

## **Willi Hennig (1913 – 1976): His Life, Legacy and the Future of Phylogenetic Systematics**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 10.00 – 19.00  
Linnean Society of London

*A joint event between the Linnean Society of London and the Systematics Association.*

Willi Hennig (1913 – 1976) arguably exerted the strongest theoretical influence on the practice and course of systematic biology of anyone since Charles Darwin. A dipterist by speciality, Hennig did not simply study flies but considered a whole host of issues pertinent to biological classification. It would not seem unreasonable to suggest that nearly all comparative biology has been altered because of his contribution. In 2013, if Hennig had lived, he would have been 100 years old. This day meeting has been put together with the aim of celebrating that anniversary.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
9.30 – 10.00	Registration	
10.00 – 10.15	Opening address and welcome	David Williams
10.15 – 10.45	Mission impossible - the youth of Willi Hennig	Willi Xylander
10.45 – 11.15	How much of Hennig is in present-day cladistics?	Michael Schmitt:
11.15 – 11.45	Are we all cladists? Cladograms and other representations of phylogenetic relationships in the 21st Century	Andy Brower
11.45 – 12.05	Refreshments	
12.05 – 12.35	What we all learned from Hennig	Gareth Nelson
12.35 – 13.05	Willi Hennig's Legacy in Scandinavia	Ole Seberg
13.05 – 13.35	Hennigian systematics in France, a historical approach with a glimpse of sociology	Pascal Tassy
13.35 – 14.35	LUNCH	
14.35 – 15.05	Cladistics, Classification and diatoms: How to do cladistics without actually doing cladistics	David Williams
15.05 – 15.35	Semaphoronts: the Elements of Systematics	Leandro C. S. Assis
15.35 – 16.05	Hennig and mereology	Charissa Varma
16.05 – 16.35	Why, Willi, why? The justification of dichotomy in phylogenetics	René Zaragüeta i Bagils
16.35 – 17.05	This Struggle for Survival: Phylogenetic Systematics Among the Life Sciences	Quentin Wheeler
17.05 – 17.15	Overview and closing remarks	David Williams
17.00 – 18.00	Refreshments	
18.00 – 19.00	Willi Hennig – a shy man behind a scientific revolution'	<b>Michael Schmitt</b>
19.00 – 20.00	Wine reception in the Library	