









# University of Antwerp & the Libraries

## Introduction

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Universiteit Antwerpen



# Introduction

- Organisation
- Resources
- Infrastructure
- Services



# Organisation



# Universiteit Antwerpen

- Until 2003
  - 3 universities: UFSIA, RUCA, UIA
- 2004
  - Merger: ONE *Universiteit Antwerpen*
- 4 Sites
  - City Campus : Humanities & Social Sciences
  - Middelheim/Groenenborger : Sciences
  - Drie Eiken : Bio(medical) Sciences



## Libraries from 2008 onwards

- City campus : Humanities & Social Sciences
- Middelheim : Mathematics and Informatics
- Groenenborger : Sciences
- Drie Eiken : Bio(medical) Sciences

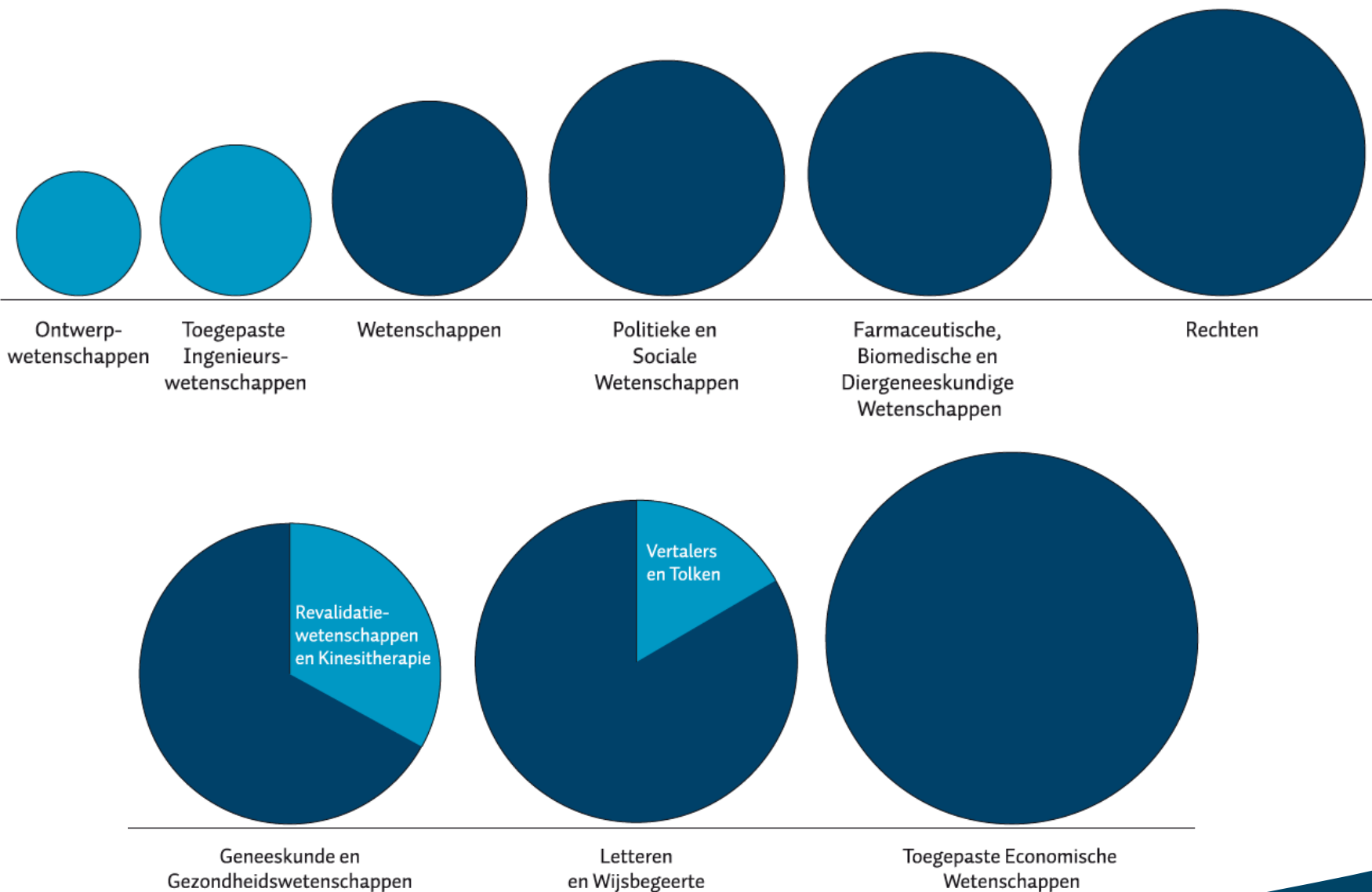


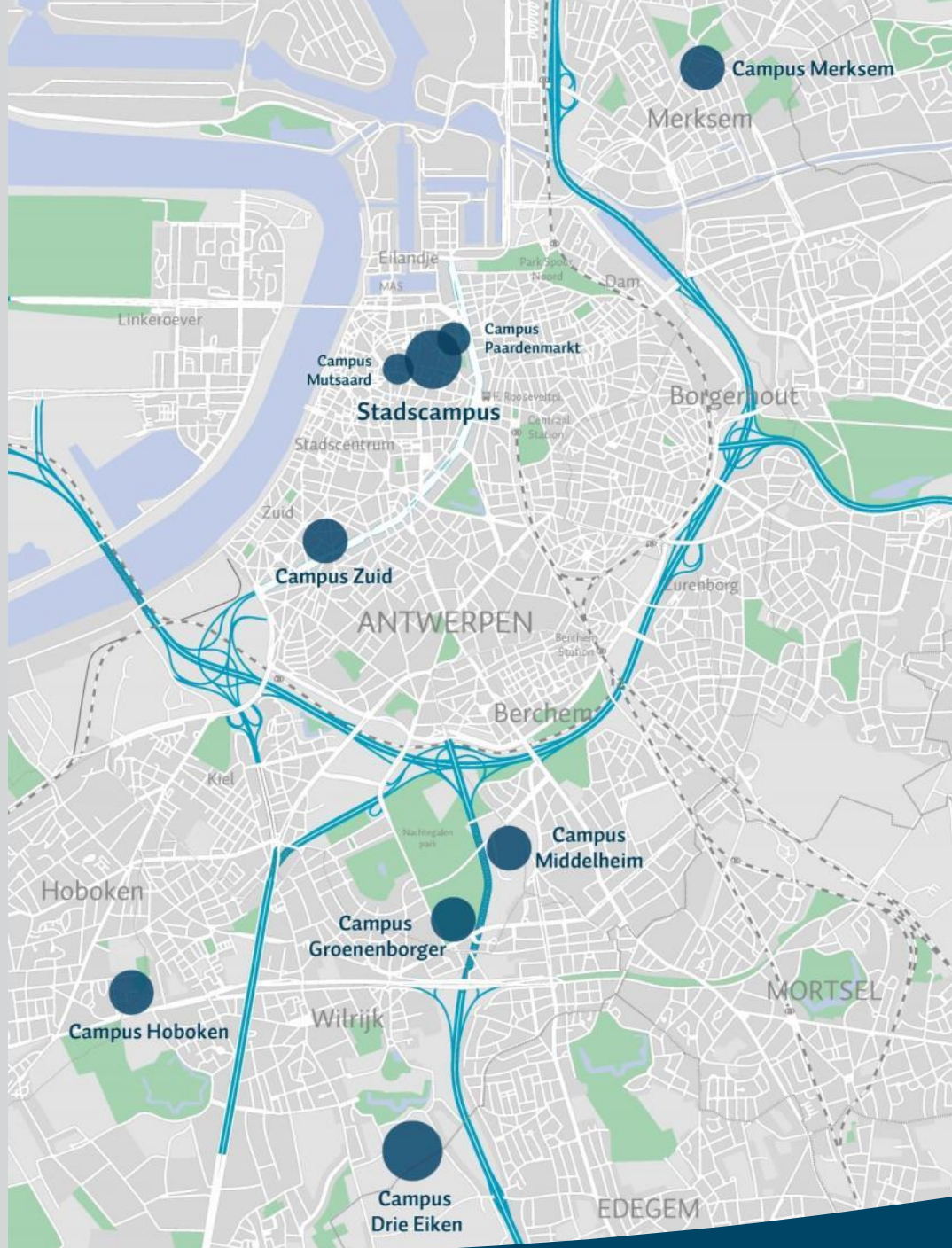
# Libraries from 2013 onwards

- Flemish polytechnics (only academic masters) integrate in the University. In Antwerp:
  - Campus Hoboken: Engineering
  - Campus Mutsaerd: Architecture, Industrial Design, Restoration /Conservation
  - Campus Zuid: Applied linguistics and translations
- Integrated and closed
  - Campus Paardenmarkt: engineering
  - Campus Merksem: fysiotherapy



- nieuwe opleidingen
- bestaande opleidingen







# Result : long term

- 2016
  - Merger of libraries at Middelheim/Groenenborger
  - Merger with libraries of engineering
    - 1 new library for the sciences at Groenenborger
  - Linguistics/translators will merge into city library
  - New student learning center at **Middelheim**
  - Renovated library/ student learning center and making space at **Groenenborger**
  - Renovated library at **Drie Eiken**



# Impact of the merger

- Huge impact on university, and also on libraries
- Lots of work:
  - Buildings
  - Staff
  - Selection, acquisition en cataloguing
  - Budget



# Library management

- Management
  - Chief librarian
  - 1 campus librarian
  - 1 coordinator for library automation (Anet)
  - 1 technical advisor (Anet)
    - Library policy & Decision making
- Heads of departments
  - Advise
  - Management daily activities





# Role of the academic staff

- Library Advisory Board
  - Vice rector and representatives of all faculties
  - Advise about the library policy (strategic plan)
- Faculty library committees
  - Advise about issues concerning the faculty in relation to the library



# Role of the academic staff

- Library advisor
  - Professor in a faculty
  - Decides – together with his colleagues - what the library should buy
  - Member of Library Advisory Board



