



Joint meeting with the Linnean Society of London



# ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 6 p.m at the Athenaeum,  
Church Alley, LIVERPOOL L1 3DD

To commemorate the birth of Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778)

## GUEST SPEAKER: PROFESSOR PATRICK BOYLAN

### *Old wine, new bottles:*

*The continuing importance of historic collections to contemporary geology, botany and zoology*

### *Reception*

6.00 p.m. Sherry Reception in the Newsroom, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

### *Dinner*

7.00 p.m. Welcome (David Antonia, President, Athenaeum)  
Reply (David Cutler, President, Linnean Society of London)

### *Lecture*

9.00 p.m. in the Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

*N.B.: sherry & soft drinks are included in the price of the ticket. Wine to accompany the meal will be available for purchase from the Athenaeum's extensive wine list. Orders can be placed with staff in the Newsroom on arrival.*

### *A note on the Speaker*

**Patrick Boylan**, Professor Emeritus of Heritage Policy and Management at City University London, has been researching the history of geology and natural history, and working on historic collections, for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Council of Europe's 2001 - 2005 Working Group on promoting the contemporary relevance of the historic heritage of European universities, including their museums and historic collections. He is a former Director of Arts and Museums for Leicestershire County Council, and a founder member of the History of Geology Group (HOGG) of the Geological Society of London.

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**Booking Form:** please return to the Athenaeum Office with payment. Note: spaces are limited; as this is a joint meeting with the Linnean Society, we have only half the normal seat allocation so Proprietors are advised to book early. **Dress:** Black Tie, national dress, clerical dress.

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Number of tickets @ £30 each ..... for "Old Wine, New Bottles" on 11 May 2007

I enclose a cheque for £ ..... payable to 'Athenaeum'.

## *Menu*

### *Starter*

*Traditional Gravadlax with pickled gherkins , herb salad and lingonberry chutney*

### *Main Course*

*Fillet of beef with a rich red wine sauce served with a blue cheese bread and butter pudding, served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes*

### *Dessert*

*Apple Strudel with cream*

*Coffee and mints*

## *Further Information for Proprietors & Guests*

**The Linnean Society of London** was founded in 1788 by friends of Sir James Edward Smith, and now occupies part of Burlington House, Piccadilly, London. A Society dedicated to “the study of natural history in all its branches”, its renowned collections include the libraries and herbaria of Carl Linnaeus and Sir James Edward Smith.

Its Fellowship is distributed throughout the world, and it offers a diverse programme of scientific meetings, conferences and other events. Its collections are rich in material evidence of the history of science and biological exploration. In this Anniversary year, it is celebrating Linnaeus’ impact on scientific thought and practice, and stressing the importance of research into plant and animal taxonomy, systematics and biodiversity conservation.

Its Library has recently been catalogued on computer and is now available on-line; the Linnaean collections and correspondence are now being imaged in order to make them accessible to researchers via the world-wide web.

**Carl Linnaeus** (1707-1778), Professor at the University of Uppsala (Sweden) and later ennobled as Carl von Linné, instituted the modern system of naming plants and animals and compiled important inventories of the world’s flora and fauna, *Species Plantarum* and *Systema Animalium*. Indisputably Sweden’s most famous scientist, his influence was immense.

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