**Programme**

Care and Conservation of Insect Collections

Friday, March 22, 2019, Oxford University Museum of Natural History

9:30 – 10:00: Arrival (refreshments will be available)

10:00 – 10:10: Welcome

10:10 – 10:30: What is an insect?

10:30 - 11:30: Collections assessment

11:30 -11:45: Break

11:45 – 12:00: Wet storage

12:00 – 13:00: Dry storage

13:00- 14:00: LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00: Practical session (conservation of insect specimens, incl. materials)

15:00 – 15:30: Important things to consider

15:30 – 16:00: Q&A with case studies from participants, closing remarks

**Contributors**

Speakers include Zoë Simmons, Amo Spooner and James Hogan. All of them work within the Hope Entomology Collections at Oxford University Museum of Natural History and between them have over 35 years of experience working with entomology collections.

**Zoë Simmons** is Collection Manager for Diptera and Arachnida. Her latest work-based project has been on the documentation and re-housing of the Octavius Pickard-Cambridge collection of spirit preserved exotic spiders but she has plenty of experience with dry collection materials too. She teaches numerous short courses on many aspects of collections care and preservation.

**Amo Spooner** is Collections Manager for Coleoptera and Small Orders. Her work within the department has focused on the care and conservation of 19th century entomology collections. She is particularly skilled at graphology, an expertise that is put to good use when hunting down elusive type specimens within the historic collections.

**James Hogan** is Collections Manager for Lepidoptera and Hymenoptera. He has a particular passion for ground beetles belonging to the sub-family Scaratiinae but recent work has focused on butterflies. The collections at OUMNH are particularly rich in an array of historically important specimens and much effort has been focused on the documentation of these materials.

We encourage all participants to send in particular problems or queries they may have ahead of time. For this and for any further information on the content of the course please contact the team at OUMNH on [life@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:life@oum.ox.ac.uk).