



SPPC2021: Delegate information and programme 2nd September 2021

Dear SPPC delegate,

The Symposium on Palaeontological Preparation and Conservation will take place on Monday 6th September, using the 'Gather Town' online conference platform.

You will receive details of how to join the event from Roger Benson at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, in the next few days. If you have not received these by Monday morning, or you encounter any other problems, please e-mail sppc@geocurator.org for help.

In the meantime, here, below, are the timings for the event. All times are given as 'British Summer Time' which is GMT +1 hour.

Please check what GMT + 1 hour means for you where you are based (remember it is GMT plus one hour!)

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/map/>

The event is being organised by the Geological Curators Group and a member of the committee will introduce each presenter and host each poster session.

Timing:

3pm BST: We will 'open the doors' at 3pm BST, and you will have an hour to look at the posters and informally chat to colleagues (using the 'Zoom' function within the Gather Town platform).

4pm BST: Poster presentations will start. There will be a ten minute slot for each poster, in which the poster presenter will be introduced; a summary of the poster given; and delegates can ask questions of the presenter.

One exception to this will be Stella Alvarez, for whom English is a second language. Please send any questions for Stella to SPPC@geocurator.org **before 4pm BST** on 6th September, so that she may prepare her responses ahead of the session.

Timing for the poster presentations (all given as at BST i.e. GMT + 1 hour):

4.00

Presenter: Lu Allington-Jones

Title: Friends With Benefits:

4.10

Presenters: Fogerty, T., Bernard, E.L., Gallagher, L.T., Stukins, S., Hughes, Z.E., and Twitchett, R.J.

Title: Enhancing historical British chalk fish collections through nannofossil biostratigraphy

4.20

Presenter: John Cooke

Conservation and restoration of historical boxed mineral collections

4.30

Presenter: Emma Nicholls

Title: Assessment and conservation of geological specimens for travelling exhibition

4.40

Presenter: Lu Allington-Jones

Title: Something about meteorites: When corrosion prevention causes corrosion

4.50

Presenters: Sally and Neville Hollingworth

Title: "Jurassic Pompeii" – preparation of a well-preserved Middle Jurassic (Bathonian) echinoderm lagerstätte from southwest England, UK.

5.00

Presenter: Stephanie Black

Title: The effects of fossil consolidation on potential scientific research

5.10

Presenters:

Larkin, N.R., Dey, S. and Smith, A.S.

Title: 21st Century Rex: Maximising access to a privately owned *Tyrannosaurus rex* in the digital age

5.20

Presenters: Wright A.J., Trythall J. and Longstaff D.N.

Title: At the Water's Edge: temporarily reuniting 375 mya tetrapod fossils.

5.30

Presenters: Stubbs-Lee, D. A., Stimson, M. R., MacRae, R. A., King, O. A. and McAlpine, D. F.

Title: Conservation and photogrammetry of subfossil Quaternary walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) from the bay of Fundy, Canada.

5.40

Presenters: Alvarez, S.M. and Rigueti F.J.

Title: Biodeterioration: Recovery of wooden containers used in Paleontology Collections

We will 'close the doors' at 6.30 pm to allow time for some slippage of the timings and also so that people can continue to chat after the posters have been presented.

The organisers of the Symposium on Vertebrate Palaeontology and Comparative Anatomy (SVPCA) that follows SPPC have kindly offered to keep the SPPC posters up for their conference poster session. This means that many more people will see the posters if presenters so wish. The SVPCA poster session will take place on Wednesday 8th September 10:45-13:00 BST. Presenters can be available during the SVPCA poster session if they would like to talk to delegates and answer questions, but this is not obligatory.

Any presenters who would prefer for their poster to be taken down should contact SPPC@geocurator.org asap.

With best wishes,

Nigel Larkin on behalf of the SPPC Committee

Please note:

This year's SPPC will be held on the 'Gather Town' online conference platform.

Enclosed below is a link to a short video on YouTube that should help you to envisage how the posters will be presented.

Delegates can create an avatar and 'wander around' the conference space. When approaching another delegate, a Zoom dialogue will automatically open up.

When delegates click on a poster, there is a zoom function and the ability to scroll around the poster to see the details.

During a presenter's allocated time slot (see above for details), a 'Zoom call' format will open and the presenter will appear by video in a small window at the top of the screen. All delegates wanting to listen and ask questions will appear in small video windows too. Here is a video that explains more (but bear in mind this was made for a different conference):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdRiOCPohYA>