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Allard Pierson Museum

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Objects from the Crimea in the Allard Pierson Museum

From February until the end of August 2014, the Allard Pierson Museum of the University of Amsterdam is staging the exhibition *'The Crimea: Gold and Secrets of the Black Sea'*. The exhibition includes objects from five Ukrainian museums, four of which are located in the Crimea. The loan agreements for the objects were concluded prior to the political upheaval in Ukraine and the recent change of power in the Crimea.

The Allard Pierson Museum considers it extremely important to exercise care in this situation.

The objects on loan will remain in the Netherlands for at least the duration of the exhibition, which lasts until the end of August. They will then be returned, taking into account the legal ownership of the objects. Given the complexity of the issue, the manner in which the objects will be returned is currently being investigated by the legal advisers of the University of Amsterdam. Additional advice has also been requested from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.

We are not conducting any interviews right now, nor will we be making any further statements. You are of course more than welcome to visit the museum and see the exhibition.