

The Relevance of Collections and Collecting in the Anthropocene

Congress at the Natural History Museum
23rd and 24th July 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018: Neil; Chalmers Seminar Room

- 11.00-11.35 **Max Barclay** (NHM): Opening remarks. Conversations with the dead: Natural history collections, specimen data, continuity and the future.
- 11.40-12.00 **Glenda Orledge** (University of Bath): Adventures in an Entomological Wonderland
Tea break
- 12.10-12.30 **Ed Baker** (University of York): A deafening silence? The role of bioacoustic recordings for museums and research
- 12.30-13.10 **Andy Chick** (University of Derby): Slide collections, past, present and future
Lunch
- 2.10-2.30 **Duncan Allen** (F.E.R.A): Preserving Pests, the need for a National Pest Collection
- 2.30-2.50 **Matthias Seidel** (National Museum, Prague): Importance of collections for fieldwork planning and research topics - examples from research in Coleoptera
- 2.50-3.10 **Keita Matsumoto** (NHM): Accumulation + Nicely prepared specimens = Result!
- 3.10-3.30 **Erica McAlister** (NHM): Fly collections/ collecting
Tea break
- 3.45-4.05 **Steen Dupont** (NHM): Digital Collections Programme: How digitising collections increases their impact
- 4.05-4.25 **Vince Smith** (NHM): DiSSCo: Global collections as a powerful Research Infrastructure – the Distributed System of Scientific Collections and beyond

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Drinks on the DC2 roof garden (Contribution to snacks requested)

Tuesday 24th July 2018: Neil; Chalmers Seminar Room

- 11.00-11.35 **Anna Holden** (AMNH): Breathing new life into Quaternary insect collections: methodological advances bridge diverse paleontological and contemporary studies.
- 11.40-12.00 **Blanca Huertas** (NHM): The beauty of dead butterflies
Tea break
- 12.10-12.30 **Alberto Zilli** (NHM): Is comprehensiveness of collections that necessary today? Lessons from Lepidoptera
- 12.30-13.10 **Fevziye Hasan** (NHM): Archiving Superorganisms. Termite collections, past, present and future.
Lunch
- 2.10-2.30 **Jon Baker**: Why collecting can be key to preserving biodiversity
- 2.30-2.50 **Mark Wilkinson & Gabriela Bittencourt** (NHM): Priorities for scientific collecting of amphibians and reptiles
- 2.50-3.10 **Gyula Laszlo** (ANHRT): Taxonomic and faunistic research program at the African Natural History Research Trust with special reference to cryptic Lepidoptera species
- 3.10-3.30 **David Lees** (NHM): Collecting Lepidoptera in Madagascar as primary habitats recede
Tea break
- 3.45-4.05 **Karolyn Shindler** (Science Writer & NHM): Relevance of collecting and collections, a historical perspective
- 4.05-4.25 **Seirian Sumner** (University College, London): Big Wasp Survey
- 4.25-4.45 **M. G. Leonard** (Author, 'Beetle Boy' series): Closing Remarks: Are You Sitting Comfortably?

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