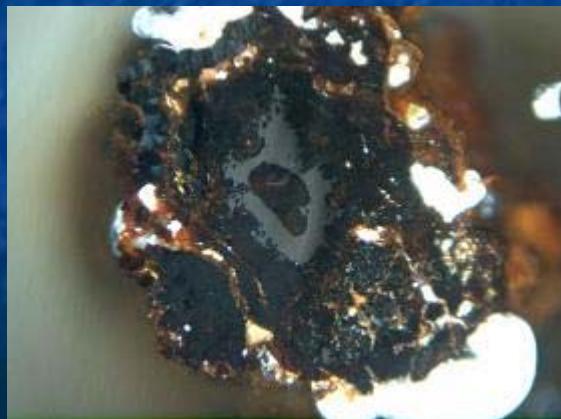
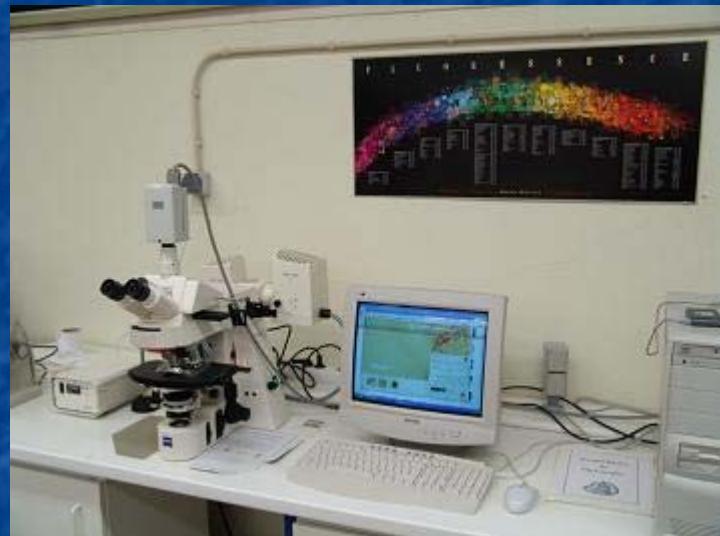
- Museums
- Palaces
- Churches
- Historical gardens
- Conservation centers

- Deterioration problems
- Conservation needs
- Values on heritage



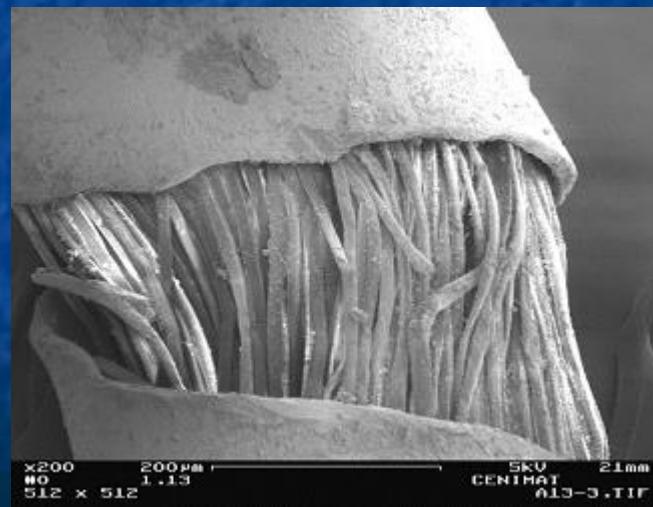
# C&R of Cultural heritage - metals diagnosis and research

- Microscopy
- Metallography
- Digital Radiography



# C&R of Cultural heritage - metals diagnosis and research

- SEM, Collaboration with DCM/ CENIMAT
- $\mu$ -DRX –  
Collaboration with  
IPCR



# C&R of Cultural heritage - metals diagnosis and research

In the DCR scientific lab

- $\mu$ -XRF ArtTax & WinAxil
- FT-IR spectroscopy



# C&R of historical metal objects



XVIII century gilded copper alloy



Oriental bronze turtle (Museum of Macao, Lisboa)