# Budget

- Staff
  - +/- 73 FTE
  - Allocated budget managed by HR department
- Acquisitons
  - General: central library budget 345 K€
  - Specialized: faculties: approx. 3,2 M€
- Buildings, infrastructure, ICT
  - Allocated by departments Infrastructure & ICT



# Library buildings

- Guided tours at City Campus & Drie Eiken
  - Entrance
  - Reception
  - Signalization
  - Information
    - website
    - leaflets

# Light and space





# Quiet



# Islands (quiet)



# Dark colours as basis versus colourfull accents





## Dark colours as basis and colourfull accents





# Resources





## Size - seats


City campus            +/- 1268 seats in total  
private rooms for study  
rooms for group work

Middelheim  
Groenenborger  
Drie Eiken

Tranquility usually ok

# Facts and figures 2012/3

## Universiteitsbibliotheek Antwerpen

 **7** bibliotheken met draadloos internet

Stadscampus  
Campus Drie Eiken  
Campus Groenenborger  
Campus Middelheim


Campus Hoboken  
Campus Mutsaard  
Campus Zuid

 **73**  
bibliotheek  
medewerkers

## Facts & figures 2012

  
**1 457 194**  
zoekacties in  
elektronische  
tijdschriften

 **870 635**  
bezoeken  
**128 754**  
uitleningen

 **55,7 km** plankruimte in gebruik 

  
**1 467 124**  
boeken en andere items  
**17 820**  
bijzondere collecties  
**3651**  
lopende abonnementen



## 1268 werkplekken

758 Studieplekken (zonder PC)  
304 PC-werkplekken  
82 Groepsworkplekken  
68 Individuele studiecellen  
56 Consultatieplekken

# Staff

- Approximately 73 VTE
- Variety of
  - education
  - background
  - experience
- 2011 Age: 40 staff members are 50 years or older. Many retirements
- Friendliness : usually fine
  - Source: user surveys in 2011 and 2014



# Paper collection

- +/- 1.467.124 volumes
- +/- 3.651 printed journals
- Profile of library collection: planned
  - Collection evaluation
  - Definition of collection profiles
  - Collection plan
- Merger of university: result : reorganization and evaluation of collections at 4 campuses



## Paper collection: +/-

- City Campus: 1.214.461 volumes
  - 500.000 in open stacks
  - 800.000 in closed stacks
- Middelheim: 31.264 volumes
- Groenenborger: 52.795 volumes
- Drie Eiken: 101.551 volumes
- And three other campuses: not yet counted







# Paper collection

- Universal Decimal Classification
  - Local version
- Efficiency of loan
  - Brocade
  - Up-to-date integrated library system
  - Developed by company Anet



# Digital collection

- Catalogues
- E-journals
- Databases
- Website



# Collections for education/research

- Both e.g.
  - Law
    - Dedicated library to practice
  - Library and information studies
  - Medicine
- Research
  - In open and closed stacks



# ICT Infrastructure





## ICT infrastructure (Oct 2015)

- City campus
  - 244 PCs (in classes and free access)
  - 40 thin clients
- Middelheim/Groenenborger
  - 52 PCs free access
- Drie Eiken
  - 44 PCs free access
  - 140 in 4 PC classes
- And 2 other campuses CZU, CHO



# ICT infrastructure

- Internet: state-of-the-art
- Wireless network in all campuses
- Copying/printing/scanning facilities available
  - New copiers in September 2015
  - Copy cards
- Digitization of old books and prints
- Integrated library system Brocade
  - In-house development from Anet





# Services



# Access

- Registration:
  - students and staff from UA
  - students and staff from the association of the university and the schools for professional bachelors (polytechnics)
  - Antwerp Management School
  - all people 18 years and older (10 euro per year)
  - library card
- We have usage statistics



# Opening hours

- Differences per campus
- E.g. City campus
  - 8:30 – 21:00 Mon-Thur
  - 8:30 – 19:00 Fri
  - 10:00 – 17:00 Sat
  
  - See website
  - Opening hours are enlarged



# Services

- Training information literacy
  - Often in cooperation with faculty staff
- Information desks
  - Each campus has a general information desk
  - City campus
    - 6 desks for faculties Humanities and Social Sciences
    - 1 desk for the historical collections
- No subject specialists



# Services

- Library website
  - New external website in July 2014
  - New internal website for staff of UAntwerpen: November 2014
  - We will develop our website further
  - First point of entrée
- SFX available
- VPN for use at home 24\*7



# Inter Library Loan

- Impala
- Belgian system for Inter library loan
- We lend books to other organisations
  - 2011: pilot with delivery of articles to our own faculty members: was succesfull
- Efficient system to locate the resource
- Delivery of articles

# Support for publications researchers

- Academic Bibliography (since 1991)
- Institutional Repository
- Software developed by Anet
- Contents:
  - Books and articles by researchers
  - PhD theses
  - Master theses
- (Temporary) embargo is possible
- Planned: Research data



# Support for researchers

- Digitization of books for their research (e.g. books from the collection of Samuel Beckett)
- Digitization of renaissance drama texts





# Questions?

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