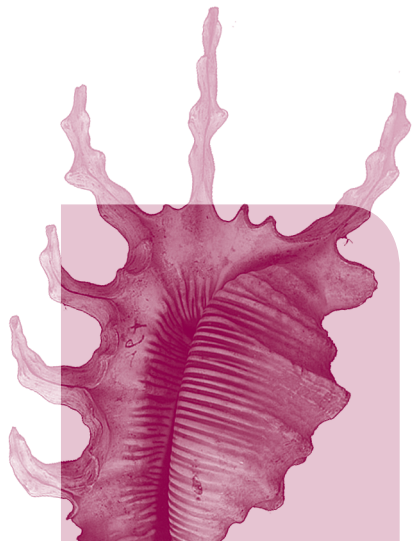




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WHO WE ARE

- A Society that embraces the entire sweep of the natural world, encompassing science, history and art
- A Fellowship that ranges from leading professional scientists to amateur naturalists, artists and historians
- An historic institution with a modern focus on biodiversity, evolution, taxonomy, science policy, conservation and sustainability

WHAT WE DO

- **Publish** three academic journals and other quality publications
- **Host meetings, conferences and events** for scientists and the general public, including free lunchtime and evening talks
- **Produce free education resources** from primary school to tertiary level and beyond
- **Award grants and medals** for excellence in biological research
- **Collaborate and communicate** with the scientific community, government and international organisations to address issues facing the natural world

WHAT WE HAVE

- A world renowned library and collections of plant and animal specimens, books, letters, portraits and art including items collected by some of history's most famous scientists
- A network of specialists: biologists, botanists, zoologists, microbiologists, mycologists

WHERE WE CAME FROM

- Founded in 1788, we are the oldest existing society of natural history, and are based in the cultural centre of Burlington House, Piccadilly, London
- Named after the great Swedish naturalist, Carl Linnaeus who created the binomial naming system (genus and species) for biological classification now used throughout the world. Linnaeus is known as the father of modern natural history and the prince of botanists
- At the heart of many scientific and cultural developments relating to our understanding of the natural world, most notably, Charles Darwin's and Alfred Russell Wallace's epoch-making papers on evolution by natural selection were first read at a meeting of the Society

The Linnean Society is proud of its past, but is equally enthusiastic about its future and is keen to embrace all those with an interest in the natural world

The Linnean Society

Annual Report 2014

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The Arts Council England Designated Status plaque

The President's Review of the Year 2014

We ended the year on a real high, with the announcement that the Society's Collections in their entirety had been awarded Designation Status by Arts Council England—this is an important achievement for the Society, and thanks go to our librarians past (Gina Douglas) and present (Lynda Brooks and Elaine Charwat) for their sterling efforts. Otherwise, it's been the year of 'the refresh'—with the new look newsletter *The Linnean*, and the revamp of the audio-visual equipment in the Meeting Room, both of which have been met with resounding applause, so many thanks to Gina Douglas, Leonie Berwick and *The Linnean* Steering Group, and to Tom Simpson, our (newish) Events and Communications Manager, who has enlivened the website, developing an entertaining LinnBlog, with a number of informed commentaries provided by colleagues on topics ranging from botanical art and early modern elephants, to fascinating excerpts from the Linnaean manuscripts and the threat to temperate slipper orchids, as well as Linnaeus' cure for gout. Tom has also improved the video-podcast experience, and initiated an innovative series of monthly lunchtime lectures which are drawing good audiences, including many non-Fellows, whom we hope will now consider joining the Fellowship. Coupled with the lunchtime lectures, the Library team of Elaine Charwat and Lynda Brooks are running regular Treasures Tours—these are being warmly welcomed and have attracted some interesting visitors. The Collections continue to grow: in particular, we are delighted that the Charles Darwin Trust are gifting a large collection of Darwin and Wallace books and manuscripts to the Society.

The audio-visual system work in the Meeting Room was completed in September, and included the installation of two new HD projectors, an upgrade to the audio system with new microphones and speakers and a new facility that allows for the easy recording and streaming (to the library) of events. You will see from the listing of events in Appendix 1 that the programme, devised by the Programmes Committee under the Chairmanship of Malcolm Scoble, has been extremely full and varied. The Society is actively seeking to extend the geographical reach of its events, and although video-podcasts go some way to achieving global distribution, further regional lectures are coming to fruition, following the successful lecture at Plymouth University in March. On my initiative, to honour the memory of the Society's first woman President, Professor Irene



A portrait of past President, Irene Manton, now hangs in our refurbished Meeting Room

Manton, there will be an annual lecture alternating between Manchester and Leeds; I delivered the inaugural lecture in Manchester in November. This was well attended, although the number of Fellows was few, somewhat defeating one of its aims. Hopefully, the Leeds venue will prove more successful in attracting Fellows. We are also seeking FLS ‘ambassadors’ in other regions and countries to organise local lectures which the Society will sponsor—plans are advancing for a weekend meeting at the Arnold Arboretum in Cambridge, USA, in the spring, for example.

The Education Committee, ably lead by new Scientific Secretary Professor Simon Hiscock, is now fully configured and busy working on the five-year strategy for the Society’s education initiatives, including production of more of our successful loan kits for schools. The Society is delighted that both the Wolfson Foundation and Garfield Weston Foundation have generously committed significant funds to support refurbishment of an education space at Burlington House, and we look forward to attracting the balance of funding required during 2015. This will allow the Society to sustain its work in this important arena, inspiring teachers and students alike about the natural world.

The Society continues to act in advisory/advocacy roles to support the breadth of natural history but especially the science of taxonomy, and has been actively promoting this field, with the benefit of David Cutler’s strategic vision. In particular, the Plenary Session in September entitled *Who Needs Taxonomists?*

brought together the industrial and government ‘users’ of taxonomic data with those generating these data (environmental consultancies, volunteer recorders and taxonomists). The value of applying modern molecular biology techniques to natural history collections was well illustrated by the highly successful (and oversubscribed) two-day genomics meeting in April, organised jointly with the Centre for Ecology and Evolution by Bill Baker



Tom Simpson, Events and Communications Manager



One of the Society's loan kits for schools

and Sven Buerki. Despite this, and the Society making representations to DEFRA (Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), it is hugely regrettable that swingeing cuts have been made to the scientific staff at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG Kew), many of whom have unique taxonomic expertise.

The Society staff have been in hot demand as speakers themselves, representing the Society at various meetings and conferences: Tom Kennett (Smith Biographer) spoke at the London Metropolitan Archives, while Isabelle Charmantier (Manuscripts Specialist) presented at RBG Kew, as well as at the 6th European Society for the History of Science conference in Lisbon, and at the conference *Nature's Empire, A Global History of Linnaean Sciences in the Long Eighteenth-Century* at the European University Institute in Florence. Elaine Charwat (Deputy Librarian) gave a joint talk about Linnaeus Link with Pierre Boillat, the Linnaeus Link Partner from the Conservatoire et Jardin Botaniques de la Ville de Genève, at the European Botanical and Horticultural Librarians Group (EBHL) in Dubrovnik, while Andrea Deneau (Digitisation Officer), together with Elaine, spoke at the Wellcome Trust, and Janet Ashdown (Conservator) spoke on book conservation at the Royal College of Physicians. We congratulate Elaine on being awarded her CILIP chartership (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) as well as for developing and promoting the Linnaeus Link union catalogue, and for organising the Linnaeus Link Partners' meeting at the Society in October.

In such uncertain economic times, our Treasurer, so ably supported by Priya Nithianandan, is to be congratulated on ensuring the financial success of the Society, but we still need to generate more income to maintain our running costs. While the Room Hire team of Victoria Smith and Tom Helps, with the unwavering support of volunteer David Pescod, continue to exceed their targets, the major revenue contribution comes from our journals, ably lead by our editors and supported by our publishers, Wiley. To date, the Society has weathered the upheavals of Open Access publishing. Our second most important source of revenues comes from you, the Fellows, and while I must emphasise your election is based on your interests in natural history, a tremendous financial bonus would come from increasing our Fellowship, and particularly among younger enthusiasts. Our target is 3,000 by 2020. We welcome suggestions from Fellows on how this might be achieved and encourage all of you to act as ambassadors for the Society.

Finally, at the end of my three-year Presidency, it is a time for expression of my personal appreciation for the support of the Executive Secretary, Elizabeth Rollinson, and all the Linnean staff and, of course, our Fellows. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience even for me who has camera and hat phobias. It is immensely reassuring to leave the Society to my successor in such good hands.

Professor Dianne Edwards CBE FRS PLS

Public Engagement, Heritage and Education

HERITAGE: PRESERVATION AND ACCESS

Linnaean Manuscripts Project: Cataloguing, Conservation and Digitisation

The main project focus of the Society in 2014 has been the Linnaean Manuscripts Project, seeing all of the Society's manuscripts of Carl Linnaeus and his son catalogued, conserved, and digitised. The pilot for this project was completed in 2013, with the University of Exeter, digitising 16 of these manuscripts, which are now available online. Since the completion of the pilot, with generous funding from the Andrew W Mellon Foundation, the Society has been working on the remaining manuscripts. This is a two-year project which will be completed during 2015.

Isabelle Charmantier, the Society's manuscripts specialist, has been undertaking the cataloguing, building on the work of Professor A H Uggla in the 1930s, who was never able to publish his catalogue, due to extenuating circumstances (WWII) and personal illness. His catalogue divided the manuscripts into three major sub-fonds, comprising manuscripts from Linnaeus *pater*, those from his son, Linnaeus *filius*, and what Uggla called 'Miscellaneous Authors', that is, manuscripts sent to Linnaeus by various naturalists, collectors and scholars.

The three sub-fonds (Linnaeus *pater*, Linnaeus *filius* and miscellaneous authors) have been retained, as well as most of the thematic series which were set up by Uggla to organise the manuscripts. Within both Linnaeus *pater* and Linnaeus *filius* manuscripts, however, Uggla had a category entitled *varia* which included manuscripts of various content,



Linnaeus *filius*' paper slips describing mammals

and the current catalogue has tried as far as possible to attribute each manuscript to a meaningful series. Moreover, a number of manuscripts were kept in a box entitled *dubia*, which contained items not catalogued by Uggla. Again, these documents have been ascribed to a relevant series. In addition to Uggla's three sub-fonds, another sub-fond has been created, entitled *Collection history*, which will incorporate all the Linnaean, J E Smith, and Uggla folders which held the manuscripts, and often contain valuable information on the provenance and identity of the manuscripts. It will also include various manuscript transcripts and translations that have been made of the Linnaean manuscripts and that are not catalogued.

Cataloguing of Linnaeus *pater*'s manuscripts was completed in October. The cataloguing has now entered its second phase, cataloguing Linnaeus *filius*' manuscripts, of which

there are around the same number as Linnaeus *pater* (c. 300). About a third of Linnaeus *filius'* manuscripts have so far been catalogued, revealing some very interesting documents, such as those related to his stay in England in 1781/1782.