# C&R of Archaeological metals



silver alloys



1 mm



1 mm

copper alloys

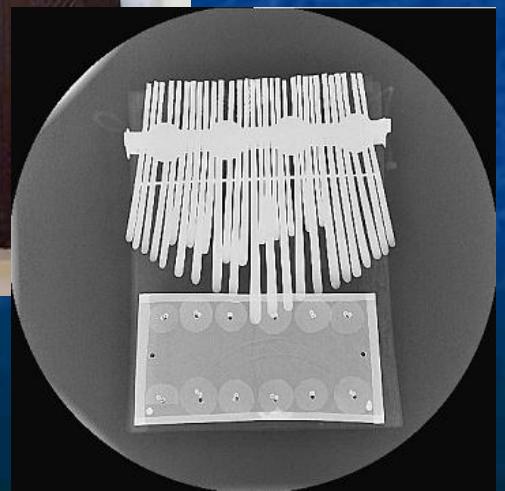
iron-C alloys

# C&R of musical instruments

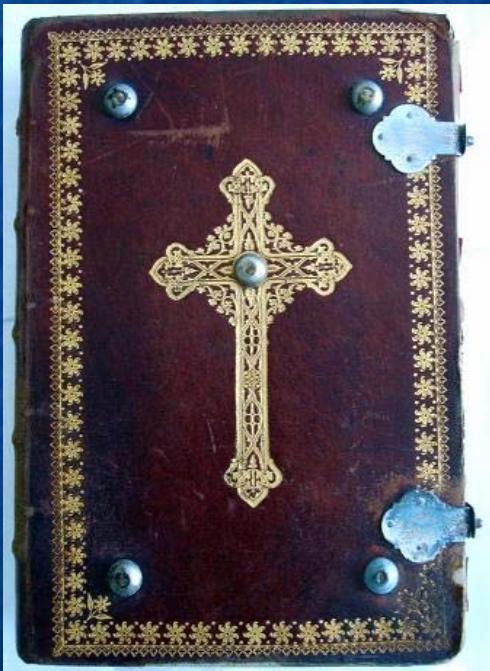
In collaboration with the, Museum of Music of Lisbon (IPM):



