

Ghent Interfaculty Centre for Art & Science (Gica&s)

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In September 2007, Gica&s was founded in a collaborative effort by six departments of three faculties of Ghent University: Art History and Archaeology (Letters and Philosophy), Analytical Chemistry, Geology and Soil Science, Subatomic and Radiation Physics (Sciences) and Wood Technology (Bio-Engineering).

The purpose of the Centre is manifold:

- Gica&s improves the access of Flemish museums to the newest technology, equipment and applications.
- Gica&s coordinates contacts between museums and laboratories.
- The confrontation of scientists, art historians and museum staff will stimulate broader applications and the development of new non-destructive analytical techniques for investigating cultural objects.
- Gica&s offers opportunities for scientists to present new technology to a large public (museums, technology fairs, etc.)
- As of 2009-10, Gica&s will start a research masters program in technical art history and archeometry.