

In association with the conservation science, management and leaderships Masters courses at



presents

Conservation 2037

A day to think about shaping the future of our profession and
passion

11am - 6pm, Thursday 26 January 2017

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

Aims of the day

These are simple, the purpose of the day is to:

1. bring together cohorts studying conservation Masters courses to generate a greater sense of collective identity and empowerment;
2. explore the ideas and drivers that suggest a transformation in the science, policy and practice of conservation; and
3. facilitate and encourage 'new generation' conservationists to voice and reflect upon the values, issues and practices which they would like to see at the centre of conservation 20-years hence.

Preparation for the day

Information forthcoming.

Programme

11am - 11.40am **Registration / Tea and Coffee (Library)**

Welcome: Linnean Society

11.40am - 1pm **Session 1 (Meeting Room)**

Conservation past, present and future

This session will comprise 4x 15 minute presentations on big themes by established conservation thinkers. The aim is to help position the present so we can think ahead.

Session Chair: [Dr Andrew Knight](#)

From where can you make a difference and how?

[Sir Graham Wynne](#) will talk about how the organisational landscape of conservation has changed over time and likely directions of travel.

Predicting anthropogenic ecosystem change using system dynamics

[Professor Kate Jones](#) will talk about the use of system dynamics and associated methods to forecast the impact of global changes on ecosystems and the services they provide.

Technology-empowered conservation

[Dr Paul Jepson](#) will take stock of the influence of new technological forces on conservation science and practice and outline a vision for how these could be harnessed to empower and widen the conservation movement.

The changing face of the conservation movement

[Ruth Davies](#) will consider how the human make-up of the conservation profession has changed over time and identity and discuss trends for the future.

Q & A

1pm - 2pm

Lunch break

Participants will forage for themselves in the many cafes and sandwich shops nearby.

2pm - 3.30pm **Workshop Session (Library)**

Our conservation, our future

In this session participants will to reflect on two themes: 1) what values and ethics they want to work to uphold and promote in their future conservation careers and society more generally; and 2) what key issues and/or agendas they want to address and take forward.

Participants will be organised into cross-course groups of eight and asked to debate these themes (above) and formulate key points to report back to the assembled company.

Prior to the day each course will nominate 2 rapporteurs who will prepare statements/positions on the two questions for presentation in the evening session. These will be based on a) their own thinking and prior discussion with course mates and b) the views discussed and represented in this workshop.

3.30pm - 3.45pm **Comfort break**

3.45pm - 5.45pm **Session 3 Panel Discussion (Meeting Room)**

Conservation 2037: Empowering Future Conservationists

Session Chair: [Dr Paul Jepson](#)

A panel of four conservation CEOs will first briefly outline their vision for Conservation in 2037. Each of the student rapporteurs will then present the conservation issues, agendas and/or visions they want to uphold, shape and/or work for. The audience will be invited to amplify these points leading to a discussion with the panel on things they can, or are willing to, do to support the conservation visions and aspirations of the assembled company.

Panellists

- Patricia Zurita, CEO BirdLife International (ex CEP)
- [Debbie Tann](#), CEO Hampshire Wildlife Trust (ex UCL MSc)
- [Craig Bennett](#), CEO Friends of the Earth
- [Robin Mitchell](#), Director, The Biodiversity Consultancy

5.45pm – 6.45pm **Wine Reception (Library)**

Participating Courses

- [MSc/MPhil Biodiversity, Conservation and Management](#), University of Oxford
- [MSc Conservation Science](#), Imperial College London
- [MPhil Conservation Leadership](#), University of Cambridge
- [MRes Biodiversity, Evolution and Conservation](#), University College London
- [MSc Conservation](#), University College London

Organisers

- [Paul Jepson](#), Course Director MSc/MPhil Biodiversity, Conservation and Management, email: paul.jepson@ouce.ox.ac.uk
- [Andrew Knight](#), Course Director, MSc Conservation Science, email: andrew.knight1@imperial.ac.uk