

The Relevance of Collections and Collecting in the Anthropocene

Congress at the Natural History Museum

23rd and 24th July 2018

11 AM to 16.20 PM

A set of talks relevant to the importance of natural history collections and/or collecting in the modern era. A multi-author collections of abstracts will be published.



The modern age is often referred to as the 'Anthropocene', as natural habitats worldwide increasingly fall under human influence. This gives even greater urgency to the quest to archive, collate together and understand the biodiversity of the planet, the primary task and purpose of the great natural history collections of the world.

"Destroying rainforest for economic gain is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal"

E. O. Wilson

"In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand"

Baba Diom

A series of talks and collections visits, modelled on the successful Scarabaeidae Symposium of 2014 (an account of which is available here)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybe4u95a>



When: 23rd-24th July 2018, 10-5

Where: Neil Chalmers Lecture Theatre,
Natural History Museum, London SW7 5BD