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**LIST OF SUPPLIERS USED BY  
THE INVERTEBRATES I  
DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY  
THE NATURAL HISTORY  
MUSEUM**

Compiled by  
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Invertebrates 1  
Department of Zoology  
The Natural History Museum, London  
(Last updated January 2000).

**DISASTER PLANNING &  
CONSERVATION**

**Freezer facilities & transport**

Christian Salvesen Tel: +44 (0)1604 737 100 (24 hours)

Frigoscandia Tel: +44 (0)181 534 5577

Ryder Truck Rental Tel: +44 (0)181 692 2360 (Greenwich)  
+44 (0)800 100200

Exclusive Removals Limited.

Contact: George Orchard (Manager), Industrial Moving Division, Docklands House, Leamouth Wharf, 58 Orchard Place, London E14 0JW.  
Tel: +44 (0)171 538 0641 Fax: +44 (0)171 538 8225

**Cold Stores**

Exel Logistics, part of National Freight Corp.  
Tel: +44 (0)1234 272222 (Head Office, Morton)+44 (0)1634 373641 (Gillingham, Kent store)  
+44 (0)1733 232 854 (Peterborough store)

**Drying**

Drying Restoration Service  
Building 404, Harwell Laboratory  
Tel: 01235 434373

**Tents**

Instant Pop-Up Shelters  
103, Hillingdon Hill, Hillingdon Village, Middlesex UB10 0JQ  
Tel: +44 (0)1895 813383 Fax: +44 (0)1895 238888

**Drying Service**

Thermo Lignum UK Ltd.  
Tel: +44 (0)181 964 3964 Fax: +44 (0)181 964 2969  
19 The Grand Union Centre, West Row, Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5AS

**De-humidification**

Munters Moisture Control services  
Tel: +44 (0)181 759 3161 (London Office) +44

(0)1480 432243 (Head Office)  
+44 (0)1223 413787 (24 hour emergency answering service.)

**Disaster control and recovery**

Imbach RAG Ltd  
Tel: +44 (0)181 665 1459 (Croydon Office); +44 (0)1827 310 100 (24 hours)

Data and Archival Damage Control Centre(DADCC)  
Tel: +44 (0)171 837 8215 Fax: +44 (0)171 278 0221  
4 Bridge Wharf, 156 Caledonian Road, London N1 9UU

**Crates**

Greenwood U.K.  
Contact: Alan May  
Tel: +44 (0)181 656 6440 (Office hours) Mobile: +44 (0)1860 590212  
Greenwood Business Centre, 28 Amberley Grove, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 6ND

Teacrate  
54 Wood Lane, London, W12 7RJ  
Tel: 0181 740 0400 Mobile: 0589 043 736 Fax: +44 (0)181 740 4586  
Contact: Peel Taggart or Kenneth McGregor

Rentacrate Phone: +44 (0)171 232 2232 (Office hours)

**Freeze drying**

Edwards High Vacuum  
Manor Royal, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 2LW  
Tel: +44 (0)1293 528844

**Air conditioning**

John Ripley of Ripley Air Conditioning  
Tel: +44 (0)1732 883824

**Laser Cleaning**

Abbey Heritage Limited  
Dartford House, Two Rivers, Station Lane, Witney Oxfordshire OX8 6B  
Contact: Stephen Perriss (Managing Director)  
Tel: 01993 709699 Fax: +44 (0)1993 7090995

**Photographic Filing System (polypropylene wallets)**

Nicholas Hunter Ltd., Unit 8, Oxford Business Centre, Osney Lane, Oxford OX1 1TB  
Tel: +44 (0)865 727292  
Fax: +44 (0)865 200051

**Tyvek**

Preservation Equipment Ltd.

