



# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting 2016

Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections

June 20-25, 2016 Berlin, Germany

**++ abstract submission early bird [registration](#) and travel grants extended until April 1, 2016 ++**

## Second circular

The [31st annual meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections](#) will take place in Berlin from June 20-25, 2016 in parallel with the [2016 GGBN Conference](#). Both meetings will be hosted by the Museum für Naturkunde and the Botanical Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin in andel's Hotel close to the city centre, just a few stops from Alexanderplatz.

Since the need for sustainable use of resources has arrived in museums and collection care, the conference topic "Green Museum – how to practice what we preach" will be central to the SPNHC conference as is reflected by the [keynote lectures](#):

**Professor Michael Braungart** (Erasmus University Rotterdam):

"The 'cradle to cradle' design concept" (preliminary title)



**Professor Ole Seberg** (Natural History Museum of Denmark):

"GGBN – Sampling the Tree of Life for genomic research" [GGBN]



**Professor Tim Flannery** (University of Melbourne): "Optimising museum research towards sustainability"



## Topics in the preliminary program include

### [Scientific and technical sessions](#):

Green Museum (conference topic)  
Mobilizing Natural History Collection Data (iDigBio)  
Future Collections, Data and Informatics (Synthesys)  
Global Research Infrastructure Framework (Synthesys)  
State of Digitization (GBIF)  
Collection Storage (SPNHC AIC)  
Small Collections (iDigBio)  
Setting Global and Local Digitization Priorities (Synthesys)

Demo Camp  
Special Interest Groups

### [Workshops](#):

Museum environments: managing risk + sustainability  
Large-scale surface digitizing via photogrammetry  
Fluid collections – conservation techniques  
Cleaning, repairing, restoring historical bird specimens  
Access + Benefit Sharing in Natural History Collections  
Proper sealing in fluid collections  
Automated metadata capture from specimen images  
Documentation of environmental samples and eDNA  
Macroscopic imaging of natural history specimens  
GGI Gardens (GGBN)  
Cryopreservation for microorganisms + plants (GGBN)

**+++++ please register at <http://spnhc2016.m-anage.com/> +++++**