The conservation element of this important project has been progressing well throughout the year, with a team of four people, headed by Janet Ashdown, the Linnean Society's Conservator. Some bound manuscripts are in a poor state of repair, often because they have only rudimentary paper bindings. Some have had sections removed and many have additional loose material added between the pages. The original bindings are only repaired where it is necessary to avoid loss of historic material. Careful housing and storage are also important. Helen Cowdy, who works from Toynbee House, is a paper conservator working mainly on the unbound manuscripts, which are being documented, cleaned, and repaired. Every item is tested for iron II ions, which will provide statistics at the end of the project showing the percentage of iron gall ink present in this part of the collection.



One of Linnaeus' passports, prior to conservation



Ink damage on a Linnaean manuscript

There have only been a few examples of severe ink-induced structural damage to the paper, one in particular where ink had been spilled across the paper saturating a large section. In this case, the paper is extremely brittle, cracks have formed and subsequent handling has caused areas of paper to fall away.

Naomi Mitamura is a paper and book conservator working part time at Burlington House on the Linnean portfolio, a collection of 127 prints, drawings and paintings, containing items which are often requested for research and exhibition. Many were crumpled, torn and fragile. These have now all been conserved and re-housed and are now accessible for researchers and future display. Tony Bish is a specialist paper and book conservator who has been working on fine bindings in the collection,

dealing with a small number of the manuscripts that were rebound by Zaehnsdorf, probably in the late 19th century. These bindings are beautiful, but unfortunately sometimes they obscure the manuscript, making digitisation impossible. Seven of

these have been disbound, repaired and then rebound. The method used to re-sew and rebind them will ensure they can be handled without causing damage in the future, whilst maintaining the items' historical integrity.

Andrea Deneau, the Digitisation Project Manager, has digitised 444 more manuscripts/items during 2014, generating 12,601 images. Work continues on the project and it is anticipated the images, complete with full metadata, will be available online by the end of 2015.



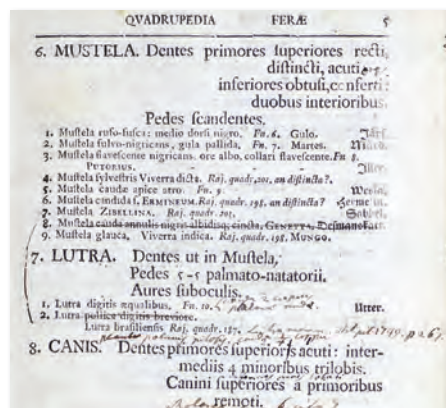
Linnaeus' sketch
from *Lachesis
naturalis*

Sir James Edward Smith Biography

With the bulk of the research completed in 2013, writing on the Society's founder's biography began in earnest in 2014. Tom Kennett, who catalogued Smith's correspondence, has mined many documents to unearth some interesting asides about Smith's development of the Linnean Society, his sometimes acrimonious exchanges with other natural historians of the era and the rise and fall of his connections with powerful friends. Using the breadth of the Society's archives and library, Tom has also travelled far and wide to track down letters and documents relating to Smith, visiting institutions across London and the UK and even obtaining material from Yale's Beinecke Library. Tom's work is shaping up to be a definitive and revealing study of the life of Sir James Edward Smith.

Linnaean Annotated Library

Another project fully funded by the Andrew W Mellon Foundation, the much-anticipated Linnaean Annotated Library, which comprises a collection of almost 200 publications written by Carl Linnaeus and then later annotated by him, is now available through both JSTOR and the Society's Online Collections. Anyone can browse online through more than 60,000 images. Work will continue with the Society's Online Collections hosts, ULCC (University of London Computer Centre), to develop a platform whereby users can translate, transcribe, and comment on Linnaeus' hand-written annotations. This functionality will greatly enhance this collection and this is a technology the Society would like to develop for all of its Online Collections.



An example of Linnaeus' annotations

Sir James Edward Smith Correspondence

Digitisation of the correspondence of the Society's founder, Sir James Edward Smith, was completed in 2013 and working with ULCC over the past year, the complete collection is now available through the Society's Online Collections (and JSTOR). This rich collection of over 3,500 letters totalling 13,439 images is complemented by full metadata compiled by the Project Archivist & Smith Biographer, Tom Kennett. This was another project fully funded through the generosity of the Andrew W Mellon Foundation.

The Linnaeus Link Project and Union Catalogue

It has been an eventful and busy year for the project and the Union Catalogue, which now contains around 11,000 records from 13 contributing Partners. The Society was delighted to welcome the Stockholm University Library as a fully contributing Partner. Their first 339 de-duplicated public Linnaean records went live on the 29 April 2014, and have steadily grown to 429 records. Stockholm University Library is one of Sweden's leading scientific libraries and one of Stockholm's most visited cultural institutions. Important collections include material on deposit from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. These records are a great asset for the Union Catalogue. Other new Partners having expressed an interest in joining Linnaeus Link are: The Société linnéenne de Lyon, the Musée et Jardins botaniques cantonaux in Lausanne and the Natural History Museum of Geneva, and the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh. In addition, following a professional development visit by the Deputy Librarian, Elaine Charwat, to the major National Library Berlin, her host, Dr Katrin Boehme, Curator of Rare Books there, has since visited the Society and discussion is underway to include their important Linnaean material, with the first task being addition of Soulsby numbers to their records.

There were nearly 14,000 page views during the year—a steady increase from previous years, with the most numerous visits from the US, followed by various European countries, as well as Brazil. Renewed collaborative efforts were made to resolve the remaining few problems with linking directly from the Union Catalogue to individual Partner's own online catalogues. Working together with the Society's IT consultants, *67 Bricks*, the team was able to develop a new flexible syntax. Work is ongoing with various Partners to improve the display of their records by customising it. Again, this new, flexible functionality will benefit future Partners as well. This will increase the ability of the system to handle the huge challenge for the Union Catalogue to accommodate diverse international cataloguing practices.

A highlight of 2014 was the Society hosting the Partners' Annual Meeting together with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, who pulled out all stops to offer an outstanding experience to the 23 delegates from 15 institutions based in the UK, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and the US. With this great mix of longstanding Partners, new



The 2014 Linnaeus Link Meeting in London:

Visit to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden and Library, 18 October 2014

From left to right: Helena Backmann (Stockholm University Library), Katrin Böhme (Berlin State Library), Pierre Boillat (Conservatoire et Jardin Botanique de la Ville de Genève), Fiona Ainsworth (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew), Anne Griffin (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew), Régine Fabri (Botanic Garden Meise, Belgium), Nicole Hanquart (Botanic Garden Meise, Belgium), Gunnhild Bäck (Uppsala University Library), Elaine Charwat (Linnean Society of London), Karl Grandin (Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences), Lynda Brooks (Linnean Society of London), Ann-Mari Jönsson (Uppsala University), Laila Österlund (Uppsala University Library), Chuck Tancin (Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh), Eva Nyström (Linnaean Correspondence Project), Barbara Hawes (British Library), Anna Lantz (Hagströmer Library, Stockholm). Picture by Helen Norlin

Partners and prospective Partners, the meeting led to negotiations being renewed or started with institutions considering how they can contribute their records to the Union Catalogue. It was also a great opportunity for the Society to showcase its collections and projects in an international context.

Thanks to the support from all London Partners (including the Natural History Museum and the British Library), the Society was able to put together an excellent programme, which included Dr Isabelle Charmantier talking about the Linnaean Manuscript Digitisation Project and Dr Maria Vorontsova from Kew on the relevance of Carl Linnaeus's work to the modern botanist. Delegates were very pleased to be able to attend the Society's evening meeting that week: Dr Santiago Madriñan Restrepo's talk on *Jacquin's American plants*. The Saturday excursion was particularly fascinating—a special guided tour of the Cambridge Botanic Garden and its library. A

particular gem was a flying visit from the Natural History Museum, where we were delighted to host and exhibit Georg Ehret's original drawing of the Linnaean sexual system at the Society for the very first time.

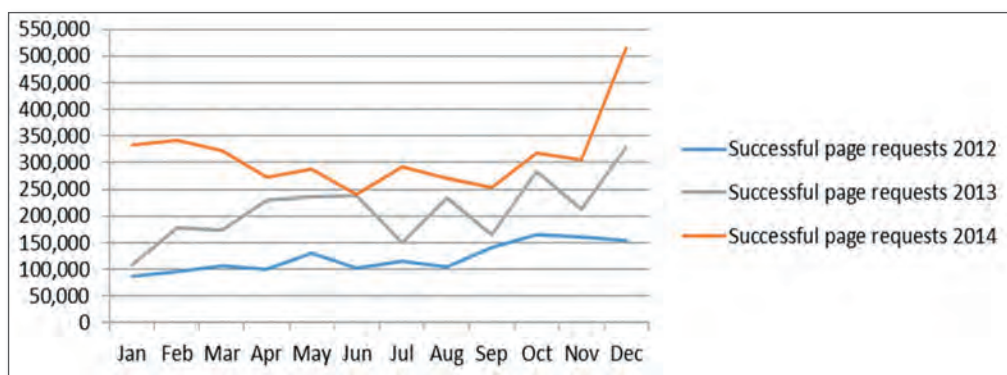
Linnaeus Link has been promoted at other meetings also: the Deputy Librarian gave a joint talk on Linnaeus Link with Pierre Boillat, the representative from the Conservatoire et Jardin botaniques, Geneva, at this year's EBHL (European, Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group) meeting in Dubrovnik (15–17 May 2014), while Pierre Boillat also gave a talk on Linnaeus Link at the Congrès mondial et Colloque satellite IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) meeting in Limoges in August.

While Linnaeus Link seeks flexible ways of receiving financial contributions from users and Partners, the Society has taken the strategic decision to continue fully funding the Linnaeus Link project for another five years, as the project is evolving, and becoming ever-more sophisticated in its technical set-up and presentation. Promotion is key—to be more 'present', online, in print, and in person at conferences and meetings. The Society is looking forward to promoting both this very successful project and the Union Catalogue in the coming year. The works of Carl Linnaeus and his legacy at your fingertips:

www.linnaeuslink.org

Linnaean Online Collections Web Statistics 2014

The statistics for the Society's digitised collections—which are made available through our Online Collections platform and are hosted by the University of London Computer Centre (ULCC)—show the contact figures for our digitised material.



The number of successful page requests is up from previous years. In 2014, there were 3.756 million successful page requests. This increase again ties in with the new content added to the Online Collections—the *Correspondence of Sir James Edward Smith*.

Other Conservation and Digitisation

In addition to the conservation work that is an essential element of the project work above, the Society's Conservator, Janet Ashdown, repaired 28 books from the Library. These are items which may have become damaged through use or cramped storage. The portrait of Percy Sladen which hangs in the Meeting Room was sent to paintings conservator, Amanda Paulley, for repair and cleaning, and we are grateful to the Percy Sladen Memorial Fund for covering the costs of restoring this painting. The newly acquired Buchanan Hamilton maps of Nepal were re-housed.

The Library holds over 2,000 portraits of past scientists and people associated with the Linnean Society. Throughout 2014, the majority of this collection has been digitised and made available through the Library's online catalogue. Having portrait images available with their catalogue entries should make research and enquiries much easier for the Society's users.

