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## View From The Chair

Paul A Brown, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2002

Welcome to the 19<sup>th</sup> Newsletter and the first Newsletter edited by our new Editor Vicki Noble. She is suitably qualified for the job as she has a degree in English and a Masters in Mediaeval Manuscripts and now works in the Botany Department at the Natural History Museum. Both Darren and myself are most pleased and that we have such a willing and enthusiastic volunteer for the job. Thanks go to Darren for his three-year stint as editor during which he produced 7 Newsletters and edited 266 pages of text! We also welcome Nigel Larkin to the committee and we welcome back Donna Young after a gap of 3 years. Kate Andrew was voted on as Treasurer for a further term of office in the absence of any other volunteer for that post. Simon Moore, Sue Cooke and Gabriela MacKinnon were also voted onto committee for further terms of office.

We have just had our AGM and conference at Norwich Castle Museum. At this AGM and as discussed in Newsletter No 18 we voted on two proposals dealing with the proposed merger with the BCG. At their AGM in Newcastle, the BCG membership present overwhelmingly voted for the merging of our organisations. As directed, David Carter and myself have produced a list of eight names (for BCG: David Carter, Howard Mendel, Nick Gordon and Steve Thompson and NSCG: myself, Kate Andrew, Simon Moore and Donna Young.) We will attempt to select a neutral chair and will start meeting in July 2002. The remit of the group will be as stated in proposal 2 "to write a constitution for the combined organisation and recommend the mechanism for merging" and will take into account changes in charitable status, the structure of the new group to represent Conservation and other interests, the improvement of future publications, a new name for the combined 'group', a new membership fee and other financial matters. We will report back on our progress in future Newsletters and we will work hard to have a new constitution, which is agreed to by the Charities Commission, to present to next year's AGM. Next year's AGM will probably take place in Manchester, possibly Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2003. It is unfortunate that GCG cannot join us at present but we would continue to keep close contact with them via Sue Cooke and Kate Andrew. I much prefer to have them on board as I do all accredited and non-accredited Natural Science Conservators.

Please, if you have strong views on the subject, then write a letter to the membership for publication in The Newsletter, which is your vehicle to disseminate your views. Whatever the form of the new group, your views as Conservators will continue to be represented and valued both within the new group and in NCCR via Bob Entwistle and Simon Moore.

## Combined Conference & AGM, 16 - 17 April 2002 Castle Museum, Norwich

AGM, 16th April 2002 :12.15 - 13.20

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration for the Agenda
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairs report
6. Secretary's report
7. Membership secretary's report
8. Treasurers report
9. Proposal to accept the accounts
10. Editors Report
11. Election to the Committee
12. Election of Auditors
13. NCCR Report
14. Adoption of new MA code of Ethics
15. Response to Renaissance in the Regions
16. Merger of NSCG with BCG
17. Any Other Business