## Timeline of

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## HISTORICAL EVENTS

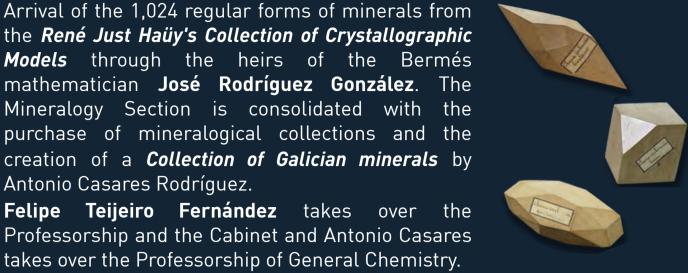
Creation of the Professorship of Natural History to 1839 complete the experimental studies that were taught in the building of the University of Santiago (currently the Faculty of Geography and History). The first professor to be appointed was **Antonio Casares** Rodríguez in 1840. The Cabinet of Natural History officially began in the academic year 1840-41. The first inventory is dated 31 May 1841.



1845 Rector Juan José Viñas travels to Paris to buy material for the Physics, Chemistry, Anatomy and Natural History departments. He makes the first purchase of the *Type-animals collection* (mammals, birds and reptiles), on the advice of Antonio Casares, to complete the Zoology Section. Contribution of the Gerónimo Piñeiro de las Casas Malacological Collection.

the René Just Haüy's Collection of Crystallographic **Models** through the heirs of the Bermés mathematician José Rodríguez González. Mineralogy Section is consolidated with purchase of mineralogical collections and the creation of a Collection of Galician minerals by Antonio Casares Rodríguez. Fernández Teijeiro takes Felipe over the Professorship and the Cabinet and Antonio Casares

takes over the Professorship of General Chemistry. Appointment of José Planellas Giralt as Professor of Natural History. He



to the Fonseca building. Gerónimo Macho Velado is appointed as the first 'assistant taxidermist' for the Professorship of Natural History, after the approval and creation of the position of preparator.

creates the first herbarium of Galician flora, promotes the Botany Section and

the future **Botanical Garden** for teaching. The location chosen was an annex

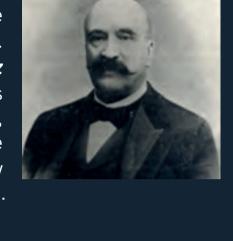
Second acquisition in Paris of more 'representative species' for the

Isidoro Sánchez Salgués takes the post of specialist in Taxidermy. He signed 1853 the acquisitions as 'ISS' and was in charge of 'shaping' the leather and feather

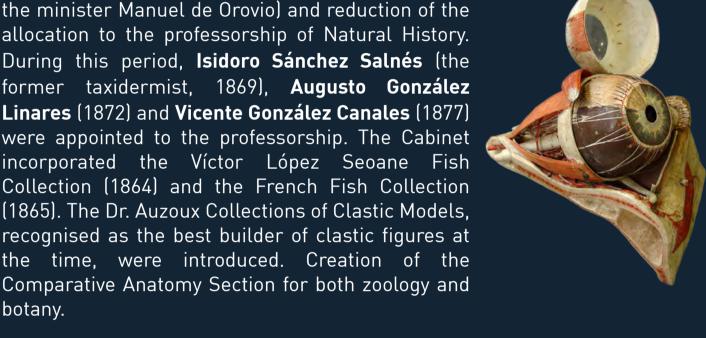
donations that arrived at the Cabinet. 1857 The University of Santiago creates the Faculty of Science, with the professorship of Natural History,

General Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, the first dean being Antonio Casares Rodríguez. Collections of Galician scientists (the Victor López Seoane Collection of Herpet Specimens), donations from Galician emigrants (doctor Rivas Rodríguez), contributions from the National Museum from the Pacific Scientific Commission (1862-1866) and new specimens of type-animals were purchased in Paris. 1867 Suppression of the Faculty of Science (decision of

Type-animals Collection.