## Conservation & Curation Advice

Kate Andrew Geological Conservation and  
Collections Care Consultant  
Ludlow Museum, Old Street, Ludlow, Shropshire  
Tel: +44 (0)1584 873857 Fax: +44 (0)1584 872019

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Department,  
Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington  
Tel: +44 (0)171 942 2132

Biology Curators Group  
(Chair) David Carter, Entomology Dept., NHM  
Tel: +44 (0)171 942 5716  
(Membership Secretary) Kathie Way  
Tel: +44 (0)171 942 5186

Bob Childs (Head) Conservation Unit  
National Museums & Galleries of Wales, Cathay's  
Park, Cardiff CF1 3NP  
Tel: +44 (0)1222 573249 Fax: +44 (0)1222 573124

The Conservation Centre  
Merseyside Museums, Whitechapel, Liverpool, L1  
6HZ  
Tel: +44 (0)151 478 Fax: +44 (0)151 478 4990

The Conservation Unit Museums & Galleries  
Commission  
16 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AA  
Tel: +44 (0)171 233 3683

Chris Collins  
Sedgwick Museum Of Geology, Downing Street,  
Cambridge, CB2 3EQ  
Tel: +44 (0)1223 333456 Fax: +44 (0)1223 333450

Guild of Taxidermists, Duncan Ferguson  
(Membership Secretary)  
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow G3  
8AG  
Tel: +44 (0)141 287 2671 Fax: +44 (0)141 287 2690

William Lindsay  
(Head) Conservation Unit, Palaeontology Dept.,  
NHM  
Tel: +44 (0)171 942 5116

Simon Moore  
Hampshire County Museums, Chilcomb House,  
Chilcomb Lane, Winchester SO23 8RD  
Tel: +44 (0)1962 846337 Fax: +44 (0)1962  
869836

Natural Sciences Conservation Group  
Bob Entwistle (Chair)  
Ipswich Borough Council Museum, High Street,  
Suffolk IP1 3QH  
Tel: +44 (0)1473 213761/2

S.E. Area Museums Service  
Ferroners House, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8AA  
Tel: +44 (0)171 600 0219 Fax: +44 (0)171 600 2581

## ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING & PEST CONTROL

### Humidity Indicator Cards

Preservation Equipment Ltd. (UK branch of  
University Products Inc.)  
Shelfanger, Diss, Norfolk IP22 2DG  
Tel: +44 (0)379 651527 Fax: +44 (0)379 650582

### "Empire 20 "

DowElanco Europe  
Buropolis, 1240 Route des Dolines, B.P. 199, Sophia-  
Antipolis, 06561 Valbonne Cédex, France  
Tel: +33 93 95 6000  
(Contact for nearest local supplier)

### Sticky traps for insect monitoring

Agrisense - BCS Ltd. [Contact for nearest local  
supplier]  
Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, Mid  
Glamorgan CF37 5SU  
Tel: +44 (0)443 841155 Fax: +44 (0)443 841152

### "Constrain"

Historyonics  
17 Talbot Street, Pontcanna, Cardiff CF1 9BW

**Thermohygrometers (portable) [Meaco HK100  
with max./min. memory] [pre-delivery calibration  
& pound;28.00]**

Meaco, Unit 8, Smithbrook Kilns, Cranleigh, Surrey,  
GU6 8JJ  
Tel: +44 (0)1483 267433 Fax: +44 (0)1483 267422

### Dataloggers

Meaco, Unit 8, Smithbrook Kilns, Cranleigh, Surrey,  
GU6 8JJ  
Tel: +44 (0)1483 267433 Fax: +44 (0)1483 267422

## MATERIALS FOR SPIRIT COLLECTIONS

### CHEMICALS

#### Alcohol

Hayman Ltd [good for orders of various sizes of  
drum]  
Eastways Park, Witham, Essex CM8 3YE  
Tel: +44 (0)1376 517 517 Fax: +44 (0)1376 510 709

Alcohols Ltd [good for bulk deliveries]  
Charringtons House, The Causeway, Bishops  
Stortford, Herts CM23 2EW  
Tel: +44 (0)1279 658 464 Fax: +44 (0)1279 757 613

#### Formalin

Merck Ltd.  
Customer Service Centre, Magna Park, Lutterworth,  
Leicestershire LE17 4XN  
Tel: +44 (0)800 223344 Fax: +44 (0)1455 558586