Loans to Other Organisations

January saw the return of Linnaeus' pearls which were loaned to the Victoria & Albert Museum for their *Pearl* exhibition. These pearls are the first ever cultured in any mollusc, a technique devised by Linnaeus himself using the freshwater mussel, *Unio pictorum*, which took six years to produce a modest pearl. The Linnaean pearls have been exhibited around the world, including Abu Dhabi, Australia,



John William Lewin's Tasmanian Tiger illustration

Canada, Japan and the United States. The Society has a long-term agreement with the British Museum (from 2002) for their loan of various items from the Society's Collections, including Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey's bust of Sir Joseph Banks. These items are exhibited in the BM's Enlightenment Gallery. Preparations have been completed for the loan to Tate Britain of the first illustration (1817) of the iconic Tasmanian Tiger (Thylacine), now extinct, which was drawn by John William Lewin FLS (1770–1819), an English-born artist, who created the earliest works illustrating the natural history of New South-Wales. The Society holds a number of Lewin's original drawings, which have previously been loaned to the State Library of New South Wales and the National Library of Australia. The World Land Trust Gallery in Suffolk borrowed various William Jackson and Joseph Dalton Hooker items for the exhibition *The Hookers of Halesworth*. J D Hooker was one of the finest scientists of the 19th century, and a brilliant plant collector, while his father W J Hooker was an eminent botanist—and they successively held the post of Director of Kew Gardens, as well as President of the Linnean Society.

HERITAGE: NEW DONATIONS AND ACQUISITIONS

The Society is nearing completion of the acquisition of the Charles Darwin Trust's generous gift of its Darwin and Wallace Collection, comprising some 400 items, including the majority of Darwin's books and some of his original manuscripts. One portrait has been acquired, that of the Reverend William Keble-Martin. Many amateur botanists will have been brought up on his seminal work on British wild flowers. This portrait complements the previously donated original pen and ink drawings from the published book as well as Keble-Martin's paintbox.

A portrait of the Society's Executive Secretary from 1989–2004, Dr John C Marsden, was commissioned and now hangs in the inner office. The Society has also now received the remaining archive of the Linnaean scholar Professor William T Stearn, following the death of his widow. Professor Stearn was President of the Society from 1979–82. The material includes the manuscript of Stearn's *The Natural History Museum at South Kensington*. The Society completed negotiations to acquire a book containing several of the few extant letters of John Claudius Loudon FLS, botanist, designer of gardens, including Birmingham Botanic Gardens, and designer of cemeteries. The Society already holds 14 of his letters and a fine portrait of him hangs on the main staircase. In addition, the Society has received the usual stream of books from Fellows, too many to be listed here, but notified either in *The Linnean* or on the Society's website. These books are duly catalogued and added to the Society's library collection, which now extends to over 90,000 items.



John Claudius Loudon FLS

EDUCATION RESOURCES: SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

The Association for Science Education (ASE) Conference at the University of Birmingham in January was a great success, with Education Officer Hazel Leeper meeting several hundred teachers across the three days, explaining the work of the Linnean Society and launching the Society's Primary level loan kits. As part of the *Biology in the Real World* lecture series, the Linnean Society sponsored a lecture by Dr Rich Boden FLS, Lecturer in Environmental Microbiology & Biotechnology at Plymouth University. Dr Boden's fascinating talk *Life without Light: The Natural History of Movile Cave, Romania* was very well attended.

March 2014 saw Mair Shepherd joining the Education Team as Education Resources Design Coordinator, working specifically on a new collaboration between the Charles Darwin Trust (CDT) and the Linnean Society, to produce a series of A-level resources based around Darwin's work. Authored by education consultants at the CDT and designed and edited by Mair, the modules use Darwin's work on pigeons, carnivorous plants and barnacles to explore the topics of genetics, evolution and taxonomy, respectively. The first module was launched in July and the second in December. By year end, these modules had received 831 downloads from the TES Resources website, and are also available through the Society's website.



The new A-level modules, prepared in collaboration with the Charles Darwin Trust

The Student Lecture series was once again fully booked, with three excellent speakers giving their time to enthuse A-level and Undergraduate students. In March, Dr Dave Hone gave his talk *Dinosaur Identities*, then Dr Ravinder Kanda kicked off the autumn series in October with *The Viral Graveyard* and Christopher Lloyd's *What on Earth?* finished off the year in November. The two autumn lectures have been turned into video podcasts and are available to view through the Society's Vimeo channel.

The Bristol Festival of Nature Wild Weekend took place over the weekend of June 13–15, with the Society sharing a stand alongside the University of Bristol Botanic

Garden. Hazel Leeper, Mair Shepherd and Elizabeth Rollinson showcased the Society's education resources and highlighted the importance of taxonomy and the Linnaean legacy. The opening day was reserved for students from local primary schools, who studied several plant specimens to learn about Linnaeus' naming system. For the final two days of the Festival, the stand was open to the public, creating a much more informal atmosphere, with the University of



Young students visit the Society's stand at the Bristol Festival of Nature Wild Weekend

Bristol tent attracting almost 4,000 visitors. There was a wide range of visitors to the stand, from undergraduates to amateur gardeners to families with young children, and we even welcomed a few Fellows of the Linnean Society.

As an official partner of the Royal Entomological Society's National Insect Week (23–29 June), the Linnean Society was asked to produce an insect themed activity sheet on taxonomy and classification. This will now become part of our digital resource bank. The majority of our resources are available online—through our own website, the STEM eLibrary and TES Resources. 2014 saw another excellent year, with over 12,000 views and around 9,000 unique downloads from the external sites alone. The Society has also sent 330 hard copy poster sets to teachers around the country, with another 300 sets handed out at the ASE conference.



Christopher Lloyd gives his *What on Earth?* lecture to A-level and Undergraduate students at 'Lectures @ the Linn'

During October, the Society once again attended Big Biology Day at Hills Road Sixth Form College Cambridge. Hazel Leeper took along our ever popular beak adaptation activity, explaining a little about the life and work of Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution by natural selection. There were more than 1,100 visitors over the course of the day, with excellent feedback being received from many of them.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Treasures Tours

The Treasures Tours were instigated in late 2013 by the Society's librarians, for groups of around ten visitors, and cover the history of the Society with particular emphasis on Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace, as well as the Collections and legacy of Carl Linnaeus. The Tours enjoyed great popularity in 2014, with nearly 100 visitors in total. Feedback forms were completed by most visitors, which has provided a good idea of their expectations

and how they were met. A little more than half of the people taking part described themselves as generally interested in the Society, whereas roughly 25% of the total number were Fellows of the Society, and 25% were scientists or academics. It is planned to run a Treasures Tour roughly once per month, coinciding with the Society's lunchtime lectures whenever possible, so that visitors are able to enjoy a 'Linnean Society package' with the lunchtime lecture and a tour directly after. Details about the tours can be found on the Society's website under Events.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with the current format and content appearing to work very well for groups that can be quite diverse with regard to peoples' backgrounds and knowledge. The majority of visitors seem happy to give a suggested donation of £5, which was introduced in the second half of the year. This much appreciated contribution is used to support the Society's work, especially with regard to the Library and the Collections. Feedback includes:



Illustrates the passion and endeavour
that these early scientists were a part of—very stimulating tour.

The visit to the strong-room
and sight of both books and specimens was a real treat.

Everything so amazingly interesting and well explained.

[The best thing was...] seeing the first edition of *Systema Naturae*
and how big it was. Books are available on the internet but size and
wow factor only really possible to appreciate in real life.



Lectures and Events—see Appendix 1

Lifelong Learning

The Society's *Lifelong Learning* webpage listing for those wanting to learn more about identifying and classifying organisms now has 25 course providers from around the UK. There are courses that can lead to a professional qualification and those which are purely for pleasure and interest. Some of the courses are suitable for children and families too.

Special Publications

THE LINNEAN

At the very end of 2013, *The Linnean* 'torch' was handed over to Gina Douglas as Editor and Leonie Berwick as Production Editor, from Professor Brian Gardiner and Dr Mary Morris, respectively. The year 2014 saw the first full issues coordinated with input from the newly formed *Linnean* Steering Group: Dr Fernando Vega, Professor Pieter Baas, Dr Sarah Whild, Dr Michael R Wilson and Dr Mary Morris, all FLS, to whom the Society is extremely grateful. New 'Guidelines for Contributors', devised by the editorial team, have been uploaded to the Society's website.

The April 2014 issue saw a change to the layout of the publication, with a widened use of the Society's colour stable, and a slightly reduced format. As a staple production of the Society, the team has been careful to respect what has made *The Linnean* so successful, taking a considered approach to any changes and, encouragingly, feedback throughout the year's two issues has been overwhelmingly positive.



PuLSe

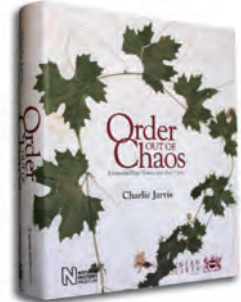
PuLSe also saw a refreshed layout this year, as Special Publications Manager Leonie Berwick worked on a crisper design that would also complement the changes made to *The Linnean*. With topics covering Carboniferous Coal Forests vs tropical rainforests, to a 'call to arms' regarding the science of taxonomy, to Linnaeus' love poetry, the year has produced some diverse articles and well-received issues. Over the past four years *PuLSe* has become a firm favorite with Fellows, and feedback from issues 21–24 has been very engaging, with some articles stimulating discussion and further research:



'I just devoured it'; 'a spectacular edition'; 'Just the sort of information an article of this sort should flush out'; 'I had no idea that Bullock's list of birds existed.' Online versions with more images, links and videos are also proving popular.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

All three of the Society's other self-produced volumes, published in recent years, are available: *Letters to Linnaeus*, edited by Sandra Knapp and Quentin Wheeler; the multi-award-winning *Order Out of Chaos: Linnaean Plant Names and their Types* by Charlie Jarvis and the second edition of *The History of Natural History*, by Gavin Bridson. All three of these works produce a small income and are available to purchase.



The Society's Premises

After the significant investment in both Burlington and Toynbee Houses over the past years, 2014 has been a year of consolidation and planning. Only one room remains to be upgraded in the basement of Burlington House, which the Society intends to use for education and public engagement purposes. As indicated in the President's Review, encouraging progress has been made towards attracting the necessary funding for this 'last piece of the jigsaw' regarding Society premises.

The steady programme of journal and book transfers from Burlington House to Toynbee House has continued during the year, so providing the easing space required in the library for new accessions, while the conservation studio at Toynbee House has provided the necessary space for conservation activities.

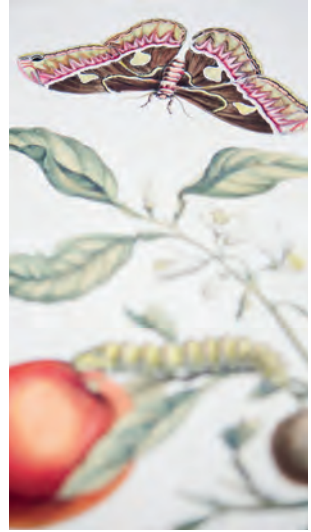


Librarian Lynda Brooks moves journals to Toynbee House with volunteer Pia Wilson

Archives Research: Library Enquiries and Visitors

The Library had a new record high of visitors and researchers this year (1,473 in total), including a descendant of Linnaeus, the grandson of John Collier, who painted the famous Darwin portrait that hangs in the Meeting Room, and a descendent of the chemist Charles Hatchett FLS, whose marble bust is currently in the Library Reading Room.