Portuguese Flute, sec. XX



# C&R of composites – books & objects



Missal

lady's hand bag, 1940



# C&R of composites - textiles



Altar-piece or cloth, with embroidery in gilded silver thread

# Research projects - Metals

- Tin deterioration.  
DCR/ IPM / Museu  
Machado de Castro  
2005/2010



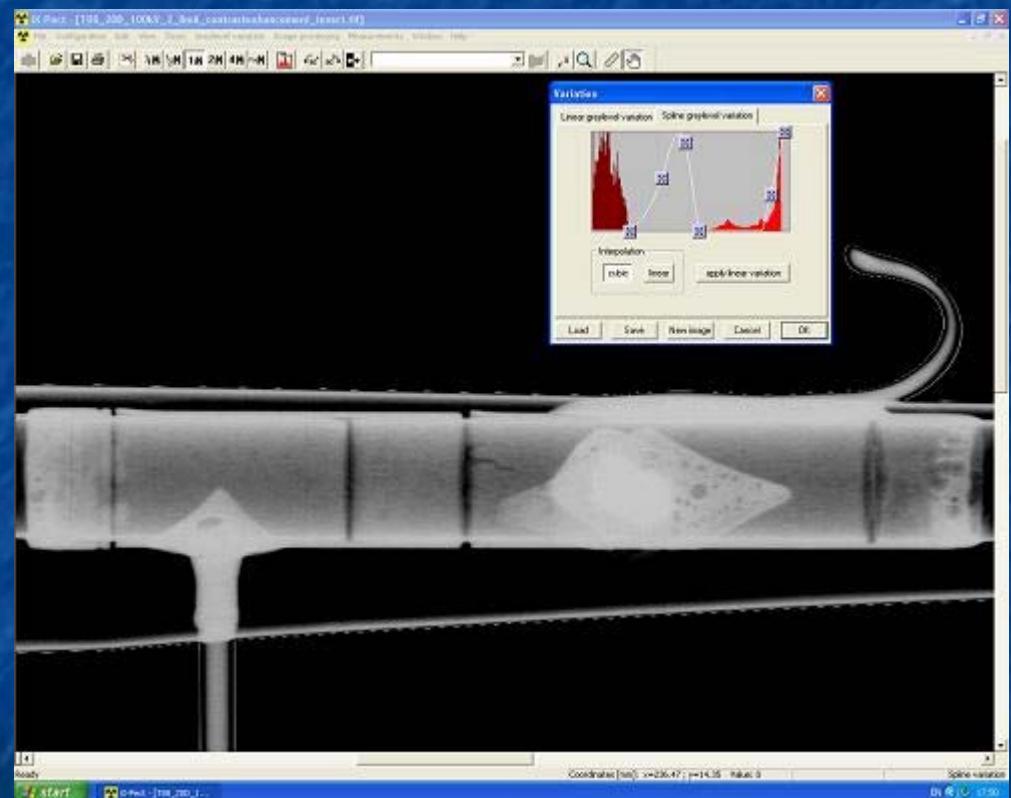
# Research projects - Metals

- **Outdoor lead – characterisation and conservation DCR / IPPAR /Palácio da Vila de Sintra 2006**



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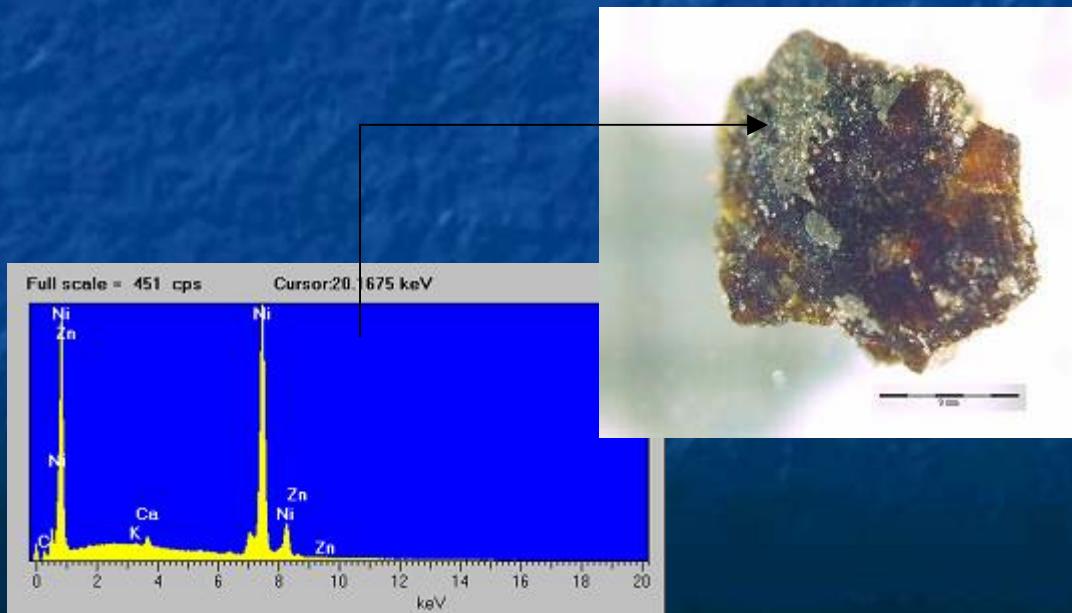
- Conservation of musical instruments
- Diagnosis and preventing conservation
- DCR / Ecomuseu Seixal 2005/2006



Digital radiography

# Research projects - Metals

- Archaeological copper alloys (roman) - characterisation and conservation DCR /Ecomuseu Seixal 2006



# Research projects - Metals

- Desalination with sesquicarbonate w/ low polarization -  
Canons  
DCR/DCM/CNANS –  
**Rui Silva, Filipa Pereira 2005/2006**
- Electrochemical studies; and electrochemical reduction comparative study with passive stabilization



Thank you

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