### Propylene phenoxetol

Nipa Laboratories Ltd  
Nipa Industrial Estate, Llantwit Fardre, Nr.  
Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, CF38 2SN  
Tel: +44 (0)1443 205 311

### Glycerin

Merck Ltd.  
Customer Service Centre, Magna Park, Lutterworth,  
Leicestershire LE17 4XN  
Tel: +44 (0)800 223344 Fax: +44 (0)1455 558586

### General Chemicals

Merck Ltd  
Hunter Boulevard, Magna Park, Lutterworth, Leics  
LE17 4XN  
Tel: 0800 22 33 44 Fax: 01455 55 85 86

Sigma-Aldrich  
Fancy Road, Poole, Dorset BH12 4QH  
Tel: +44 (0)800 717 181 Fax: +44 (0)800 37 85 38

### Waste disposal

Safety-Kleen UK,  
390 London Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 5AN  
Tel: +44 (0)181 897 0963 Fax: +44 (0)181 564 7510

### Glass jars

Stolzle-Oberglas AG,  
Keisslergasse 26, A-1140 Wien, Austria  
Tel: +43 1 41565-0 Fax: +43 1 41565-780

### 3 X 1 Universals [box contains 144 bottles]

Solmedia Ltd.,  
6 The Parade, Colchester Road, Romford, Essex,  
RM3 0AQ  
Tel: +44 (0)1708 343334

### Acrylic jars

John Dunlop Osteological Supplies  
12 Tideway, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 6QT  
Tel: +44 (0)903 724983 Fax: +44 (0)903 713223

### Paper for labels in alcohol

Preservation Equipment Ltd (UK branch of  
University Products Inc.) [Resistall]  
Shelfanger, Diss, Norfolk IP22 2DG  
Tel: +44 (0)379 651527 Fax: +44 (0)379 650582

### Silicon adhesive "Silastic" 732 RTV

Merck Ltd.  
Customer Service Centre, Magna Park, Lutterworth,  
Leicestershire LE17 4XN  
Tel: +44 (0)800 223344 Fax: +44 (0)1455 558586

### Paraffin Soft White [grease for jars]

Merck Ltd.  
Customer Service Centre, Magna Park, Lutterworth,  
Leicestershire LE17 4XN  
Tel: +44 (0)800 223344 Fax: +44 (0)1455 558586

### Formalin labels [when ordering quote product code SBE]

Signs & Labels Ltd.  
Douglas Bruce House, Corry Way, Bredbruy  
Industrial Park, Stockport, SK6 2RR

"Borax" (di-Sodium tetraborate 10-hydrate  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) Product number 30175 W (1kg.)  
BDH Lab. Supplies, Poole BH15 1TD  
Tel: +44 (0)1202 669700.

## MATERIALS FOR DRY COLLECTIONS

### Plastic boxes

The Stewart Company  
Stewart House, Waddon Marsh Way, Purley Way,  
Croydon CR9 4HS  
Tel: +44 (0)181 686 2231 Fax: +44 (0)181 686 3857

Henleys Medical Supplies Ltd  
Brownfields, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 1AN  
Tel: +44 (0)1707 333164 Fax: +44 (0)1707 334795

Daco Marketing Ltd  
7 Christchurch Road, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2SJ  
Tel: +44 (0)1303 226137 Fax: +44 (0)1303 226092

### Acid-free Card boxes

The London Fancy Box Company Ltd.  
Castle Division, Beaconsfield Road, Dover CT16  
2LR  
Tel: +44 (0)1304 201598 Fax: +44 (0)1304 213570

Terry Andrews t/a  
"The Bag 'n' Box Man"  
Unit 1, West Street, Shutford, Banbury, Oxon OX15  
6PH

### Acid-free Tissue paper

Preservation Equipment Ltd (UK branch of  
University Products Inc.)  
Shelfanger, Diss, Norfolk IP22 2DG  
Tel: +44 (0)379 651527 Fax: +44 (0)379 650582

### Gelatin Capsules

Agar Scientific Ltd  
66a Cambridge Road, Stansted, Essex CM24 8DA  
Tel: +44 (0)1279 813519 Fax: +44 (0)1279 815106

### Paper & Board pH Testing Pens

Preservation Equipment Ltd.

