



The Linnean Society of London

Anniversary Meeting

Friday 22 May 2015 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 16 April 2015
5. Third reading of nominations for Honorary Member and Foreign Member
6. Appointment of three scrutineers
7. Ballots
 - a. Ballot for Members of Council
 - b. Ballot for Honorary Member: **Prince Akishino (Fumihito) of Japan**
 - c. Ballot for Foreign Member: **Prof Else Marie Friis**
 - d. Ballot for Officers
 - e. Ballot for Fellows and Associates
8. Citations and Presentations of Medals and Awards
 - a. Linnean Medals: **Profs Engkik Soepadmo, Claus Nielsen & Rosmarie Honegger**
 - b. Darwin-Wallace Medal: **Prof Roger Butlin**
 - c. Bicentenary Medal: **Dr Vince Smith**
 - d. Irene Manton Prize: **Dr Shanna Ludwig**
 - e. Jill Smythies Award: **Claire Banks**
 - f. HH Bloomer Award: **Robert Heckford**
 - g. John Spedan Lewis Medal: **Mercy Morris**
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Motion to Accept Accounts for 2014

11. Appointment of Auditors for 2015 and Banking arrangements

Ten minute interval

12. Presidential Address

Following in their footsteps: Cambridge women botanists and the Linnean Society

13. Vote of Thanks

14. Result of Ballots and any casting votes

- a. Members of Council
- b. Honorary Member
- c. Foreign Member
- d. Officers
- e. Fellows and Associates

15. Introduction of new President, **Prof Paul Brakefield FRS**

16. Names of Vice-Presidents

17. Future events

18. Any other valid business

At close of business, Fellows and their guests are invited to adjourn to the Library for a wine reception, which will be followed by the Anniversary Dinner at the Royal Society of Chemistry at Burlington House



Nominations for Council 2015

The following five members of Council will complete their three years of service and will be retiring at the Anniversary Meeting on 22 May 2015:

**Dr Janet Cubey, Dr Sarah Whild,
Dr Anjali Goswami, Dr Pat Morris OBE
and Professor Thomas Richards**

Deborah Wright is standing as Treasurer-Elect. The Officers have all indicated their willingness to stand for re-election, as follows:

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

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

COUNCIL

ROSIE ATKINS

Proposers: **John David** and **Gren Lucas OBE**

Rosie Atkins FLS (2003) was Curator of Chelsea Physic Garden for 9 years until 2010, and is just completing a term as a Trustee of the RHS, where she has been Chairman of the Awards Committee and a member of the Horticulture Board, the Gardens Committee, Lindley Library and Arts Committee, Woody Plants Committee, and Garden Advisor for RHS Rosemoor. She is also an RHS show judge. She has been a Trustee of Great Dixter Charitable Trust since 2008 and served on the English Heritage Garden Panel (2011–) and the committee of the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association (2012–). She was a founder and Chairman of London Gardens Network. Having started her journalistic career at the *Sunday Times*, Rosie launched and edited the award-winning *Gardens Illustrated* magazine from 1992–2001. She continues to write and lecture around the world. Rosie thus brings a wealth of experience to Council.

PROFESSOR JULIET BRODIE

Proposers: **Jeffrey Duckett** and **Silvia Pressel**

Professor Juliet Brodie (1997) is a research phycologist at the Natural History Museum specialising in genomic approaches to macroalgae and microbiomes, seaweeds in a time of rapid environmental change and taxonomy, phylogenetics and conservation of algae. She is a leading authority on the Bangiales, a cosmopolitan Order of red seaweeds, including nori and laver. Current research also addresses the impact of ocean acidification on calcified red algae and the effects of climate change on large brown habitat-forming seaweeds. She has contributed to Government initiatives such as the Scientific Advisory Panel for Marine Conservation Zones, and was a Biological Sciences panel member for the latest Research Excellence Framework for assessing research in all UK Higher Education Institutes. She has over 25 years of Council experience for Societies, was President of the British Phycological Society and the Systematics Association and is currently Overseas Vice-President of the Phycological Society of America and President-Elect of the International Phycological Society. She is passionate about her subject and science in general and would bring that commitment and experience to the Linnean Society Council.

DR MARK CARINE

Proposers: **Simon Hiscock** and **David Cutler**

Dr Mark Carine (2000) is a plant systematist at the Natural History Museum in London, since 2001. He obtained his DPhil at the University of Oxford. His research focuses on Convolvulaceae systematics and the systematics and biogeography of island plants. He is currently involved in monographs for *Convolvulus* (200 species) and *Ipomoea* (600 species) integrating morphological and molecular data. In the Macaronesian region, his research aims to integrate field work, traditional taxonomic approaches and molecular systematics to investigate patterns of endemic diversity and understand the processes responsible for generating those patterns. He also has a keen interest in the history of botany. Mark is an Editor for *Journal of Biogeography* and *Phytotaxa*. He is a Council member of the Systematics Association (SA) and manages the assessment process for the Systematics Research Fund, a joint initiative between the Society and SA.

