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NatSCA Conference & AGM

‘Selling Natural Science’: Developing concepts and ideas for galleries and other public resources

April 27th & 28th 2006

Thursday 27th April

9.00 - 9.30: Registration

9.30 - 9.40: Welcome and Introduction from Keeper of Liverpool Museum

9.40 - 10.05: Paul Manners, Project Executive, BBC Learning
Inspiring action

10.05 - 10.30: Susie Fisher, Director, The Susie Fisher Group
What do people want from a natural History gallery?

10.30 - 11.00: Tea / Coffee break

11.00 - 11.25: Kevin Walsh, Executive Officer (Programme Development), Oxford University Museum of Natural History
'Feeling Good': a new approach to display

11.25 - 11.50: Simon Chaplin, Senior Curator, Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons
Beautiful bits that bob: redisplaying John Hunter's collection in the 21st century

11.50 - 12.15: Paul Bowers, Interpretation Manager – Darwin Centre Phase 2
Emma Freeman, Interpretation Manager – Special Exhibitions
Michael Harvey, Interpretation Manager, Gallery Development Natural History Museum
Darwin Centre and beyond : access to collections and access to ideas at the Natural History Museum

12.15 - 12.40: Speaker TBC

12.45 -1.45 Lunch

1.45 - 2.15: NatSCA AGM

2.30 - 5.00: Tours of collections storage areas World Museum Liverpool
(Spaces for each tour will be limited to 10 people. Each tour lasting 25mins)

- Botany
- Entomology
- Geology
- Vertebrate Zoology

Plus: Treasure House Theatre presentation
(Philosophy of THT, showcasing collections, communicating to audience etc)

3.30 - 4.00: Tea / Coffee break

5.15: Evening reception, World Museum Liverpool

7.30 / 8.00 Conference meal

Friday 28th April

9.00 - 9.30: Mike Graham, Steve Cross, Phil Witter, World Museum Liverpool
The work of the Clore Natural History Centre

9.30 - 10.00: Paul Richards, Curator of Natural History, Sheffield Galleries & Museums Trust
Street safari: The next generation

10.00 - 10.30: Richard Sutcliffe, Research Manager (Natural History), Culture and Leisure Service (Museums), Glasgow City Council
Kelvingrove's new natural science displays - ten years in the planning

10.30 - 11.00: Tea / Coffee break

11.00 - 11.30: Will Watts, Dinosaur Coast Project Officer, Scarborough Museums & Gallery
Redisplaying the Rotunda Museum

11.30 - 12.00: Leander Wolstenholme, Curator of Botany, The Manchester Museum
Displaying the Undisplayable

12.00 - 12.30: Henry McGhie, Head of Natural Sciences & Rebecca Smith, Curatorial Assistant- Natural Sciences, The Manchester Museum, The University of Manchester
Representing nature in museums: the roles of attitude and authority

12.30 - 2.00: Lunch

2.15 - 4.45: Gallery Tours:

- Bug House
- Clore Natural History Centre
- Aquarium
- World Cultures (TBC)

Costs:

NatSCA members - bookings received by **31st March: £45 – 2 days, £25 – 1 day**

Non-members and NatSCA members booking later than 31st March: **£60 – 2 days, £40 – 1 day**

Student rates for bookings received by **31st March** (proof of student status required): **£30 - 2 days, £15 – 1 day**

Conference meal extra at **£20** per person (excluding drinks)

Number of places will be limited due to limitation on lecture theatre size – so book your place now – bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

For regular updates and extra booking forms visit our website www.natsca.org.

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Full conference details, including booking forms to be mailed to NatSCA membership by end of Feb.