



The Linnean Society of London

Anniversary Meeting

Tuesday 24 May 2016 4.00pm

Agenda and Council Nominations

*The Linnean Society of London
Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BF*

Agenda

1. Welcome to members and guests
2. Apologies for absence
3. Admission of Fellows
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2016
5. Third reading and approval of proposed Byelaw amendments
6. Third reading of Certificates of Recommendation for Foreign Member and Fellows *honoris causa*
7. Appointment of three scrutineers
8. Ballots
 - a. Ballot for Members of Council
 - b. Ballot for Officers
 - c. Ballot for Foreign Member and Fellows *honoris causa*
 - d. Ballot for Fellows and Associates
9. Citations and Presentations of Medals and Awards
 - a. Linnean Medal (Botany): **Sandra Knapp**
 - b. Linnean Medal (Zoology): **Georgina Mace**
 - c. Darwin-Wallace Medal: **Pamela and Douglas Soltis**
 - d. Bicentenary Medal: **Anjali Goswami**
 - e. Trail-Crisp Medal: **Imogen Sparkes**
 - f. Irene Manton Prize: **Christopher Williamson**
 - g. John C Marsden Medal: **Thomas Halliday**
 - h. HH Bloomer Award: **Howard Matcham**
 - i. John Spedan Lewis Medal: **Edgar Turner**
 - j. Jill Smythies Prize: **Anita Barley**
10. Treasurer's Report and *The Lord Treasurer of Botany* Book Launch

11. Motion to Accept Accounts for 2015
12. Appointment of Auditors for 2016 and Banking Arrangements

Ten minute interval

13. Presidential Address
Eyepots on Butterfly Wings and the Science of Natural History
14. Vote of Thanks
15. Result of Ballots and any casting votes
 - a. Members of Council
 - b. Officers
 - c. Foreign Member and Fellows *honoris causa*
 - d. Fellows and Associates
16. Names of Vice-Presidents
17. Future events
18. Any other valid business

Dr Elizabeth Rollinson, Executive Secretary

At close of business, Fellows and their guests are invited to adjourn to the Library for a wine reception, where Tom Kennett will sign copies of The Lord Treasurer of Botany. The reception will be followed by the Anniversary Dinner.



Nominations for Council 2016

The following three members of Council will complete their three years of service and will be retiring at the Anniversary Meeting on 24 May 2016:

Professor Anthony Campbell
Professor Mark Seaward
Dr Michael Wilson

Professor Gren LI Lucas OBE is standing down as Treasurer.

The Treasurer-Elect, **Deborah Wright**, is thus standing as Treasurer.

The Officers have all indicated their willingness to stand for re-election, as follows:

President:	Professor Paul Brakefield FRS
Scientific Secretaries:	Dr Malcolm Scoble Professor Simon Hiscock
Editorial Secretary:	Professor Mark Chase FRS
Collections Secretary:	Dr John David

The five persons below have been nominated for Council and Fellows are asked to vote for five Council members.

COUNCIL

DR MAARTEN CHRISTENHUSZ

Proposers: **Michael Fay** and **Mark Chase FRS**

Dr Maarten Christenhusz (FLS 2008) is a freelance botanist working on plant classification. He has published over 50 papers on various subjects ranging from historical herbaria to modern DNA-based classification of plant groups including ferns, conifers and flowering plants. He works on a project with IUCN to redlist European ferns. He has been an active member of the *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society* editorial board since 2009 and is now Deputy Chief Editor. He was the founding editor of *Phytotaxa*, a journal for rapid publication of botanical novelties. He has worked in scientific curation at the Finnish Museum of Natural History, the Natural History Museum, London, and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He is an Honorary Research Associate at Kew. In addition to his editorial role, he is a regular attendee of meetings at the Linnean Society. His curatorial and taxonomical experience will be of great benefit to the Society.

DR CHRISTOPHER MICHAELS

Proposers: **Paul Bates** and **Paul Racey**

Dr Christopher Michaels (FLS 2016), 27, is a herpetologist at the Zoological Society of London. He graduated with a First Class Degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Oxford and recently completed his PhD at the University of Manchester (UoM), which focussed on the captive husbandry and conservation of amphibians. In his current role, Chris maintains the Living Collection of amphibians and reptiles at ZSL and is also heavily involved in amphibian conservation and research projects. He is a Harrison Institute Trustee, a Visiting Scientist at UoM and a founder/organiser of the *Annual Amphibian Conservation Research Symposium*, a major international amphibian meeting. He publishes frequently in peer-reviewed journals on amphibians, birds, and mammals, and collaborates internationally with scientists and conservationists. He is a keen student of the natural world and would bring youth and enthusiasm, as well as a strong scientific foundation in the Life Sciences to the Society.