Some interesting topics of visitors' research have been the popular history of the wild strawberry, the taxonomy and history of the London Plane Tree, and the exchange of information and specimens between French and British naturalists in the 18th and 19th centuries. Connections between landscape, literature and science were explored in the shape of A A Milne's Hundred Acre Wood (aka Ashdown Forest) and Charles Darwin's forays in this area.



The Society was asked to lend its support to *1000 Bees*, a new interactive biodiversity app that is in development, and was also thanked by a representative of the University of Regensburg for assistance with an online international database of women botanists and horticulturists.

A further 1,088 individuals visited on the day of Open House on 20 September. The number of visitors to the Collections Store rose to 600, again a marked increase to previous years. These record numbers reflect that the library is once again a peaceful haven after all the building works but can be attributed more particularly to the success of the new Treasures Tours and other activities to increase awareness of the scientific, historical and artistic relevance of the Library and its collections. To support the growing numbers of visitors and to show off our collections effectively and safely, the Society is planning a permanent display space in the basement, as well as upgrading the display cases in the library.



Lynda Brooks, Elaine Charwat, Gina Douglas
and the ACE Designated Status plaque

In line with previous years, the number of loans remained low at 47, whereas requests for material for Reading Room consultation increased to 757 items. This ties in with the strengths of the Collections, as the Society's most important and unique holdings are not loanable. The total number of email enquiries was slightly down from previous years at 3,711, while telephone enquiries were slightly up, at 264.

Scientific Research

SPONSORSHIP

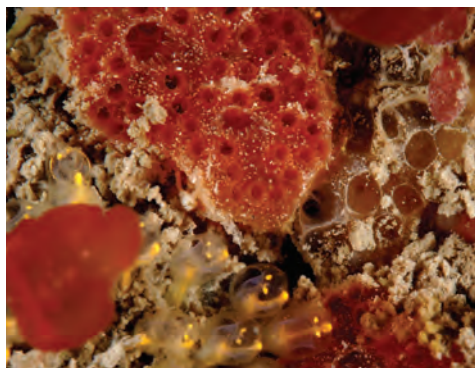
Systematics Research Fund 2014

The Systematics Research Fund (SRF) supports small-scale research projects in the field of systematics and taxonomy. The total annual fund is £30,000, with £24,000 contributed by the Linnean Society and £6,000 contributed by the Systematics Association. Contributions are typically made towards fieldwork expenditure, the purchase of scientific equipment or expertise (eg buying time on analytical equipment), specimen preparation (including the cost of temporary technical assistance) and contributions to publication costs. In 2013/2014, the SRF received a total of 96 applications, of which 30 were funded, as listed below:

Eleanor Adamson (UK)	Myanmar freshwater biogeography; under standing biogeographical transition zone
Anahita Aebli (Switzerland)	Diversification of Malagasy Mimosoids and assembly of the biota of Madagascar
Patricia Álvarez-Campos (Spain)	Phylogenetic study of Syllinaepolychaetes (Annelida, Syllidae)
Maria Bas (Spain)	Marine microbial taxonomic characterization of biofilms associated to whale bones
Fred Benham (USA)	Historical and demographic influences on saltmarsh adaptation in Savannah Sparrows
Bonnie Blaimer (USA)	Uncovering arboreal ant diversity in a montane rain forest in Madagascar
Adam Brunke (Denmark)	Relicts of ancient forests: uncovering evolution of hyperdiverse <i>Staphylinini</i> (Insecta: Coleoptera)
Anne Brysting (Norway)	Initial phylogeographic survey of two Laminariales along a latitudinal gradient
Sammy De Grave (UK)	Unravelling the systematic importance of the nebenauge (ocellus) in Caridean shrimp
Daniela Da'Costa (Guatemala)	Molecular biogeography of the New World Bess beetle, <i>Passalus punctiger</i> (Coleoptera: Passalidae)
Tiffany Doan Costa (USA)	Alpha taxonomy in the Andes of Peru: novel montane lizards
Alfredo Garcia (Spain)	Unravelling the <i>Cheirolophus webbianus</i> complex in the north of Tenerife Island

Will Goodall-Copestake (UK)	Sourcing and characterising salps for genomic studies
D J Harris (Portugal)	Systematics of the high-altitude montane lizard <i>Atlantolacerta andreanskyi</i> in Morocco
Orlando Jara Muñoz (Colombia)	Diversity and biogeographic history of Andean begonias
Francesca Jarero (UK)	Collection of a 'hopeful monster': the relict tapeworm <i>Haplobothrium globuliforme</i>
Áki Láruson (USA)	Morphological correlation with genome implied species: elucidating the sea urchin genus <i>Tripneustes</i>
Jefferson Maciel (Brazil)	Phylogeny and evolution of the gigantic bromeliads (<i>Aechmea</i> subg. <i>Chevaliera</i>)
Robert McKenzie (South Africa)	Phylogenetic relationships of <i>Haplocarpha hastata</i> and generic revision of subtribe Arctotidinae (Asteraceae)
Alex Monro (UK)	Documenting the threatened cave flora of SW China
Andrew Novikoff (Ukraine)	Publication of the book <i>Modern Systematics of Higher Plants: an Introductory Guide</i>
Javier Ortega-Hernandez (UK)	The middle Cambrian lobopodian <i>Aysheaia pedunculata</i> revisited: significance for early arthropod evolution
Ana Riesgo (Spain)	Species delineation in the sponge genus <i>Ircinia</i> using multigene datasets
Marcela Rodriguero (Argentina)	Delimitation of evolutionary units and transitions between sexuality and asexuality in the South American weevil <i>Pantomorus postfaciatus</i> (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)
Bruno Rossaro (Italy)	Molecular taxonomy of <i>Diamesa</i> (Diptera, Chironomidae): DNA repository and dichotomous key
Paula Simões (Portugal)	<i>Cicada</i> species diversity: survey for a poorly known group in North Africa
Vincent Trunz (Switzerland)	Molecular phylogeny of the leaf-cutter bees (Apoidea: Megachilidae, tribe Megachilini)
Timothy Utteridge (UK)	Systematics of <i>Ardisia</i> (Primulaceae: Myrsinoideae)
Mohammad Vatanparast (Japan)	A comprehensive species-level phylogeny of the rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> , Fabaceae)
Aida Verdes Gorin (USA)	Systematics and evolution of bioluminescence in polychaetes of the genus <i>Odoosyllis</i>

The inaugural **Attenborough Award** for the best field work project from the 2013 SRF awards was presented in November 2014 to Professor David Kipling for his study *Enhancing the systematics and recording of British ascidians*, which identified four undescribed *Aplidium* species close to shore, providing a stark reminder of how little is known regarding the biodiversity of Britain's coastal waters.



Colony of *Aplidium* sp. growing *in situ* in Welsh waters. Also showing pinhead squirts (*Pycnoclavella aurilucens*) to show scale.



Volunteers at work pickling samples in Bangor, Wales, during SRF-funded fieldwork

Photos © D Kipling

Appleyard Fund

The Appleyard Fund was established in 1968 from the estate of Percy Appleyard FLS. Grants up to £2,000 are available towards the expenses of research projects in the field of botany or zoology, for Fellows and Associates of the Society who are not in full-time employment as biologists. Exceptionally, in 2014, the Society has made three small awards, contributing to the costs of the following projects:

- **Dr John Edmondson:** to research and write the final volume, vol 7 of *Flora of Iraq*, covering the families Boraginaceae, Scrophulariaceae and Laminaceae, as well as smaller related families
- **Professor Tim Flowers:** to make improvements to eHALOPH, a database of salt-tolerant plants, to increase its functionality and ease of use
- **Dr David A S Smith:** to investigate the evolutionary dynamics of the endosymbiotic male-killing bacterium, *Spiroplasma ixodetis*, that infects the African Queen Butterfly, *Danaus chrysippus*. This project will involve establishing a breeding programme to provide material from two contrasting sites (Kitengela and Lolldaiga) plus observations on oviposition behaviour of females, and cannibalism by newly hatched larvae.

REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH: MEDALS AND AWARDS

Through awarding medals, the Society acknowledges and encourages excellence in all aspects of the biological sciences, with particular emphasis on evolution, taxonomy, biodiversity, conservation and sustainability.

At the Anniversary Meeting in May 2014, the President presented the Linnean Medal in the field of Botany to Professor H Walter Lack. The Linnean Medal in the field of Zoology in 2014 was awarded to Professor Niels Kristensen, who tragically died unexpectedly in December 2014. The 2014 Darwin-Wallace Medal was awarded to Professor Dolph Schluter. The Bicentenary Medal for a Biologist under 40 was awarded to Dr Bonnie Webster, while the Trail-Crisp medal for contributions to microscopy was awarded to Dr Silvia Pressel. The 2014 Irene Manton Prize for the best doctoral thesis in Plant Sciences in the UK was awarded to Dr Simon Renny-Byfield, while the 2014 John C Marsden Medal, for the best doctoral thesis in the Biological Sciences in the UK, was awarded to Dr Orly Razgour. The H H Bloomer Award for an amateur naturalist in 2014 was awarded to Sir Christopher Lever and the Jill Smythies Award for published botanical art to Esmée Somers Winkel. The full citations for the award winners can be found on the Society's website and in *The Linnean* (30)2 October 2014.

At the Anniversary Meeting in May, the Society also recognised the outstanding service to biology or to the Society of a number of individuals who were designated, respectively, Fellow *honoris causa* (David P Taylor Pescod, Lisbet Rausing, John Roundell Palmer, 4th Earl of Selbourne and William Lawrence Banks) or Foreign Member (Pieter Baas and Sherwin Carlquist), while Sir David Attenborough was elevated to Honorary Member, joining the Society's illustrious Royal Fellows, the highest level of Fellowship.



