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Meetings and Conferences.

Museums Association Annual Conference. Bradford.

The B.C.G. is organising the specialist session to be held on Friday 15th July at 9.15 am. Two major speakers have been invited and will discuss some aspects facing biological curators dealing with collections and environmental data.

John A. Burton, Assistant Secretary of the Fauna Preservation Society and Chairman of the I.U.C.N. specialist group on animal trade will speak on Museums and their role in Biological Conservation. This will involve an analysis of legislation, British and International, which affects museums.

The second speaker will be Ian Evans, Assistant Director (Natural Sciences), Leicestershire Museums. He will be speaking about the varying roles a curator has to adopt in dealing with environmental data. 'On wearing three hats - naturalist, conservationist and curator.' The problems and advantages of the various positions we feel sure will be fully investigated and should provide for a lively discussion.

After the two speakers there will be forty five minutes to an hour for discussion and contributions from the floor. The papers will be published by the Museums Association but will also be included in a B.C.G. Newsletter as fifty percent of the members do not receive the Museums Journal.

B.C.G. September Conference.

A copy of the full programme is included with this newsletter.

Record Centres.

Members may have seen the brief report in the April 'Museums Bulletin' on the establishment of another M.A. Working Party, to deal with Record Centres.

The Biological Records Centre are organising a meeting for Local Record Centre organisers at Monks Wood on the 1st and 2nd of December. This means that the next Newsletter will have rather less on Record Centres, although there will be some news of B.C.G. involvement in the production of a guidebook for Record Centres.

A.G.M.

It has been suggested that the A.G.M. should be on Saturday, 3rd December following the meeting at Monks Wood on the 1st and 2nd.

The venue will probably be somewhere in London. Any comments from members upon this proposal would be welcomed.