



Cambridge Natural History Society
NatHistFest
the 101st Conversazione



an exhibition on the wonders of the natural world

Friday 3rd April and Saturday 4th April 2020
Department of Zoology, Downing St, Cambridge CB2 3EJ

Cambridge Natural History Society's free Annual Exhibition provides opportunities

- to meet local, national and international naturalists;
- to meet like-minded enthusiasts and share ideas;
- for the Society's members to show what they have been doing;
- for researchers to present their work;
- for local organisations to publicise their activities; and
- for everyone to learn about natural history and find out what is going on, especially locally.

We invite you to book space (free of charge) for an exhibit (or exhibits) on any aspects of natural history. Please complete the booking form and return by email by 15th March to exhibition@cnhs.org.uk or post to CNHS Conversazione Organiser, c/o Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, Downing St, Cambridge CB2 3EJ.

A history of the Conversazione, with past programmes listing exhibitors, and more information, is on our website: www.cnhs.org.uk.

The Conversazione is open to the public on Friday 3rd April from 1:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturday 4th April from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

It is held in the Elementary Teaching Laboratory, on the ground floor of the Department of Zoology on the Downing site (off Pembroke/Downing Street) in central Cambridge.

There will be a wine reception and social after the Conversazione closes on the Friday evening, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, to which all exhibitors are cordially invited.

Exhibits can be on any aspect of the natural world, including specimens that visitors can examine and opportunities to interact, as well as posters. There is no objection to exhibitors selling items, including arts and crafts, but exhibitors are responsible for the security of their wares.

Living things, especially animals, always attract attention. The laboratory is air-conditioned and can provide an equable environment for specimens. *Please consult us if you would like to bring live animals.* Exhibitors are responsible for the welfare and safety of their displays.

We can provide ideas for making exhibits eye-catching and interesting, as well as more information on the practicalities, after we receive your booking form.

Displays are exhibited on the laboratory benches (90 cm high and 65 cm deep). We have a limited number of display boards for loan, size 60 x 90 cm portrait.

There are electrical sockets on the benches for microscopes, laptops, lighting or other equipment. If you need basic equipment such as microscopes, lamps, clamps, an internet connection or a specific type of location, please let us know on the booking form.

It is desirable for someone to stay with the exhibit for at least part of the day to answer questions and meet visitors, but this is left to the discretion of the exhibitor(s).

The short talks by exhibitors went well, so we will again put on a programme of 10-minute talks by exhibitors. It may not be possible for all those wishing to give a talk to do so – there is limited time! Priority will be given to exhibitors who did not present a talk at the 100th Conversazione.

CNHS Photographic Prize: This year, instead of the Student Prize, we may offer a prize for the best photograph on the theme "People and the Natural World", taken in Cambridgeshire. *Please read the details on our website.*

For updated information visit our web site at www.cnhs.org.uk