The 2014 Medal, Award and Prize Winners (from left to right): Dr Sylvia Pressel (Trail Crisp Medal); Dr Simon Renny-Byfield (Irene Manton Prize); Professor Dolph Schluter (Darwin-Wallace Medal); Dr Orly Razgour (John C Marsden Medal); Dr Bonnie Webster (Bicentenary Medal); Esmée Somers Winkel (Jill Smythies Award); Professor Dianne Edwards PLS; Sir Christopher Lever (H H Bloomer Award); Professor Niels Kristensen (Linnean Medal—Zoology) and Professor H Walter Lack (Linnean Medal—Botany)

RESEARCH JOURNALS

The Editors of the Society's three research Journals, Emeritus Professor John Allen *Biological Journal*, Dr Mike Fay *Botanical Journal* and Dr Peter Hayward *Zoological Journal*, coordinated by the Editorial Secretary, Professor Mark Chase FRS, continue to be loyally supported by their networks of associate Editors, Editorial Assistants and Reviewers—and with an up to 99% subscription renewal rate that is to be applauded. The Society's publishers, Wiley Blackwell, do a sterling job, and have launched a free Linnean Society Journal app, allowing Journal content to be accessed via hand-held [Apple] devices. Moving with the times, the Journals will be moving to electronic format only from mid-2015, albeit with an option for print-on-demand. There were many highlights during the year, with a few from each research journal listed below:

- ✧ The number of manuscripts submitted to the *Biological Journal* continued to increase, in part due to the attraction of the introduction of fast-tracked 'Comment' and 'Short Research Manuscripts', while the impact factor stands at 2.535. Three themed issues were produced in 2014: *The Role of Behaviour in Evolution* (June, based on a symposium hosted by the Society), *Advances in Palaeohistology* (August) and *Celebrating Dinosaur Island* (November, focused on the Isle of Wight). Articles that were cited by the popular press included those on evolutionary implications of body-size variation in an ant, rapid coloration changes in manta rays, and virgin birth in the reticulated python.
- ✧ The *Botanical Journal* had another successful year, with the new impact factor (2.699) showing a slight increase relative to the previous year. A Special Issue was published in March, entitled *Ecology and evolution on oceanic islands: broadening the botanical perspective*. The island theme continued with a joint Virtual Issue between the *Botanical Journal* and *Journal of Biogeography*, prompted by the occasion of the *Island Biology 2014* conference in Hawaii in July 2014. Fourteen papers published in these journals were selected to form the Virtual Issue, illustrating the breadth and vitality of recent advances in island biogeography.
- ✧ The impact factor for the *Zoological Journal* has continued to rise, to 2.658, and submissions to the Journal have ballooned to 321 manuscripts for the year 2014. Notable papers include those on *Resolution of the type material of the Asian Elephant* (which was also the subject of an evening lecture); a Special Issue of five papers, *Birds: Systematics and Phylogeny* (which has had many downloads); *The characters of Palaeozoic jawed vertebrates*—a significant paper presenting new evidence and interpretations relating to the origins and early diversification of gnathostomes; *The tag-along friendship...*, an extraordinary paper with probable significance for classification of some polychaete worms—morphological structures of some species of Syllidae shown to be protozoan epibionts! *Interspecific social dominance mimicry in birds* was another extraordinary paper likely to promote considerable debate and attract a huge citation rate—subordinate species evolve as mimics of dominant ecological competitors.



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As in 2013, no *Synopses of British Fauna Series* were published during the year but it is hoped that a further volume will appear in 2015.

Strategic Plan 2012–16

The Council, Officers and Committees of the Society have continued to use the Strategic Plan, first laid out in 2008, as a tool for guidance and management leading to achievement of the strategic goal of the Society as stated in its original Charter:

The Cultivation of the Science of Natural History in all its Branches.

The plan was revised, updated and agreed by Council in May 2012. Under the watchful eye of the Strategic Planning Officer, Professor David Cutler, the Society's Committees ensure that they regularly monitor their responsibilities under the plan, and look ahead to develop the plan as circumstances change.

The main elements of the current Strategic Plan are:

1. Be an inspiration for the scientific study of natural history and widen the appeal of the Society

- a. Arrange and hold scientific meetings
- b. Publish peer-reviewed journals and books
- c. Award prizes, grants and medals
- d. Develop the educational programme to targeted groups
- e. Ensure that Public Benefits are as comprehensive as possible

2. Be an informed, independent voice in matters relating to natural history

- a. Raise public awareness of issues in natural history
- b. Raise government awareness of issues in natural history
- c. Maintain successful relationships with the press and media

3. Be a forum for our Fellows and others interested in natural history

- a. Provide an outlet for Fellows' expertise and interests
- b. Link our Fellowship in common causes
- c. Provide relevant support for other individuals and societies interested in the study of natural history
- d. Increase the Fellowship, whilst maintaining membership standards

4. Be a centre for the study of natural history

- a. Maintain our Collections and library to the highest possible standards
- b. Provide access to our Collections and library for a wide audience

5. Provide long-term user access to the Society's rooms at Burlington House

- a. Secure the Burlington House premises for our users
- b. Expand existing and develop additional income streams for the Society.

Public Benefit

In reviewing the Society's aims and objectives and in planning future activities, Council has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.



Forward Look

The Society's plans to move forward with broadening access to its unique Collections, expanding its public engagement and educational activities, were greatly facilitated by the exciting news in December 2014 that Arts Council England had given the Collections in their entirety Designation Status. The Society has an ongoing fundraising programme, which is gathering momentum as two donors have generously committed £125,000 between them, while other grant bids are in process. This funding will enable the Society to refurbish a dedicated education space at Burlington House and to provide the opportunity for schools, families and communities to connect with the natural world, raising awareness of important biological concepts that have relevance in our wider society. This connection is vital, as it underpins our understanding of biodiversity and its conservation, and the Linnean Society is uniquely placed to achieve this, given its rich archive of Linnaeus' specimens, books and manuscripts, as well as those of Darwin, Wallace and other significant scientists.

The five-year strategy for education is being honed and will be implemented, provided that sufficient funding can be attracted. A number of initiatives are planned including establishing an innovative annual competition for the difficult to engage Key Stage 3 (age 11–14) pupils (the *BioMedia Meltdown Competition*). The intention is to focus on a particular area of the biology curriculum (evolution and ecosystems initially), and submissions would be invited in a variety of formats, such as a blog post, a video, a poem, a drawing, an animation, an essay or a photograph, so allowing each student to work to their natural talents, while promoting creative and IT skills, and leveraging new technologies. The planned CPD (Continuing Professional Development) sessions for teachers will undoubtedly increase their confidence in delivering the recently revised National Curriculum.

A number of other projects, involving the cataloguing, conservation and digitisation team are being planned, to facilitate access to the many more interesting items in the Society's archive, including the correspondence of the apothecary Richard Pulteney (1730–1801), the manuscripts of Victorian and earlier naturalists notably those of Alexander MacLeay (1767–1848), and his son William Sharp MacLeay (1792–1865), William John Swainson (1789–1855), John Christopher Willis (1868–1958), Benjamin Daydon Jackson (1846–1927), George Bentham (1800–84), John Ellis (1710–76), as well as wonderful natural history art works, such as those of Alexander Anderson (1775–1870), James Sowerby (1757–1822) and Nathaniel John Winch (1768–1838), plus the Albert Günther albums (1830–1914). Grant funding is fundamental to these projects because without it, these projects, that bring historically and scientifically important collections to light, would not be possible. The Society holds many more valuable collections and it would be of great benefit to the historic and scientific communities if these collections could also be shared with the wider public.



The albums of British Museum zoologist Albert Günther—a project in the making

With the Lunchtime Lecture series at Burlington House now well established, the Society is looking to extend its regional initiatives, both nationally and internationally. The President of the Society has been instrumental in extending the Society's activities outside London, with lectures in Wales and Manchester, and is now looking forward to setting up a regular Society meeting in the United States, likely on the east coast.

Financial Review

The relatively peaceful atmosphere in the Society's rooms during the year, compared with the banging and crashing during last year's refurbishment work, belies the huge and steady activity of the project teams as well as the core staff. In fact the only noisy disturbance during the year was the drilling of two large holes in the back wall of the Meeting Room to house the new projectors.

The Biography of our founder, Sir James Edward Smith, has developed well in the skilful hands of Tom Kennett who hopes to complete the first draft in February 2015. As can be seen elsewhere, the large team at work on the Linnaean miscellaneous material is well over halfway through the task. This is the fourth project funded through the generosity of the Andrew W Mellon Foundation. The team will complete their work during 2015. As indicated in last year's report, the third Andrew W Mellon funded, Smith Correspondence Cataloguing, Conservation and Digitisation Project, was due to be completed during the year. This was successfully achieved, on time and to budget by the hard working team, with the results now available on-line.

The Education Programme was strengthened during the year by bringing on-board Mair Shepherd to develop particular elements of the programme, as is discussed under *Education Resources: Schools and Students*.

The Summary Accounts show the Society's Income down on last year by some £40,702. This is due, in the main, to a severe drop in Donations and Legacies, which was some £80,488 less than last year. This drop masks a steady increase in all the main income-generating areas of Contributions, Investment Income and Use of Rooms. Expenditure increased by £50,591 compared with 2013. The variation can be seen in the detail of the accounts below. The overall calculations show the day-to-day running costs with a surplus of £139,599 at the end of the year.

Fellows' Contributions, Donations and Grants

By the end of the year, there were 2,337 paying Fellows with a further 26 Associates and 30 Student Members. The steady growth in numbers of new Fellows has continued with 149 new Fellows having been elected (and paid up) during the year. There were 27 resignations and 23 deaths. The full total of Fellows, with Honorary and other non-paying members included, now stands at 2,530, compared with 2,504 at the end of 2013. Currently, there are 48 defaulters, half of last year's figure of 96 who need to pay by 24 May 2015. The contribution income rose from £131,161 in 2013 to £137,306 this year.

The Society greatly appreciates those Fellows who have generously signed the Gift Aid form, as it allowed the Society to recover £7,150 to support its aims and

objectives. Income from Standing Orders and Direct Debit mandates, set up by Fellows in support of the Tercentenary Fund appeal, is continuing at a level of £70 a year.

The Society received a most generous anonymous gift of £1,000 and £500 from the Jeremy and Kim White Foundation.

A most welcome legacy of £1,000 was received from the estate of R S George. It cannot be said often enough how valuable such generous gifts are to the Society in helping it to carry out its many programmes, and having them properly funded.

Publications

The vital income received through the Joint Publishing Account with Wiley Blackwell has been maintained for the year at £695,939 compared with £674,115 in 2013. As identified elsewhere in this Report, this is through the combined efforts of the Society's Editorial teams, led by Professor Mark Chase FRS as Editorial Secretary, with the very active Editors, Emeritus Professor John Allen for *The Biological Journal*, Dr Mike Fay for *The Botanical Journal*, and Dr Peter Hayward for *The Zoological Journal*. Our Editors are fully supported by the very dedicated team at Wiley Blackwell.

Investments

The most apt headline quote that summarised the year 2014 for the Stock Market, was captured by *The Times* on January 1st 2015, with the caption, 'FTSE lags the world after a year to forget.' Luckily, the Society did not have to sell any shares in order to carry out any building work this year as the market wandered up and down with some violent swings at times. The book value was increased from £1,648,327 at the end of 2013 by £23,621 to £1,671,948. However, the market value rose to £2,261,130 compared with £2,308,686 at the end of 2013. The income return on investments as a whole was 4%, similar to last year. The slight increase of investment income to £36,354 compared with £34,402 in 2013 in the General Fund, reflects well *The Times* headline! The overall management of the Share portfolio continues, as usual, under the guidance of the Society's Brokers, Brewin Dolphin and the Finance Committee.

The Total Income from all investments, both for the General Fund and the Trust and Special Fund was £66,864, up from £60,751 earned last year.

Designated Funds

The Mortgage Liability fund still stands at £200,000, whilst the outstanding mortgage repayment stands at £283,000. Special Library Expenses Provision is £6,470. The Development Fund stands at £64,354, after the expenditure on last year's refurbishment work.

Accounts

The full accounts were prepared to conform to the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP). However, for Fellows, the layout of the text and summary accounts has been maintained, as far as possible, in a similar format to previous years.

