



28th Meeting of the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group & 26th Linnaeus Link Partners' Meeting

London, 20–23 June, 2023

Preliminary Programme

Day 1: Tuesday 20 June – Natural History Museum

10:00-10:30 Registration and coffee

10:30 Welcome and Morning Session

Introduction by Andrea Hart, Library Special Collections Manager, NHM

'Perspectives on Plant Humanities, Collections and Culture' (Speaker TBC)

Brad Scott, 'Global and colonial contexts of the Sloane Herbarium'

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00 Afternoon Session

Henry Noltie, 'Recent discoveries in the Indian Botanical Artwork collections'

Tours of the Sloane Herbarium and the Rare Book Room

15:30-17:00 Linnaeus Link Partners' Meeting

18:30-21:30: Gala dinner at the Chelsea Physic Garden

A three-course dinner in beautiful surroundings. Will include pre-dinner tours by Chelsea Physic Garden volunteers, as well as exceptional free access to the garden throughout the evening.

Day 2: Wednesday 21 June – Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Plant Humanities within Libraries and Archives

10:00-12:30 Welcome and Morning Session

Talks on the theme of 'Plant Humanities': please see Call for Papers below.

12:30-14:00 Lunch and self-guided visit of the gardens

13:15-14:00 EBHL Board Meeting



14:00-15:30 Afternoon session

Tours of the Kew collections, including Library and Archives and the Economic Botany Collection (2 groups max; 15 persons per group)

15:30 Return to Jodrell; short comfort break

15:45-16:30 Talks on the theme of 'Plant Humanities': please see Call for Papers below.

16:30 Afternoon tea (and attendees able to visit Gardens until they close at 19:00)

Day 3: Thursday 22 June – The Linnean Society of London

Workshop: *Flora in Folio: Biological Inserts in Books and Archives*

Co-organised with Anna Svensson, Uppsala University

Anna Svensson would like to hear about examples of biological inserts in your collections. She has written a questionnaire for delegates to complete ahead of this workshop:

<https://doit.medfarm.uu.se/bin/kurt3/kurt/88523>

10:00 Welcome and Morning Session

Introduction by Anna Svensson

Flash talks (see Call for Papers below) and Linnean Society collections display

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:30 EBHL AGM

13:30-14:30 Afternoon Session

Talks by Anna Svensson (Historian, Uppsala University);

Maria Kalligerou (Conservator, Oxford Conservation Consortium); and

Katie Birkwood (Librarian, Royal College of Physicians) on cataloguing, conservation and dealing with inserts in books

14:30-15:15 Panel discussion

15:15 Closing remarks

15:30 Tour of the Society, limited to 24 people, first come first served but with priority given to people who have never seen it before and who are based outside London.

17:30 Wine reception at the Linnean Society of London



Day 4: Friday 23 June – Excursion to Royal Horticultural Society Wisley

- 9:00 Coach departs
- 11:00 Welcome, followed by tours of the recently opened Old Laboratory, the temporary exhibition gallery, Hill Top Library and herbarium, and the garden.
- 15:30 Return to London by coach. Expected return by 17:30.

**** Call for Papers – Deadline March 31 ****

The theme of EBHL 2023 will be “plant humanities”, and we welcome papers delving into this topic, and for two separate days of the conference.

Please send your submissions—including your name, email, proposed title, and an abstract of no more than 150 words—to library@linnean.org, on or before March 31.

Day 2, Kew Gardens: *Libraries and Archives and Plant Humanities*

By plant humanities, we mean the interdisciplinary study of plants from the perspectives of the arts, sciences, and humanities, in order to explore their extraordinary significance to human culture. We welcome papers that examine the role of libraries and archives within plant humanities, how collections can enrich the discipline of plant humanities; what plant humanities projects are taking place in organisations; how to foster collaboration between institutions to undertake such projects; how can plant humanities alter or enrich cataloguing, etc.

Day 3, Linnean Society: *Flora in Folio: Biological Inserts in Books and Archives*

While encountering plant parts and other biological material in library books and manuscripts is relatively common, the question of how to respond to such material is not straightforward. Collection management decisions vary on an institutional as well as individual level, depending on a range of parameters including available resources, rarity, provenance (or lack thereof), research significance, monetary value, and so on. Should the material be left in the book or removed? What form and degree of documentation is necessary, and what are the best terms to use in the metadata? What is their research value? These and other questions will be discussed at a workshop on 22 June at the Linnean Society, which will begin with a morning of flash talks followed by presentations and a panel discussion from a research, library, and conservation perspective. The flash talks are an invitation for participants to look into their collections for examples of biological inserts, and present them in the form of a 10-minute talk introducing the volume(s), any information about its provenance, any conservation measures that have been taken, and whether/how the material has been documented.



Accommodation

A group discount has been arranged at the EasyHotel, Shoreditch:

<https://www.easyhotel.com/hotels/united-kingdom/london/london-city-shoreditch/book?numAdults=1&arrival=2023-06-20&departure=2023-06-23>

Up to 30 rooms will be available to delegates at the discounted rate of £119 per night. Please use the code 'LSOL23' at checkout to apply the discount.

Please note availability at the hotel is strictly limited, and early booking is advised.

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