

## **HYP Call: Collection of the Natural History and Science Museum of the University of Porto (MHNC-UP)**

The collection of the Natural History and Science Museum of the University of Porto (MHNC-UP) is a wealth of stories in waiting. From the scientific objects on display in the renovated Ferreira da Silva Laboratory – some already carrying their own stories that can work as a starting point for various narratives, others capable of stimulating the imagination just for their name –, to the Gems, Crystals and Minerals Exhibition (free entry), where the materials on display, their names, constitutions, and, perhaps, their origins are also a source of inspiration. What spy story from the ‘Casks’ War’ is associated with the Franklinite mineral, now on display at the MHNC-UP? What popular uprisings took place in the Northern Monarchy when, due to the war, sugar rationing was implemented and ensured by the Royal Sugar Inspectors (called ‘Sour Caps’ by the locals, in reference to their uniform caps), who used a saccharimeter, such as the one displayed at Ferreira da Silva Laboratory? And what crimes, during this time of war, between the monarchical North and the republican South, were solved by the forensic unit commanded by Ferreira da Silva himself?

In short: what Winepunk stories are crystallised in the MHNC-UP collection?

### **Introduction**

[HYP](#) - Hypotheses You Preserve - is a Creative Writing and Alternative History project supported by [Creative Europe](#), which aims to develop a mosaic narrative, in the form of a transnational and multilingual ([Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Galician](#), [English](#) and [French](#)) collaborative encyclopaedia, through the individual or communal contribution of the general public and artists - both established and beginners.

The project is coordinated by a consortium that brings together the [University of Porto](#) (Portugal), the University of Vigo (Spain) and the [École Pratique des Hautes Études](#) (France), in interface with the museum collection of the [Museum of Natural History and Science of Porto](#) (MHNC-UP). It introduces the HYP Collaborative Encyclopaedia of Alternative History (ECAH), available [online](#) and of open access, which narrates the war between the Kingdom of the Northern Monarchy, with its capital in Oporto, and the Portuguese Republic, with its capital in Lisbon (historical fact), as well as its antecedents, between 1918 and 1922 (fictional element: historically, the civil war lasted 25 days).

Within the context of the Winepunk fictional universe (more information in the [chronology](#)), everyone is invited to write and submit original texts of ‘encyclopaedic entries’, with no limit to the number of submissions, from nano to micro-history, in the form of [chronicle](#), [obituary](#), [news articles](#), or [pure fiction](#), between 100 and 1000 words.

These 'encyclopaedic entries' will be curated to ensure compliance with the submission guidelines and the project structure, translated into at least one of the project's other languages and published on ECAH under a Creative Commons licence to disseminate the authors, their work, and the HYP project at a regional, national, European, and global level. In addition, these submissions will be cross-referenced through themes, forming a true collective narrative whose dissemination transcends cultural and linguistic boundaries.

## **Submission Guidelines**

Author(s) should follow the submission guidelines and checklist:

- The creative writing entries must be original;
- The creative writing entries must respect the Winepunk Universe concepts and chronology and have at least one connection element with the Winepunk Universe; reference(s) to the MHNC-UP's collections, within this framework, is/are encouraged, though not mandatory. If a submission is associated with an object from the museum's collection, the 'encyclopaedic entry' must include the link illustrating said object;
- The following types of entries are accepted – individual (creative writing solely based in Winepunk elements); familial (individual or collaborative contributions based in material and immaterial records of a specific family); communal (institutional, associative, or other type of communal archives and record-based entries); regional and national (institutional archives, collections, or records as inspiration for the entries);
- The entries format and template are as follow – entry length ten to one thousand words if the submission is written, or between one minute to ten, if the submission is audio; at least one mandatory Winepunk Universe element inclusion (or allusion to the Winepunk Universe and its chronology); with references (link, Word or PDF document, etc) and/or original records regarding the historical facts that inspired the entry;
- The entries must be in one of the following languages – Portuguese, English, French, Galician, or Spanish;
- It is encouraged, but not mandatory, to add the audio submission with the textual submission.

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