The *Use of Rooms* income this year shows what is possible through the hard work of Tom Helps, Facilities Manager, and Victoria Smith, Buildings and Office Manager, to build up and secure the long-term use of the Society's facilities. The income received this year exceeded the target of £40,000 set by them, by £4,968 at £44,968. It is inappropriate to compare it with last year's total (August to December 2013) of £15,717, with all the trials and tribulations of the building work carried out last year, but it does show all the help they gave to find alternative accommodation for our regular users was appreciated and has paid off handsomely. A remarkable effort for which they are to be congratulated! Catering yielded £4,559 compared with £2,298 in 2013.

Financial Contributions toward Grant Expenditure was roughly the same as last year at £7,578 compared with £7,622 for 2013.

Royalty Income was almost identical to last year at £1,694 compared with £1,674 in 2013.

There were no *Contributions to Special Library Expenses* during the year. However, there were general *Contributions to Library Facilities* of £1,250, compared with £371 in 2013.

Contributions to Meetings figure was down on last year to £3,000, compared with £5,719 in 2013. This lower figure is more in line with the 'normal' expectations for this heading.

The *Other Income* heading was £1,153 down this year from £2,032 in 2013.

As with the Income, the Expenditure figures show the net situation at the end of the year. For example, the *Scientific Meetings* heading shows a net cost to the Society of £12,793. The actual expenditure was £25,642, with an income of £12,849 and supported by a contribution of £3,000 that is shown in the income side of the Accounts. Last year's net expenditure under this heading was £11,068.

The cost of *Medals and Engraving* was down to £877 this year compared with last year when the figure was £2,013, as various blank medals were purchased for use over the years.

Overall expenditure for the *Library* returned to a more normal level of £11,644 as there were no major one-off costs as shown in last year's Report, when the expenditure was £18,401.

The costs to be found under *The Linnean* heading, which includes the production of the *Annual Report*, continued to drop to £10,769, compared with £12,399 in 2013. The cost of *PuLSe*, on the other hand, went up from £8,272 last year to £12,987 this year, through a forced change in designers and printer.

Payroll costs were again up this year, being £373,219 compared with £354,484 in 2013. The reason for the increase was due to the appointment, during the year, of an Education Officer as a permanent member of staff. Further, these costs do not show the actual increases that occurred during the year as they are offset, as last year, by staff time costs being charged against appropriate projects, particularly in the case of Janet Ashdown in relation to her conservation activities. It is appropriate here to note that the project headings cover the salaries of those staff employed on each particular task and project, and do not appear in this section of the report.

Training costs were similar to last year at £5,886, compared with £5,918 in 2013.

Financial Services costs were considerably up this year at £10,057 compared with £5,918 last year, and reasons for this will be reviewed during the coming year.

Legal and Related Professional Fees again rose this year to £6,819 from £5,275 in 2013.

Mortgage Interest Payments for Toynbee House were £11,574 for the full second year. This compares with £13,385 for last year.

Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone costs rose to £21,156 for the year compared with £18,594 in 2013.

Office Equipment costs more than doubled this year to £7,258 compared with £3,016 in 2013. The reason for this was the replacement of the Society's IT equipment which was over 7 years old. *Photocopying costs* were slightly up to £998 compared with £740 in the previous year.

The *General Rates* grew again quite steeply to £25,398 from £23,532 in 2013. This includes a special levy in support of the 'Heart of London' programme. *Water Rates* grew from £911 in 2013 to £1,213 in 2014. Conversely, *Gas and Electricity costs* were slightly less at £18,042 this year compared with £18,180 in 2013.

The very careful control of all service costs through the diligence of the staff, led by Priya Nithianandan, Financial Controller, in seeking the best deals in all fields is to be admired and they are all to be congratulated for their success.

Repairs, Maintenance and Renewals of contracts costs were again down this year at £22,727 compared with £26,881 in 2013.

Depreciation Costs have risen to £50,626 from £46,288 last year. This increase was due largely to the installation of the new projectors and sound system in the Meeting Room.

Committee Expenses dropped considerably to £10,856 this year from £12,782 last year. On the other hand, *Miscellaneous Expenses* were slightly up this year from £2,715 in 2013 to £2,610 this year.

Affiliation Fees and Subscriptions remained much the same as last year at £1,072 compared with £1,149 in 2013. The Society for Biology dues for the year were £3,500.

Grants and Awards amounted to £27,082 this year compared with £30,679 in 2013. Sadly, the drop was caused by the return of a grant that could not be taken up. The Systematics Association contributed £6,000 as in previous years.

As mentioned in last year's Annual Report, the Society, collectively, with the other 4 Courtyard Societies, is still in negotiation with the Landlord, DCLG, through their new agents GVA, with regard to the rent. Our Executive Secretary, Elizabeth Rollinson, has handed over the Chairmanship of the Courtyard Learned Societies Committee to Dr Edmund Nickless, the Executive Secretary of the Geological Society, but Victoria Smith has remained as Minute Secretary. Expenditure and contingencies under this heading for this year, mainly Insurance and Fire Alarm costs and Rent, was £67,645 compared with £48,075 last year.

Website and Hosting costs have returned to their expected level of £50,222 compared with last year's total of £21,039, which as last year's Annual Report explained was reduced dramatically by the refund of previous years' over-charging.

Education costs appear to have dropped slightly this year, from £30,684 last year to £26,990 in 2013, but as indicated in last year's Annual Report, all Hazel Leeper's employment costs are now included in the main Salaries column. However, the Society took on another team member, Mair Shepherd, during the year to boost the Education team in line with the development policy for Education in the Society.

Health and Safety costs were slightly less this year at £1,199 compared with £1,553 in 2013.

Toynbee House Maintenance Expenditure nearly halved this year from £21,647 in 2013 to £11,214 as the building settled to a normal yearly routine of maintenance support.

There is no provision for VAT compared with £7,834 last year.

All other expenditure costs were in line with their budget headings.

It is most appropriate at this point to thank all the Officers and Staff for being, as usual, so careful in the control of expenditure in their areas of responsibility. Finally, it is particularly appropriate to thank our Financial Controller, Priya Nithianandan, for his careful and constant oversight of all the Society's financial activities in what has been a relatively peaceful year for refurbishment activities.

Summary Accounts

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

GENERAL FUNDS	2014	2013
INCOME	£	£
Contributions	137,306	131,161
Tax Recovered	7,150	6,875
Publications – Joint Account *	695,939	674,115
Back Issues	745	216
Other Publications	780	(514)
Contribution toward Grant Expenditure	7,578	7,622
Investment Income	36,354	34,402
Donations Received	2,950	25,470
Legacies Received	1,032	59,000
Use of Rooms	44,968	15,717
Royalties	1,694	1,674
Contribution towards Special Library exp	-	21,000
Contribution to Library Facilities	1,250	371
Contribution to Meetings	3,000	5,719
Other Income	1,153	2,032
Catering (Net Expenditure)	4,559	2,298
Fellows Appeal	70	72
TOTAL INCOME	946,528	987,230

* Publication Income includes Editorial costs netted off of £97,203 (2013: £94,137) which were incurred by the Society

EXPENDITURE

Scientific Meetings (Net)	12,793	11,068
Medals	877	2,013
Library: Expenditure	11,644	18,401
<i>The Linnean</i>	10,769	12,399
<i>PuLSe</i>	12,987	8,272
Salaries and National Insurance	373,219	354,484
Training	5,886	5,918
Financial Services	10,057	5,942

EXPENDITURE cont'd	2014	2013
	£	£
Legal and Related Professional Fees	6,819	5,275
Mortgage Interest – Toynbee House	11,574	13,385
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	21,156	18,594
Office Equipment	7,258	3,016
Photocopying	998	740
General Rates	25,398	23,532
Water Rates	1,213	911
Electricity and Gas	18,042	18,180
Repairs, Maintenance and Renewals	22,727	26,881
Depreciation	50,626	46,288
Committee Expenses	10,856	12,872
Miscellaneous	2,717	2,150
Cleaning and Refuse	389	122
Affiliation Fees and Subscriptions	1,072	1,149
Society of Biology Dues	3,500	3,235
Linnean & Systematics Grants	27,082	30,679
DCLG** Expenses (Insurance and Fire Alarm)	67,645	48,075
Website and hosting costs	50,222	21,039
Provision for VAT	-	7,834
Education	26,990	30,684
Health and Safety	1,199	1,553
Toynbee House maintenance Exp	11,214	21,647
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	806,929	756,338

** Department for Communities and Local Government

**EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE
BEFORE REFURBISHMENT & PROJECT
COSTS**

139,599

£230,892

	2014 £	2013 £
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE REFURBISHMENT & PROJECT COSTS	139,599	£230,892
REFURBISHMENT COSTS		
Expenses relating to Burlington House	20,588	483,973
Expenses relating to renovation of Toynbee House	-	11,164
Grant for Building works	-	(43,750)
	20,588	451,387
PROJECT COSTS		
IT Consultant and Hardware for Projects	1,650	351
The Linnaeus Link Project	7,344	6,325
Andrew W Mellon Supported Smith Correspondence Catalogue Project Expenditure 3 rd year	2,879	76,913
Andrew W Mellon Supported Smith Conservation Project Income 3 rd year	(2,820)	(76,913)
Andrew W Mellon Supported The Linnaean Manuscripts Project Expenditure	124,298	3,487
Andrew W Mellon Supported The Linnaean Manuscripts Project Income	(124,298)	(3,487)
Biography of Sir James Edward Smith	27,361	27,939
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	36,414	34,615
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES	£82,597	(255,110)

	2014	2013
RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS		
Income Receivable Unspent During the Year	(114,818)	89,613
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
(Loss)/Gain Revaluations and Disposals of Fixed Asset Investments	7,149	281,117
	7,149	281,117

Balance Sheet

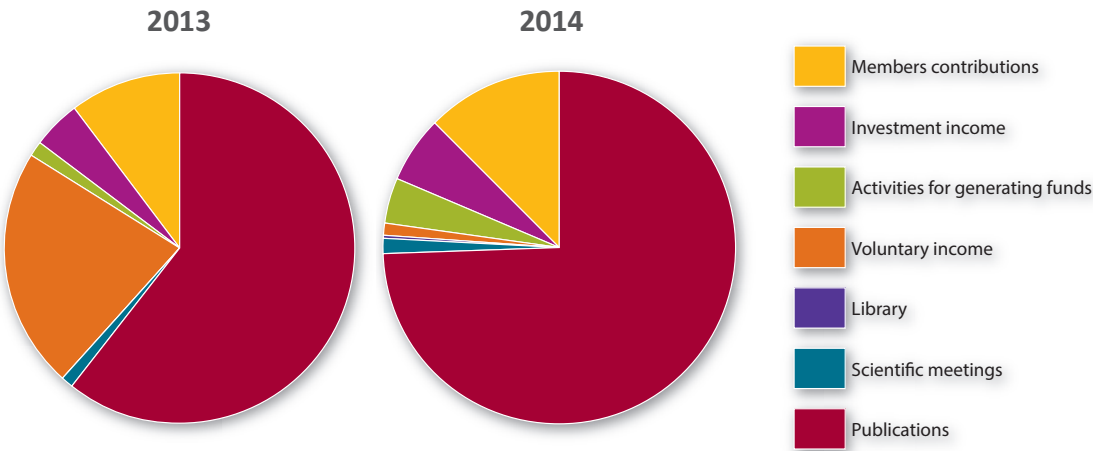
	2014	2013
ASSETS	£	£
Heritage Assets	26,000	26,000
Investments	2,261,130	2,308,686
Tangible Fixed Assets (Equipment and Refurbishment)	219,901	300,753
Fixed Assets Land and Property	581,189	501,851
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets	261,679	245,208
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets	(283,418)	(290,945)
	3,066,481	3,091,553
FUNDS		
General	904,001	823,622
Designated (1)	857,610	851,597
Endowments (2)	618,970	616,992
Restricted (3)	685,900	799,342
	3,066,481	3,091,553