allocation to the professorship of Natural History. During this period, Isidoro Sánchez Salnés (the former taxidermist, 1869), Augusto González Linares (1872) and Vicente González Canales (1877) were appointed to the professorship. The Cabinet incorporated the Víctor López Seoane Fish Collection (1864) and the French Fish Collection (1865). The Dr. Auzoux Collections of Clastic Models, recognised as the best builder of clastic figures at the time, were introduced. Creation of the Comparative Anatomy Section for both zoology and botany. 1900 **Antonio Vila Nadal** takes up the Professorship of Natural History after years of interim tenure and after a brief period of Pascual Nácher Vilar (1897). The



in its assets. A period of expansion of the collections begins under 1905 the influence of the Museo de Ciencias Naturales de Madrid directed by Ignacio Bolívar. One of his

Cabinet of Natural History enters its worst years with very limited increases

of the University. Under his direction, a period of renovation of the collections with more modern ones began. The Cabinet changes its name to Natural History Museum, coinciding with the end of the extension work on the space available to it in the faculty. The Santiago Section of the Royal Spanish Society of

Natural History was set up and promoted the creation of the 'Regional Museum'. Contribution of the César Sobrado Maestro Collection of Galician

disciples, Antonio García Varela, is appointed professor and curator of the Natural History Cabinet



Baltasar Merino Educational Fungi and the Herbarium.

1911 Contribution of the Collection of marine invertebrates preserved in alcohol from the Santander Marine Biology Station.

the Faculty of Science, which was essential for the development of the Natural History Museum. The museum had been without a director since 1919. This task was assigned to Luis Iglesias Iglesias, as temporary assistant to the University and in charge of the professorship of Mineralogy and Botany and Zoology from 1920. In 1923, Isidro Parga Pondal was appointed assistant professor of the Professorship of Chemistry, who was to collaborate actively

Donation of the Adriano López Morillo Malacological Collection.

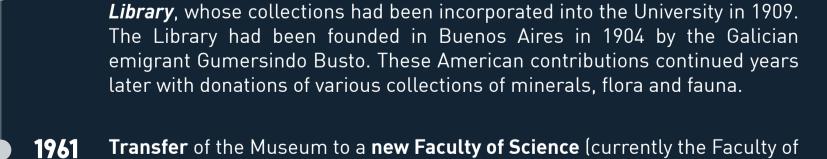
The University buys part of the José Viqueira Mineral Collection at the request of Isidro Parga **Pondal**. The rest of the collection was bought from the heirs in 1940.

After many years of long and unsuccessful attempts, the University recovered

1933 The University creates the Geochemistry Laboratory, a pioneer in Spain, at the request of Isidro Parga Pondal, following the European trends of the time. Isidro donates the Collection of rocks from the Swiss Alps and updates the Collection of minerals, rocks and fossils of Galicia. 1934 The MHN incorporates the natural history items included in the America

the taxidermist Santiago Vez Quijano.

Luis Iglesias won the Professorship of General Biology at the Faculty of Science and became director of the Museum of Natural History. He built up an important Collection of Galician insects and promoted the formation of a Collection of Galician birds and mammals, adding specimens prepared by



Chemistry) under the supervision of Luís Iglesias and the collaboration of assistant professors Alfredo Llecha Ferrer and Carmen Sanmartín Cornes.

continue the conservation of historical and scientific collections. They begin a

1965 Luis Iglesias Natural History Museum. After the retirement of the former director for 33 years, the Board of the Faculty of Science named the museum after him. The following directors Ernesto Vieitez Cortizo, Celso Rodríguez Babío, Darío Díaz Cosín, Francisco Novoa Docet and Carlota García Paz

new phase of collecting and 'elaborating' new collections from their role as researchers at the University of Santiago de Compostela. Contribution of the Manuel Rodríguez Solórzano Collection of Galician Fish. 1984 This section of marine fauna is completed with the Victoriano Urgorri collections.

Contribution of the type library and the *Emilio Rolán* 2003 Mosquera Malacological Collection, the largest collection received by the museum in terms of number of specimens. 2014

On October 8, the 'Luis Iglesias' Natural History Museum opens its doors as the USC Natural History Museum in the new building at Finca Vista Alegre in Santiago de Compostela. The transfer of all the material and organisation of the exhibition rooms began in 2011 under the direction of Ma Isabel Fraga Vila, and the collaboration of the curator Xan Guerra Bouzas and the assistant José Ramón Sarabia Puga.

