

Library information

This is a very special year for the Linnean Society. 2007 marks the tercentenary of the birth of Linnaeus, the great Swedish naturalist, whose collections are held at the Society.

One of our key priorities is the improvement of access to these unique collections and we have been engaged in several digitization projects which will come to fruition in this tercentenary year. Linnaeus' herbarium, his incoming correspondence and his entomological specimens are in the process of being digitized and we are moving towards making the images available on the web.

A contract has recently been agreed with ULCC (University of London Computer Centre) to develop the content management system that will hold the images and data for these collections. We are seeking a qualified librarian with exceptional IT skills to join our small Library team and help us to achieve this, in collaboration with our consultant CARLS (Computer Access to the Records of the Linnean Society) project manager.

The postholder will also assist with the day-to-day running of the Library. Our general library is strong in taxonomy, systematics, Darwinism and the evolutionary controversy, early mycology, expedition reports, ecology and wildlife conservation. It is classified by UDC, with some modifications, and we use the Heritage library management system.

The Library is open 10.00 to 17.00 Monday-Friday. The Society organizes an interesting programme of evening meetings and participation in these events is encouraged.

The Reading Room is situated on the first floor of the Society's rooms and stock is housed over three floors. There is, at present, no

passenger lift. Access to some Reading Room shelves requires the use of tall ladders.