Notes

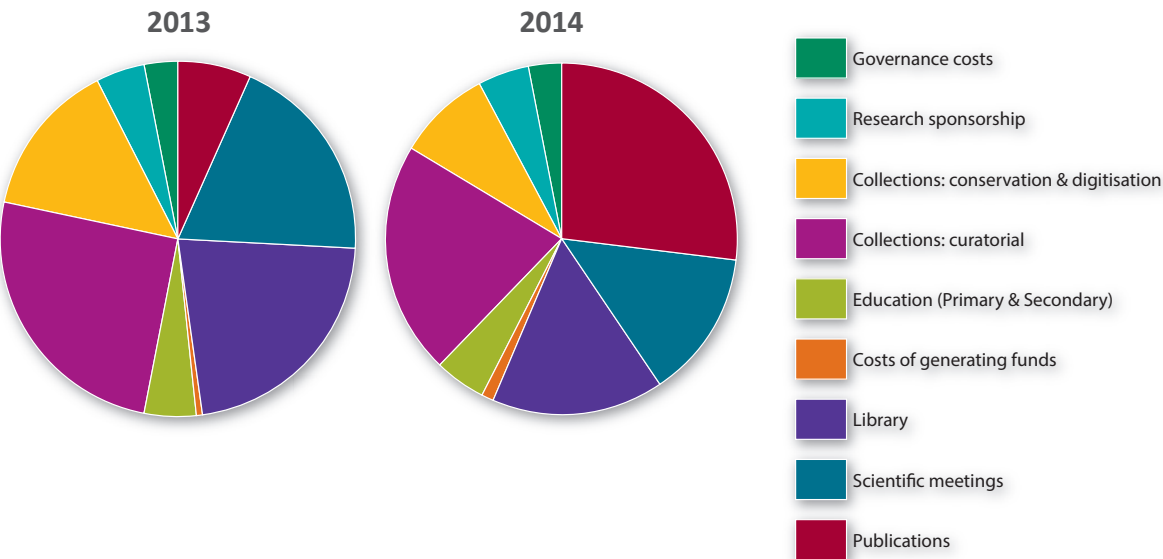
1. Designated Funds are those funds which have been earmarked for specific purposes by the Trustees and, together with the General Funds, comprise the Unrestricted Funds.
2. Endowments represent capital funds where only the income arising may be spent.
3. Restricted Funds may only be spent for the purposes prescribed by the donor.
4. A Fixed Asset Fund has been set up as a separate designated reserve from 2013 to represent the extent to which the Society's general reserve has been utilised to acquire fixed assets. This ensures that the balance on the general reserve gives a better indication of the funds available to the Society.

Below are pie charts for 2014 showing income and expenditure with comparative charts for 2013. The charts have been compiled from figures from the Statement of Financial Activities as prescribed by the Charity Commission and are shown in the full set of Annual Accounts for 2014. Voluntary Income includes donations and legacies and it should be noted how important this income stream is to the Society. The charts also show how heavily dependent the Society's charitable activities are on Publication Income.

INCOMING RESOURCES



RESOURCES EXPENDED



Trustees' Statement

The Accounts above are a summary of information extracted from the Society's annual accounts. For a full understanding of the Society's financial affairs, the full Annual Accounts, Audit Report and Trustees' statutory Annual Report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the Executive Secretary. The full accounts, on which the auditors have given an unqualified opinion, were presented to the Audit Review Committee and signed by the Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees on 9 March 2015.

On behalf of the Trustees
G LI LUCAS OBE FLS

Auditors' Statement

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its incoming resources and resources expended for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

KNOX CROPPER,
Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditors
8/9 West Court, London, EC4M 9DN
9 March 2015

Appendix 1

Society Meetings and Events 2014

16 January 2014 <i>Evening Meeting</i>	Snapshots in Dinosaur Evolution: plants, feathers, and palaeobiology Dr Paul Barrett FLS
20 February 2014 <i>Evening Meeting</i>	Tracking Plant Trade in the 21 st Century Noel McGough
6 March 2014 <i>Lunchtime Lecture</i>	Antarctica: beauty unsurpassed Dr Gill Mapstone FLS
18 March 2014 <i>Student Lecture</i>	Dinosaur Identities Dr David Hone
19 March 2014 <i>Regional Meeting</i>	Biodiversity and Climate Change: connecting the past to the future Professor Camille Parmesan <i>Organised by Dr Rich Boden, Plymouth University</i>
20 March 2014 <i>Evening Meeting</i>	An Unnatural History of the National Trust Dr David Bullock
2–3 April 2014 <i>Day Meeting</i>	Collections-based Research in the Genomic Era <i>Organised by Dr William Baker FLS and Dr Sven Buerki, RBG Kew with the Centre for Ecology and Evolution</i>
17 April 2014 <i>Evening Meeting</i>	The Darwin Initiative: simple formula, amazing impact Professor Stephen Blackmore CBE FRSE FLS <i>Organised jointly with the Systematics Association</i>
1 May 2014 <i>Evening Meeting</i>	Type Specimen of Asian elephant, Lost and Found Professor Adrian Lister and Professor Tom Gilbert
23 May 2014 <i>Evening Meeting</i>	Anniversary Meeting Professor Dianne Edwards CBE FRS PLS
14–15 June 2014 <i>Special Event</i>	Field Trip to Dorset John Newbould, Alan Holiday and Robin Walls organisers
19 June 2014 <i>Evening Meeting</i>	Shifting Baselines: why we so readily accept the progressive decline of the natural world Professor Callum Roberts

- 2 July 2014
Lunchtime Lecture
The Price of the Pouch: the evolutionary ramifications of mammalian reproductive strategies
Dr Anjali Goswami FLS
- 3 July 2014
Special Event
Conversazione 2014
Hosted at the Linnean Society of London, Burlington House
- 6 August 2014
Lunchtime Lecture
Having the Stomach For It: a contribution to Neanderthal diets? **Laura Buck**
- 11 September
Day Meeting
Who Needs Taxonomists? Articulating Future Needs
Professor David Cutler PPLS organiser
The Taxonomy and Systematics Committee Plenary Session
- 1 October 2014
Lunchtime Lecture
Darwin's Bards: British and American Poetry in the age of evolution **Dr John Robert Holmes**
- 2 October 2014
Evening Meeting
Darwin Diagnosed
Professor Anthony Campbell FLS
The Darwin Lecture
organised in partnership with The Royal Society of Medicine
- 14 October 2014
Student Lecture
The Viral Graveyard
Dr Ravinder Kanda
- 16 October 2014
Evening Meeting
Jacquin's American Plants
Dr Santiago Madriñán FLS
- 22–24 October 2014
Day Meeting
New Perspectives on Climbing Plants
Dr Nick Rowe and Dr William Baker FLS, organisers
- 5 November 2014
Lunchtime Lecture
Forensic Entomology
Dr Martin Hall
- 10–11 November
Day Meeting
Radiation and Extinction: investigating clade dynamics in deep time
Dr Anjali Goswami FLS, Professor Mike Benton FLS and Dr Phillip Mannion, organisers
- 11 November 2014
Student Lecture
What on Earth?
Christopher Lloyd
- 12 November 2014
Specialist Group
Palaeobotany 2014
Dr Peta Hayes FLS, organiser

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| 13 November 2014
<i>Specialist Group</i> | Palynology 2014
Dr Barry Lomax FLS , <i>organiser</i> |
| 20 November 2014
<i>Evening Meeting</i> | Land Sparing vs Land Sharing: tackling the greatest environmental challenge of the 21 st century
<i>The Rachel Carson Memorial Event</i>
Chair: Prof Georgina Mace CBE FRS
Panel: Prof Andrew Balmford, Kerry ten Kate, Prof Guy Poppy, Dr Helen Hicks
<i>in association with LERN (London Evolutionary Research Network)</i> |
| 28 November 2014
<i>Regional Meeting</i> | In the Footsteps of Manton: spores and early land plant evolution
Professor Dianne Edwards CBE FRS PLS
<i>The Irene Manton Lecture</i>
<i>Organised at Manchester University by Professor Amanda Bamford</i> |
| 2 December 2014
<i>Evening Meeting</i> | Models and Metaphors, Orchids and Primroses: when, why and how is a person like a plant?
Jim Endersby
<i>Founder's Day Lecture 2014</i> |
| 3 December 2014
<i>Lunchtime Lecture</i> | Blaschka: glass creatures of the ocean
Miranda Lowe and Stephen Ramsey |

Birkbeck / Linnean Society Lecture Series 2014

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| 14 February 2014 | Managing Large Forests for Multiple Benefits
Jonathan Spencer |
| 21 February 2014 | Unseen Biodiversity—managing for the invisible invertebrates
Roger Key |
| 28 February 2014 | Managing Unnatural Histories
Dr David Bullock |
| 7 March 2014 | Pond Restoration to Conserve Biodiversity in Agricultural Areas: managing still waters
Dr Carl Sayer |

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| 14 March 2014 | Conservation Gazing, a Universal Panacea?
Clive Chatters |
| 21 March 2014 | River and Wetland Management—unleashing nature
Dave Webb |
| 17 October 2014 | Whatever Happened to Hardy's Egdon Heath?
Our current efforts to save lowland heathlands
Dr Isabel Alonso |
| 24 October 2014 | Access and Nature Conservation on Lowland Heaths
Dr Durwen Liley |
| 31 October 2014 | Mires—the Cinderella habitat
Richard Lindsay |
| 7 November 2014 | Restoring our Lowland Heathlands and Acid Grasslands
in a Changing Climate
Dr Malcolm Ausden |
| 14 November 2014 | Herds on the Heaths: innovative techniques to reintroduce
large herbivore herds
James Adler |



Appendix 2

Fellows, Associates and Students Elected 2014

Fellows Elected 2014:

Professor Dr Dirk Albach
 Dr Nienke Alberts
 Dr Sharique Ali
 Mr Derek Allen
 Mr Terry Allen
 Dr Stuart Andrews
 Mr Jason Andrews
 Dr Saroj Arora
 Dr Karen Bacon
 Ms Sabine Baer
 Dr Anirban Banerjee
 Mr Julian Barker
 Dr Philip Barlow
 Dr Jane Beal
 Dr Mitrasen Bhikajee
 Mr Gregory Bird
 Mrs Ann Birnie
 Professor Mats Björklund
 Mr Robert Blackhall-Miles
 Dr Joshua Bonde
 Dr Ruth Bone
 Miss Kathryn Braithwaite
 Dr Oskar Brattstrom
 Ms Marie Briggs
 Professor Colin Brownlee
 Professor David Burt
 Dr Sara Burton
 Dr Richard Carden
 Professor Tim Caro
 Professor Dr John Celin
 Mr Nicholas Chandler
 Dr Elizabeth Clare
 Dr James Clarkson
 Mr Stephen Coote
 Ms Mags Cousins

