

# New discoveries in old collections

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At the Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

LINNEAN SOCIETY of London  
PALAEOBOTANY SPECIALIST GROUP

## Programme

- 9.30-9.55: **Registration**
- 9.55: **Christopher Cleal** (National Museums & Galleries of Wales) Introduction and Welcome
- 10.00-10.40: **Paul Strother\*** (Weston Observatory of Boston College, Massachusetts), 'On the composition of early terrestrial floras: Tales from the Lang Collection at the Natural History Museum'
- 10.40-11.05: **Leyla Seyfullah & Jason Hilton** (University of Birmingham), 'Halle's seed ferns – just how many did he have?'
- 11.05-11.30: Coffee Break**
- 11.30-11.55: **Richard Bateman** (Natural History Museum, London), 'Falling apart gracefully: disarticulation and species concepts in palaeobotany'
- 11.55-12.20: **Barry Thomas** (University of Aberystwyth) & **Yanaki Tenchov** (Geological Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences). 'A new look at *Sublepidophloios* Sterzel – a rare lycopsid stem from the Carboniferous of Euramerica'
- 12.20-12.45: **Nick Rowe** (CIRAD, Montpellier, France). 'Growth forms of fossil plants: how can we distinguish the long from the short and the tall?'
- 12.45-2.00: Lunch Break**
- 2.00-2.40: **Gar Rothwell\*** (University of Ohio, Athens). 'From Gordon to auxin: the role of *Buteoxylon* in seed plant evolution'
- 2.40-3.05: **Paul Kenrick** (Natural History Museum, London), **Melanie L. DeVore** (Georgia College & State University, USA), **Kathleen B. Pigg** (Arizona State University, USA) & **Richard A. Ketcham** (University of Texas at Austin, USA). 'CT-scanning the London Clay: a noninvasive technique for studying pyritized fossil fruits'
- 3.05-3.30: Coffee Break**
- 3.30-3.55: **Joan Watson** (University of Manchester), 'Cycadophyte trunks'
- 3.55-4.20: **Margaret Collinson** (Royal Holloway & Bedford College, London) & **Peta Hayes** (Natural History Museum, London), 'Re-investigation of the Insect Limestone Flora'
- 4.20-4.45: **Jean Galtier** (CIRAD, Montpellier, France), 'More to learn from old slide collections'
- 4:45- General discussion and close of meeting.

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\* Invited keynote lecture. Attendance is free and open to anyone interested in palaeobotany and related fields. Meeting sponsored by the Linnean Society of London and the Palaeontological Association. After the meeting a social gathering has been organised at the *Captains Cabin* in Piccadilly (4-7 Norris Street). All welcome!