DR PAUL SMITH

Proposers: **Gren Lucas OBE** and **Paul Brakefield FRS**

Dr Paul Smith (FLS 2012) is the Secretary General of Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), a membership organisation comprising more than 500 botanic gardens in >100 countries. He is the former Head of Kew's Millennium Seed Bank (MSB). During his nine years at the helm there, seeds from >25,000 plant species were conserved in the MSB; and Paul and his team promoted seed banks as a resource for human innovation, adaptation and resilience in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and habitat restoration. Paul is a plant ecologist, and a specialist in the plants and vegetation of Southern Africa. He is the recipient of the New England Wildflower Society's medal for services to international plant conservation, and is a Trustee on two boards in the US and UK. After 30 years working in conservation, seed banks and botanic gardens, he brings a wealth of connections and experience across continents and scientific disciplines.

DR ROSIE TREVELYAN

Proposers: **Paul Brakefield FRS** and **Oskar Brattström**

Dr Rosie Trevelyan (FLS 2016) is Director of the Tropical Biology Association (TBA), a capacity building NGO with offices in Cambridge and Nairobi. Through the TBA, she has developed a programme of practical training combined with follow-up support that is building careers of conservation scientists and professionals from around the world. She previously worked in marine conservation in Kenya and was a research scientist at Oxford University and the British Trust for Ornithology. She has a BA and Doctorate in Zoology from the University of Oxford, during which time she carried out varied projects on birds, lizards, coral reefs, and the Malagasy giant jumping rat. She is particularly interested in the role of capacity building as a tool for conservation. She has written a range of field identification guides and training manuals for the Tropical Biology Association's sites in Africa. Rosie is a member of several committees and boards of organisations that promote conservation science, education and outreach – thus she brings much valuable experience to Council.

DR MARK WATSON

Proposers: **John David** and **Sandra Knapp**

Dr Mark Watson (FLS 1987) is Head of the Major Floras Research Programme at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. His research focus is on floristics and fieldwork in the Sino-Himalayan region, monographic studies on the plant family Apiaceae (Umbelliferae), and biodiversity informatics. This has included authorship for *Flora of Bhutan* (completed 2002), author and member of the Editorial Board of *Flora of China* (completed 2013), and author and Editor-in-Chief of *Flora of Nepal* (ongoing). Major responsibilities include: managerial and leadership roles; project development, funding and delivery; international partnership development; and floristic and botanical history research. Mark has a long association with the Linnean Society, starting with his research on the Linnean collections and library as part of his PhD, and continuing with historical research on early botanical explorations in Nepal. He served on Council 2009-2011, and is a great advocate for the Society, giving lectures and introducing Ambassadors and other diplomats to the treasures in the collections.

Make a nomination for a 2017 Medal

The Linnean Society seeks to encourage excellence in the natural sciences by awarding a series of medals and prizes to scientists and artists for outstanding work in their field:

The Linnean Medal to a biologist for service to science.

The Bicentenary Medal to a biologist under the age of 40 years in recognition of excellent work.

The Darwin-Wallace Medal to a person who has made major advances in evolutionary biology.

The Irene Manton Prize to a PhD student for the best botany thesis in an academic year.

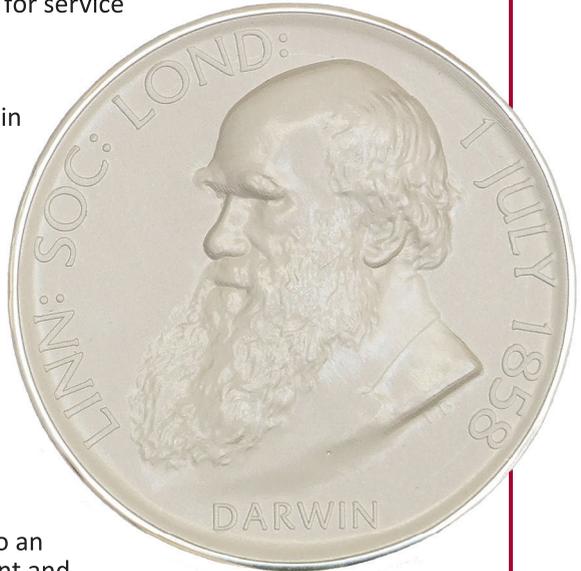
The John C Marsden Medal for the best doctoral thesis in biology.

The John Spedan Lewis Medal to an individual who is making a significant and innovative contribution to conservation.

The H H Bloomer Award to an amateur naturalist for an important contribution to biological knowledge.

The Trail-Crisp Award in recognition of an outstanding contribution to biological microscopy that has been published in the UK.

The Jill Smythies Award to a botanical artist for outstanding published illustrations.



Nominations for 2017 are now open and will close on **30 November 2016**. Visit <http://www.linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants> to find out more about nominating an individual for a medal or award.

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Anniversary Meeting Dinner

Following the Meeting, Fellows and their guests are invited to accompany the President, Officers and Medal winners to dinner at a local restaurant:

Assagetti, 71 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4RW

<http://www.assagetti.co.uk/>

£49 (this includes three courses, wine & coffee)

*All Fellows are welcome to attend but we kindly request that you register and make your menu selections by **1 May 2016***

Please register online at <http://www.linnean.org/meetings-and-events/events/anniversary-meeting-2016>

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