Mr Laurence Darcy
 Dr Sanghamitra Das
 Dr Animesh Datta
 Dr Bratati De
 Dr Min Deng
 Dr Nathaniel Dominy
 Professor Ronald Douglas
 Mr Mark Duffell
 Mr Jamie Dunning
 Professor Peter Fedor
 Mr John Fielding
 Ms Gina Fullerlove
 Professor Alexander Gann
 Dr James Garey
 Mr Ben Garrod
 Mr Francois Goffinet
 Dr William Goodall-Copestake
 Dr Sudha Gupta
 Dr Vijai Gupta
 Rev Canon Dr Blair Haggart
 Mr David Hamilton
 Miss Karen Harper
 Dr Jill Harrison
 Dr Lara Harrup
 Professor Alan Hildrew
 Mr David Horwell
 Professor William Hughes
 Dr Edmond Hui
 Mr Farhat Hussain
 Professor Tom Hutchinson
 Dr Rowland Illing
 Ms Su Ingle
 Mr Mark Jacob
 Mr Robert Johns
 Dr Lyn Jones
 Dr Rhys Jones

Mr Alistair Graham Kerr
Dr Zizis Kozlakidis
Mr Simon Krystman
Ms Alex Laird
Professor David Lamb
Professor Hilary Lappin-Scott
Dr Thomas Leitner
Professor Keith Lindsey
Mr Quentin Luke
Miss Iris Lynch
Mr Michael Madden
Mr Thibaut Madelin
Dr Stephen Manning
Mr John McFarlane
Dr Carlo Meloro
Mrs Joan Melvin
Dr Richard Merrill
Professor Peter Mertens
Mr Janusz Michalak
Mr Afiq Mohd Fahmi
Dr Stephen Montgomery
Dr David Morritt
Mr Michael Mueller
Dr Sayandip Mukherjee
Mr Geoffrey Munn
Dr Campbell Murn
Miss Alicia Musson
Professor Dr Avinash Nagpal
Mr Robert Oates
Dr Kit Opie
Dr Geoffrey Oxford
Mr Nick Pacey
Dr Satish Pande
Dr Nalini Pandey
Mr John Parker
Mr Robin Pearson
Mr Nicola Pennisi
Ms Anne Powys
Dr Silvia Pressel
Mrs Penelope Price

Mr Robert Pryor
Dr Ade Pye
Mr Terry Pyle
Dr Sangeeta Rajbhandary
Ms Claire Rawlinson
Mr Roger Raynal
Mr Paul Reade
Ms Catherine Reeb
Professor Stuart Reynolds
Dr Maria Rivera
Dr Christian Rutz
Dr Ivonne Sánchez del Pino
Dr Alison Scott-Brown
Professor Ved Singh
Professor Janet Sinsheimer
Mrs Esmée Somers-Winkel
Dr David Steart
Dr John Stedman
Dr Josh Stewart
Mr Ramon Taitz
Dr Jane Taylor
Mrs Jessica Thorn
Dr Simon Tierney
Dr Amit Tomar
Mr Radu Tusco
Dr Mark van der Giezen
Dr Stefano Vanin
Dr John Veron
Dr Kathleen Walker-Meikle
Dr Richard Wallbank
Mr Neil Ward
Dr James Wasmuth
Dr Bonnie Webster
Dr Carsten Weerth
Dr Diana Westmoreland
Mr George Williams
Dr Xandria Williams
Mr Lester Willis
Mr Nicholas Wray

Associates Elected 2014:

Mr Jesse Adams
Miss Abbie Barnes
Mr Sam Hardman
Miss Kerri Hicks
Mr James McGlinchey
Miss Harriet Rix
Miss Alison Wright

Student Associates Elected 2014:

Ms Diana Barbosa da Silva
Mr Joseph Bhart
Miss Alice Pawlik
Mr Eric Rutten
Mr Jack Sears-Stewart
Miss Bethany Wildash



Deaths reported to Council in 2014

Ruth Badcock
Mary Briggs
Bryan Clarke
Michael Collins
Dunkery Dalby
Gordon Dickson
Laing Ferguson
Paul Foster
Robert George
Kumar Krishna
Sylvia Mann

Sheila Mannes-Abbott
David Medway
Marian Mendes
Joyce Pope
Peter Sell
John Sellick
Frederick Skinner
Gunnar Tibell
James Wandersee
James Williams



Appendix 3

Officers and Council

President (2012) Professor Dianne Edwards CBE FRS

President-Elect (from May 2013) Professor Paul Brakefield FRS

Vice-Presidents

Until 23 May

Dr Janet Cubey

Dr Malcolm Scoble

Professor Simon Hiscock

Dr Sarah Whild

From 23 May

Professor Paul Brakefield FRS

Dr John David

Professor Mark Chase FRS

Dr Anjali Goswani

Treasurer (1995) Professor Gren LI Lucas OBE

Secretaries

Scientific Secretary (2013)

Professor Simon Hiscock

Scientific Secretary (2009)

Dr Malcolm Scoble

Editorial Secretary (2012)

Professor Mark Chase FRS

Collections Secretary (2012)

Dr John David

Executive Secretary (2011)

Dr Elizabeth Rollinson

Council

The President, Treasurer, Secretaries and:

~ Dr William Baker

- Ms Deborah Wright

- Dr Francis Brearley

+ Professor Mark Seaward

* Dr Janet Cubey

- Dr Joanne Porter

* Dr Anjali Goswami

* Professor Thomas Richards

- Professor Max Telford

~ Professor David Rollinson

- Ms Laura D'Arcy

+ Dr Michael Wilson

+ Professor Anthony Campbell

* Dr Sarah Whild

* Dr Pat Morris

- Professor Jeffrey Duckett

~ Retired May 2014

+ Due to retire May 2016

* Due to retire May 2015

- Due to retire May 2017

The Editors are co-opted to Council.

Appendix 4

Curators, Editors and Committees 2013–14

Curators

Fish, Shells & General Zoology	Ms Kathie Way (1994)
Insects	Dr Mike G Fitton (1976)
Plants	Dr Mark Spencer (2013)
Artefacts	Mr Glenn Benson (from June 2014)

Editors

<i>Biological Journal</i>	Professor John A Allen (1997)
<i>Botanical Journal</i>	Dr Mike Fay, RBGK (2008)
<i>Zoological Journal</i>	Dr Peter J Hayward (2007)
Synopses Series	Dr John H Crothers (1991) & Dr Peter J Hayward (2002)
<i>The Linnean</i>	Ms Gina Douglas (2013)
Reviews	Ms Leonie Berwick (2013) Dr Pat Morris (2011)

Committee Chairs

Editorial	The Editorial Secretary (e.o.)
Finance	The Treasurer (e.o.)
Grants	The President (e.o.)
Library and Collections	The Collections Secretary (e.o.)
Medals and Awards	The President (e.o.)
Programmes	The Scientific Secretary (e.o.)
Education	The Scientific Secretary (e.o.)

Committees

+Collections Committee

Dr John David, RHS (Chairman 2013)	Dr D J Nicholas Hind, RBGK (1995)
Mrs Susan Gove (2001)	Mr Chris Mills, RGBK (2006)
*Mr John Collins (1990)	Ms Kathie N Way, NHM (1993)
*Ms Gillian Furlong, UCL (2006)	Dr Mike G Fitton, NHM (1976)
Ms Christy Henshaw, Wellcome (2008)	*Ms Diane Mercer, UCL (2003)
The Librarian (e.o.)	Dr Mark Spencer, NHM (2013)
The Deputy Librarian	

+Editorial Committee

The Editorial Secretary (e.o.)

The Editors (e.o.)

*Dr Rebecca A Farley-Brown (2001)

*Ms Rosie Trice, Wiley Blackwell (2013)

Ms Vicky Johnson, Wiley Blackwell (2013)

+Programmes Committee

The Scientific Secretaries (e.o.)

Dr Brian R Rosen (1994)

Mr Andrew Sheppy (1994)

Dr William Baker (2013)

Dr Anjali Goswami (2013)

Dr Victoria Herridge (2014)

Mr Dave Dawson (2013)

Dr Alex Monro (2013)

The Specialist Group Organisers by invitation

+Finance Committee

The Treasurer (e.o.)

Mr Giles Coode-Adams (2001)

Mr Edward Banks (2009)

Mr John Beswick (2009)

Mr Edward Hoare (1998)

Dr N Keith Maybury (2008)

+Medals and Awards Committee

The President (e.o.)

The Vice-Presidents (e.o.)

Members of Council (present at January Council Meeting)

+Taxonomy and Systematics Committee

Professor David Cutler (Chairman 2010)

*Professor Lynne Boddy, Univ. Cardiff (2010)

Dr Paul Cannon, RBGK (2010)

*Dr Veronica Edmonds-Brown, Univ. Herts (2010)

Professor Simon Hiscock, Univ. Bristol (2010)

Mr Trevor James, NFBR (2010)

Mr David Norton, NHM (2012)

Professor Geoffrey Boxshall FRS, NHM (2012)

Dr Mark Watson, RBG Edinburgh (2012)

Mr Paolo Viscardi, Horniman Museum-NatSCA (2012)

Mr Darren Mann, Oxford Univ. Mus. NH. (2010)

Dr Graham Oliver, Nat. Mus. Wales (2010)

*Dr Keith Porter, Natural England (2010)

*Ms Cheryl Pilbeam, BES (2013)

Ms Sue Townsend, Field Studies Council (2012)

+Education Committee

Professor Simon Hiscock (Chairman)

The Education Officer

The Executive Secretary

Professor Beverley Glover
(Cambridge Botanic Garden) (2013)

Dr Jane Taylor

(Lancaster University) (2013)

Martin Lawrence (NHM) (2014)

Geoff Lockwood

(independent school-master) (2013)

Gay Coley (RGB Kew) (2013)

+The Officers are *ex officio* (e.o.)
members; * Not a Fellow of the Society

Linnean Society Staff

Executive Secretary	Dr Elizabeth Rollinson (2011)
Financial Controller & Membership Officer	Mr Priya Nithianandan (1991)
Buildings & Office Manager	Ms Victoria Smith (2006)
Room Hire Manager & Membership Assistant	Mr Tom Helps (2010)
Communications & Events Manager	Mr Tom Simpson (2014)
Librarian	Mrs Lynda Brooks (2005)
Deputy Librarian & Linnaeus Link Administrator	Ms Elaine Charwat (2011)
Digitisation Project Manager	Ms Andrea Deneau (2011)
Biographer of James Edward Smith	Mr Tom Kennett (2010)
Conservator	Ms Janet Ashdown (2002)
Project Conservator	Ms Helen Cowdy (2012)
Project Conservator	Ms Naomi Mitamura (2014)
Special Publications Manager	Ms Leonie Berwick (2007)
Education Officer	Ms Hazel Leeper (2012)
Education Resources Design Coordinator	Ms Mair Shepherd (2014)
Manuscripts Specialist	Dr Isabelle Charmantier (2013)
Honorary Archivist	Ms Gina Douglas (2008)
Botanical Journal Assistant	Mr Hassan Rankou (2012)

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