

# Collections Seminar Series

Seminar

Thursday 27 October

Flett Events Theatre



## The History of Integrated Pest Management at the NHM

**Collections seminar 14.30–16.00**

Since the 1970s when the Museum first recruited an entomologist to deal with a severe infestation of Varied Carpet Beetle affecting the taxidermy specimen of Quagga (*Equus quagga*) held at Tring, we have been making continuous advances in a discipline of preventive conservation that we can rightly and proudly consider of this institution's own making.

Integrated Pest Management is now the standard in best practice across the world for cultural heritage institutions. It allows us to preserve and protect our legacy of collections with minimal or no use of pesticides.

This Seminar aims to explain the origin and development of the program, the correlation between pest species and human activities and our constant battle to catch up with their biological and behavioural changes.

### Who should come?

The seminar is open to all museum professionals and NHM staff but it is suggested that the following staff will find the seminar most useful:

**Science Group:** All senior department managers and collection management staff.

**Public Engagement Group:** Any staff who work with and use collections or manage staff who work with collections.

**Directorate and Science Directorate.**

Please email Zoë Hughes [z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk) for more information and/or to book a place.

### Networking opportunity

Tea and coffee will be available in the Flett lobby after the talk.

Natural History Museum staff do not need to book.

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