



The historical Ungemach mineral collection at the University of Liège



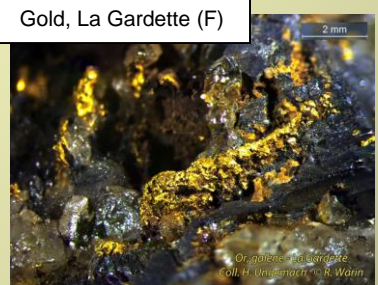
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Henri Léon Ungemach

- 1879-1936
- French mineralogist from Strasbourg, Morocco, student of Georges Friedel
- Collected minerals in Alsace, but also in North America, Morocco, Madagascar and Ethiopia
- Described more than 2,300 crystal forms, that were later used by J.D.H. Donnay to extend the Bravais Law
- The mineral ungemachite, $K_3Na_6Fe(SO_4)_6(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$, was named in his honour
- The Ungemach collection (more than 6,000 samples) was acquired by the University of Liège in 1939.



Native elements from famous localities



Silver, Isère (F)

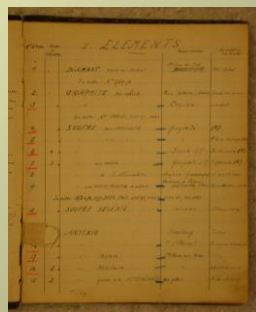


Sulfur, Sicilia (I)



Silver, Köingsberg (N)

Catalogue and vintage labels



A few galena samples



Freiberg (D)



Derbyshire (UK)

Magnificent sulfosalts...



Pyrrargyrite, Mexico



Dyscrasite, Andreasberg (D)



Pyrrargyrite, Freiberg (D)

Conclusions

- The mineral collection of the University of Liège was damaged by fire in 1944; however, most historical samples of the Ungemach collection are still preserved.
- A new exhibition room has been arranged recently, to show these historical samples. For more information, please visit the website www.minera.uliege.be.

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