



COPROLITE

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Events

29th Symposium on Palaeontological Preparation and Conservation 2024: Southampton - 11th September &

70th Symposium of Vertebrate Palaeontology and Comparative Anatomy (SVPCA) - 12th - 14th September

The event will feature a keynote address by the esteemed Professor Mike Benton from the University of Bristol, setting the stage for a memorable conference.

To add to the excitement, the conference dinner will take place at the beautiful Dancing Man Brewery, providing a perfect atmosphere for networking and relaxation.



SPPC

11th September 2024

Symposium on Palaeontological Preparation and Conservation
Southampton University, UK

51st Geological Curators Group Winter Seminar and AGM

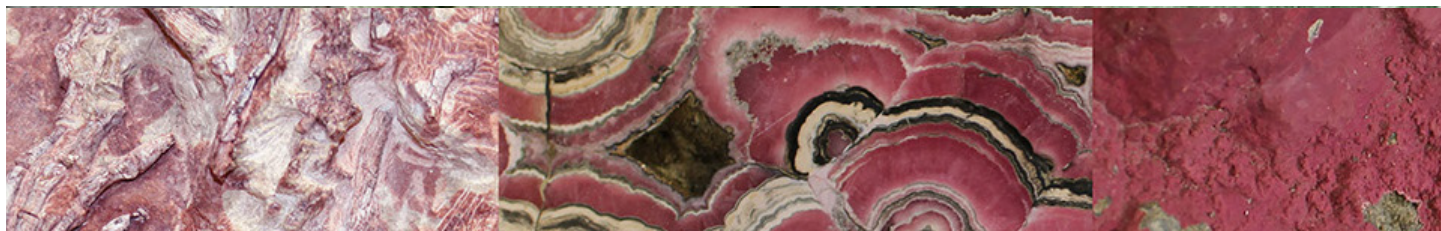
Reciprocal Relationships: how can partnerships help us and our collections develop?

11th-13th November - Oxford University Museum of Natural History

It will focus on building and maintaining relationships between individuals, institutions and networks. By working together and sharing knowledge, we benefit from collective experience. But what works and what doesn't? How should this knowledge be disseminated? Some themes:

- Citizen Science
- Cross-department endeavours
- Collecting networks/local groups
- Community outreach
- Multi-museum partnerships
- Research collaborations
- Volunteer projects
- Subject Specialist Networks (SSNs)





Anniversary

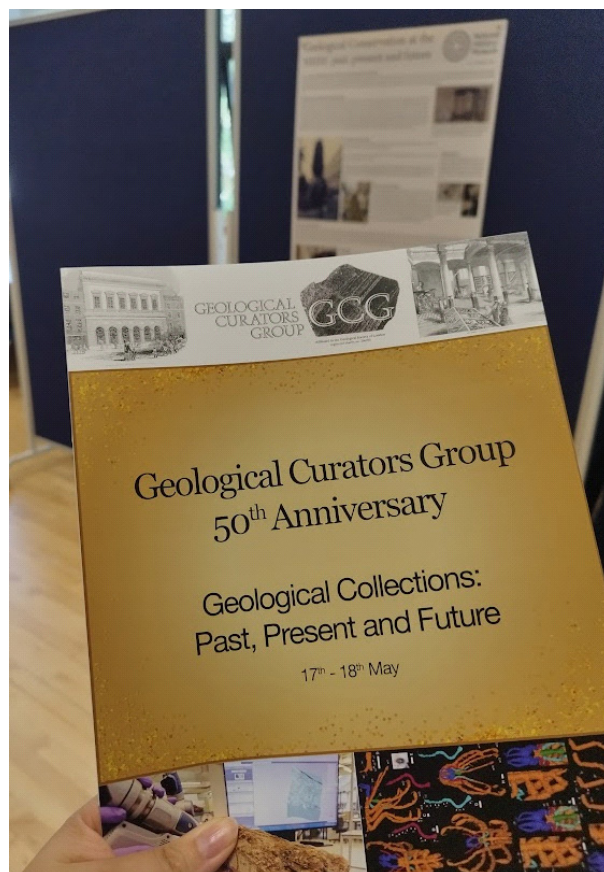
Celebrating 50 years is not something you do every day! Many associations cannot claim such longevity, so we are all very proud of this milestone.

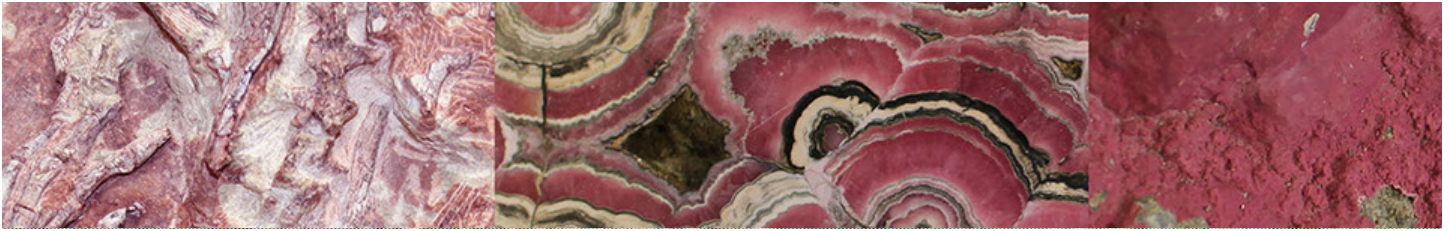
This association, as some of its longest serving members have pointed out, was founded to protect and support museum curators in the UK. Although there are still challenges today, the GCG has grown to include people of different ages and natural history, but all united by a passion for natural history, geological and palaeontological collections.

The celebrations took place thanks to the presentation of several experts in the field, who were selected to speak on various topics, including the conservation of the collections and their composition. How could these celebrations not be followed by cakes and a delicious dinner at the Belmont Hotel?

It was also the occasion for the unveiling of the GCG's new logo!

The meeting ended with an excursion to Charnwood Forest Geopark and the British Geological Survey to see important geological sites, historical collections, and to discuss collections storage.





Good News

Communication to the “Salone internazionale del libro di Torino”
by the “Museo Regionale di Scienze Naturali” of Turin (By Lorenzo Ridolfi, PhD Student UNITO)

We do hereby inform you that on 10 th May the “Museo Regionale di Scienze Naturali” of Turin made a communication to the prestigious ‘Salone del libro’ held annually in Turin. The palaeontologist Lorenzo Ridolfi, a doctoral student at the University of Turin (Earth Science Department), presented the studies carried out on the Museum on historical collection of Miocene fossil mammals from the renowned paleontological site of Pikermi (Attica, Greece). The communication at this significant and multidisciplinary event was of great importance, as it highlighted the significance of palaeontology and science museums in Italy. The high level of participation and interest demonstrates that palaeontological topics remain a significant and engaging subject for the general public.

This talk illustrated the processes of intervention and study of the material, the historical research carried out, the restoration work, the scientific study, the valorisation of the work and the scientific publication of the results.



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Cindy Howells, GCG membership secretary



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