



28th Meeting of the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group & 26th Linnaeus Link Partners' Meeting

London, 20–23 June, 2023

**** Call for Papers – Deadline Extended: April 30 ****

Dear colleagues,

We're delighted to announce our Call for Papers for the 28th meeting of the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries group is now open!

Join us in London this June 20-23 for the 28th meeting of the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group, and 26th Linnaeus Link Partners' Meeting.

We're pleased to offer a varied programme, with four days of talks, tours, and social events jointly hosted at four of the UK's leading botanical, horticultural and natural history institutions: the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; the Linnean Society of London; the Royal Horticultural Society, and the Natural History Museum.

The theme for this year's conference is "plant humanities"—the interdisciplinary study of plants from the perspectives of experts in the arts, sciences, and humanities—in order to explore their extraordinary significance to human culture. This will include a number of lectures and brief talks, in addition to a collaborative workshop hosted with academics, library, archive and conservation professionals at the Linnean Society of London.

In addition, delegates will enjoy a full programme of visits and social events, including exclusive, behind-the-scenes tours of the four venues, an evening wine reception at the Linnean Society of London, and a gala dinner in the beautiful surroundings of the Chelsea Physic Garden (including garden access and a complimentary pre-dinner tour).

A preliminary programme can be found via the registration link below, with more detail sent nearer the event. In the meantime, we hope you will join us for a joyous celebration of all things botanical!

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ebhl-london-2023-tickets-577521120217>

****IMPORTANT NOTE****

In order to give delegates greater flexibility, each day of the conference—plus the gala reception—can be purchased separately. Those wishing to attend the full conference (days 1-4, plus the gala reception) should select all five ticket options in the Eventbrite booking menu. The cost of full delegate registration (not including Eventbrite's booking fees) is £140. Payment by debit or credit card is preferred, but invoices can be issued.



**** Call for Papers – Deadline April 30 ****

The theme of EBHL 2023 will be “plant humanities”, and we welcome papers delving into this topic, and for two separate days of the conference.

Please send your submissions—including your name, email, proposed title, and an abstract of no more than 150 words—to library@linnean.org, on or before April 30.

June 21 – Kew Gardens: *Libraries and Archives and Plant Humanities*

By plant humanities, we mean the interdisciplinary study of plants from the perspectives of the arts, sciences, and humanities, in order to explore their extraordinary significance to human culture. We welcome papers that examine the role of libraries and archives within plant humanities, how collections can enrich the discipline of plant humanities; what plant humanities projects are taking place in organisations; how to foster collaboration between institutions to undertake such projects; how can plant humanities alter or enrich cataloguing, etc.

June 22 – Linnean Society: *Flora in Folio: Biological Inserts in Books and Archives*

While encountering plant parts and other biological material in library books and manuscripts is relatively common, the question of how to respond to such material is not straightforward. Collection management decisions vary on an institutional as well as individual level, depending on a range of parameters including available resources, rarity, provenance (or lack thereof), research significance, monetary value, and so on. Should the material be left in the book or removed? What form and degree of documentation is necessary, and what are the best terms to use in the metadata? What is their research value? These and other questions will be discussed at a workshop on 22 June at the Linnean Society, which will begin with a morning of flash talks followed by presentations and a panel discussion from a research, library, and conservation perspective. The flash talks are an invitation for participants to look into their collections for examples of biological inserts, and present them in the form of a 10-minute talk introducing the volume(s), any information about its provenance, any conservation measures that have been taken, and whether/how the material has been documented.



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