DR MICHAEL FAY

Proposers: **Gren Lucas OBE** and **Mark Chase FRS**

Dr Michael Fay (1990) is the Editor of *The Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society* (2008 to date), and has overseen a substantial increase in its impact factor (currently 2.699). He is the Senior Research Leader in Conservation Genetics at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He utilises modern techniques to investigate the genetics and relationships of rare species from the UK and elsewhere, using the data collected to inform conservation management decisions. Dr Fay has wide-ranging interests in biodiversity conservation and phylogenetics, with a strong focus on orchids, and he is Chair of the IUCN Orchid Specialist Group. He has served two previous terms on Council (2003–06 and 2008–11) and has been a regular observer on Council (as Editor of *BJLS*) since 2011. He has served as a Vice President (2006–08) and as a member of the Taxonomy and Systematics and Audit Committees. Dr Fay has organised several successful conferences at the Society, including *Systematics and Botanical Illustration* in January 2015.

DR PAUL BATES

Proposers: **Pat Morris OBE** and **Paul Racey**

Dr Paul Bates (1996) is a graduate of Keble College, Oxford and has a PhD (Zoology) from Royal Holloway College. He was bestowed an Honorary PhD (2012) by Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, for academic excellence, contribution and dedication to the advancement of higher education in Southeast Asia. He is Honorary Research Fellow at Bristol University, and at the Prince of Songkla University, and has a special interest in the taxonomy of mammals. He was appointed Director of the Harrison Institute in 1994, promoting biodiversity conservation through taxonomic research, scientific training and international networks. He undertakes frequent field visits abroad and has published numerous papers, including naming 12 new species of mammals. He has led several Darwin Initiative projects and others funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He has worked extensively with educational issues and supervised at least 20 postgraduate students. He will thus be a worthy contributor to Council.

DR OSKAR BRATTSTROM

Proposers: **Paul Brakefield** and **Timothy Smithson**

Dr Oskar Brattstrom (2014) did his PhD at Lund University in Sweden studying the migration ecology of Red Admirals (*Vanessa atalanta*), and around this time

he started regular research visits to West Africa monitoring butterflies in the rainforest areas of Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria. He left Sweden and started working as a post-doc in Paul Brakefield's lab in the Netherlands for two years, funded by the Swedish Wenner-Gren Foundation. In 2011, he transferred to the Department of Zoology, Cambridge, funded by a grant from the European Research Council. His current research is focused on the evolution of sex-pheromones and genital structures, and their role in speciation processes. In addition, he is undertaking a full taxonomic revision of the butterfly genus *Bicyclus*, and investigating taxonomic issues in related Asian genera. Oskar is also working on several re-curation projects in major museum collections. Dr Brattstrom will bring his youthful vigour to Council.

DR MICHAEL KUHLMANN

Proposers: **Malcolm Scoble** and **Thomas Simonsen**

Dr Michael Kuhlmann (2015) is a graduate of Münster University, Germany and was Assistant Professor there until 2008, when he moved to a research position at the Natural History Museum London. As an entomologist, he is particularly interested in bee taxonomy, systematics and biogeography with a special focus on the genus *Colletes* and the bee fauna of southern Africa. Both, *Colletes* bees and the biodiversity hotspot of the Greater Cape Floristic Region in western South Africa, are ideal models for studying evolutionary processes like flower specialisation and the role of plant-pollinator interactions as drivers of diversification. Dr Kuhlmann also acted as a consultant for entomology, environmental impact assessment and conservation management in a company, so he would bring a wealth of experience to Council.

DR ZERINA JOHANSON

Proposers: **Anjali Goswami** and **Max Telford**

Dr Zerina Johanson (2015) is a researcher at the NHM, in the Department of Earth Sciences, Vertebrates and Anthropology Palaeobiology division. She gained her BSc and MSc from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and her PhD from School of Earth Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. Her research is centred on the evolution and development of the early vertebrate skeleton, focusing on dentitions and the postaxial skeleton. Some current projects include: evolution and development of the chondrichthyan dentition, evolution and development of the axial skeleton of jawed vertebrates, including the synarcual, evolution and development of the pufferfish dentition, evolution of the vertebrate dermoskeleton.

Treasurer-Elect

DEBORAH WRIGHT

Proposers: Gren Lucas OBE, Dianne Edwards CBE FRS and John Edmondson

Deborah Wright (2007) until 2013, worked at Wiley Blackwell, responsible to society partners and the company for the well running and fiscal control of a list of journals in whole-organism biology, mainly ecology, entomology and zoology. She has served on several societies and community groups over the years, including holding the officer roles of honorary treasurer, secretary and chair. Deborah grew up on a farm in the Highlands. Her academic field is computer science, computational mathematics to be more precise. This background, combined with her love of the natural world and having had the pleasure of being involved with the Linnean Society, has led to a regard for the work of taxonomists and systematists in particular. She is co-author with Sandra Knapp on a chapter *E-Publish or Perish* in *Systema Naturae 250—The Linnaean Ark*, is a member of the Freshwater Biological Association and a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society.

Anniversary Meeting Dinner

Following the Meeting, Fellows and their guests are invited to accompany the President, Officers and Medal winners to dinner.

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£69 (this includes three courses and wine)

*All Fellows are welcome to attend
but we kindly request that you register.
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