**"Pigma" Pens (permanent pens used for dry specimens labels)**

Preservation Equipment Ltd.

**Rotring Pens**

Rotring GmbH(main Headquarters)  
P.O. Box 541060, D-22510 Hamburg, Germany  
[Should be available from most good stationary shops]

**Polymer Wool**

Any Aquatic suppliers  
Fish shops

**Self seal poly bags [also lay flat tubing for packing]**

Polybags Ltd  
Lyon Way  
Greenford, Middx. UB6 OAQ  
Tel: +44 (0)181 575 8200  
Fax: +44 (0)181 578 2247

**Archival pockets**

Secol Ltd  
Howlett way, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 1HZ  
Tel: +44 (0)1842 752341  
Fax: +44 (0)1842 762159

**Slide cabinets**

Watkins & Doncaster  
PO Box 5, Cranbrook, Kent TN18 5EZ  
Tel: +44 (0)1580 753133 Fax: +44 (0)1580 754054

**Books**

**Second-hand Book Shops**

Aquila Natural History Books  
Rechtstraat 72, NL-6221 Maastricht, The Netherlands  
Tel: +31 43 325 1044

Dr W Backhuys  
PO Box 321, 2300 AH Leiden, The Netherlands  
Tel: +31 71 517 0208 Fax: +00 31 517 1856  
E-mail: backhuys@euronet.nl

Little Holcombe Books  
10 Lumb Carr Avenue, Ramsbottom, Bury,  
Lancashire BL0 9QG  
Tel: +44 (0)1706 825322  
E-mail: littleholcombebooks@btinternet.com

Pemberley Books  
I.A. Johnson BSc. FRES  
34 Melrose Close, Hayes, Middlesex UB4 0AZ  
Tel: +44 181 561 5494

Savona Books  
9 Wilton Road, Hornsea, East Yorkshire HU18 1QU  
Tel: + 44 (0)1964 535195

Fax: +44 (0)1964 537346

E-mail: savonabooks@savonabooks.free-online.co.uk

Website: http://www.savonabooks.free-online.co.uk

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Natural History Book Service Book Net Searches  
http://www.nhbs.co.uk  
E-mail: nhbs@nhbs.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1803 865913  
Fax: +44 (0)1803 865280

**USEFUL CATALOGUES**

Archetype Books (for Museum studies books)  
31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY  
Tel: +44 (0)171 387 9651 Fax: +44 (0)171 388 0283

Atlantis European Ltd. (Archival Suppliers)  
146 Brick Lane, London E1 6RU  
Tel: +44 (0)171 377 8855 Fax: +44 (0)171 377 8859

Conservation Resources (UK) Ltd.  
Units 1, 2 & 4 Pony Road, Horspath Industrial Estate,  
Cowley, Oxfordshire OX4 2RD  
Tel: +44 (0)1865 747755 Fax: +44 (0)1865 747035  
Email: 100436.3447@compuserve.com

Preservation Equipment Ltd. (UK branch of  
University Products Inc.)  
Shelfanger, Diss, Norfolk IP22 2DG  
Tel: +44 (0)1379 651527 Fax: +44 (0)1379 650582

Meaco  
Unit 8, Smithbrook Kilns, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8JJ  
Tel: +44 (0)1483 267433 Fax: +44 (0)1483 267422

**Collections Research**

**ARE LOW TEMPERATURE  
PEST DISINFESTATION  
PROCEDURES 'SAFE'?**

At the September, 1999, meeting of the UK Systematics Forum Insect Collection Managers Group, George McGavin of the University Museum, Oxford, expressed misgivings regarding entomological drawers subjected to freeze-thaw cycles. This related particularly to deterioration of adhesives and changes in the fit of drawer lids. The Group also noted growing interest in the use of carbon dioxide fumigation as an alternative to freezing. As we in The Natural History Museum have come down firmly in favour of freezing as our preferred routine option for eradication of pests in our collections, such