

Invertebrate Link (JCCBI) Symposium 2015

To be held at the Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London on 23 September 2015

In association with the Linnean Society's Taxonomy & Systematics Committee

Formed in 1968 as the Joint Committee for the Conservation of British Insects, Invertebrate Link (JCCBI) brings together organisations concerned with the conservation and study of invertebrates in the UK. It provides a forum for the sharing of information and views amongst its member organisations, which include leading conservation charities, statutory bodies, entomological societies and specialist groups. Over the years, Invertebrate Link has produced various well-regarded codes of practice, guidance documents and policy statements, and has organised conferences highlighting its concerns, many of which are shared by the Linnean Society's Taxonomy & Systematics Committee. Speakers at this Symposium, which marks Invertebrate Link's 100th meeting, will address a range of such themes, including recruitment of the next generation of invertebrate specialists and biological recorders, and the importance of specimen collections, best practice in site surveys, and co-operation towards shared goals.

Symposium Programme

1030 Registration

1110 *Welcome*. David Cutler (Chairman, Taxonomy & Systematics Committee, Linnean Society)

1115 *Introduction*. Oliver Cheesman (Chairman, Invertebrate Link (JCCBI))

1120 ***Reflections on one hundred meetings***. Mike Morris (Honorary President, Invertebrate Link (JCCBI))

1135 ***Just a load of dead bugs? The value, use and future of insect collections in conservation***. Darren Mann (Head of Life Collections, Oxford University Museum of Natural History)

1220 ***New guidance on commissioning invertebrate surveys: working towards a more rigorous framework for site assessment***. Sarah Henshall (Lead Ecologist, Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust)

1305 LUNCH

1400 ***Biological recording of invertebrates: celebrating the past and looking to the future***. Helen Roy (Co-ordinator of Zoological Data & Research, Biological Records Centre, NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology)

1445 ***All Linked Up? The value of partnership working for invertebrate translocations***. Jane Sears (Biodiversity Projects Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)

1530 TEA

1600 ***"I started with the AES" - supporting the entomologists of tomorrow***. Dafydd Lewis, (Honorary Secretary, Amateur Entomologists' Society)

1645 ***Species monitoring in the Environment Agency: developing new training resources for invertebrate identification***. Richard Chadd (Senior Environmental Monitoring Officer, Environment Agency)

1730 *Concluding remarks* (Oliver Cheesman)

1800 Wine reception

To attend, please register: <http://www.linnean.org/Meetings-and-Events/Events/Invertebrate+Link+Symposium+2015>
A nominal fee of £10 per delegate will be charged to cover lunch and tea/coffee.

Please note also that, the following day (24 September), the Linnean Society's Taxonomy & Systematics Committee is hosting a meeting organised by The Systematics Association:

The Joy of Discovering the Natural World

The sheer excitement and importance of discovering and describing the natural world is often overlooked at a time of tremendous environmental uncertainty. This one-day meeting will bring together a number of UK scientists committed to describing new species to tell the stories that lie behind their discoveries. Each talk will give an overview of the new species, explain how they were discovered (field work, existing specimens, morphology, molecular data, serendipity) and discuss the significance and excitement of their work.