Thursday 18th April

10.00 – 10.25 Registration and coffee

10.30 – 10.35 Introduction & Housekeeping
Chair: Jen Gallichan

10.35 – 10.45 Welcome by Paul Smith, Director of Oxford University Museum of Natural History

First Session

10:45 – 11.35 Lightning Talks (5 minutes each)
Chair: Yvette Harvey

1. Importance of natural sciences collections for biocultural research. A view from the Global South. Mariana Mondini, Florencia Agliano, M. Florencia Arias, A. Carolina Moreano, Mónica V. Pia, Daiana Coll, Camila Neveu Collado: Laboratorio de Zooarqueología y Tafonomía de Zonas Áridas (LaZTA), IDACOR, CONICET-UNC, Argentina


3. Suspicious specimens: a new tool to find potentially misidentified and misnamed specimens in biological data. Sophie Roberts: Edge Hill University


5. The Herbarium Handbook: Collecting knowledge and expertise from around the world. Grace Flanagan: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew


7. Making friends and influencing people: how to work together effectively. Sebastien Lherondel-Davies and Kanchi Mehta; Swansea University, partnered with Swansea Museum and Amgueddfa Cymru (Museum Wales)

8. Against all Odd(y)s – Where have all the oddy testers gone. Amalia Lempriere, Sebastian Foxley: Royal College of Surgeons of England

10. **Maximising student engagement through non-major interns.** Patti Wood Finkle: The Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum & Art Gallery at The Pennsylvania State University

11.35 – 11.55 Coffee Break & Trade Stands

**Second Session: Learning and engagement**
Chair: Jen Gallichan

11.55 – 12.15 **Biodiversity: Inspiring teachers and KS5 students.** Kathy Moore & David Waterhouse: Freelance and Scott Polar Research Institute (recently of Norfolk Museums Service)

12.15 – 12.35 **Dead inspiring: how to encourage secondary schools to engage with natural science collections.** Clare Brown: Leeds Museums and Galleries

12.35 – 12.55 **Discover our dioramas.** Su Hepburn & Rebecca Lean: Brighton & Hove Museums / Booth Museum of Natural History

12.55 – 13.40 Lunch & Trade Stands, including:

13.20 – 13.40 **Informal discussion about the Natural History GCSE, in the auditorium,** led by Steph Holt: Natural History Museum London

13.45 – 14.20 NatSCA AGM
Chair: Jen Gallichan and Isla Gladstone

Reports on the running of NatSCA and elections to the Committee.

14.20 – 14.30 Short break

**Third Session: Collections moves**
Chair: Yvette Harvey

14.30 – 14.50 **Dust in the wind: how to design exhibits with an eye for upkeep.** Becky Desjardins: Naturalis Biodiversity Center


15.10 – 15.30 **Behind the glass: Practical lessons from diorama deinstallation.** Anastasia van Gaver: Natural History Museum of Denmark
15.30 – 15.50 Coffee Break & Trade stands

Fourth Session
15.50 – 16.45 Discussion panel
Chair: Jack Ashby

Trials and Triumphs: gallery redisplay projects from across the museum sector
Mark Carnall: Oxford University Museum of Natural History
Sara Merritt: Leeds Museums & Galleries
Tannis Davidson: Grant Museum of Zoology, UCL

Networking and Dinner
17.00 – 18.45 Informal pub get-together at a local pub (location TBC) or freshening-up break
19.00 Conference dinner: A traditional Oxford college experience of a three-course meal in the dining hall setting of St. Cross College (Additional booking required)

Friday 19th April
10.00 – 10.25 Registration and coffee
10.25 – 10.35 Welcome & Housekeeping
Chair: Clare Brown

First Session: Sharing museum practices
Chair: Laura McCoy

10.35 – 10.55 Surprising Steedman’s successes (and a disappointing disaster). Claire Smith: Cole Museum of Zoology, University of Reading
10.55 – 11.15 From microfossils to mammoths and everything in between – how do you measure 28 million specimens? Katherine Hudson & Ellie Clark: Natural History Museum, London
11.15 – 11.35 Oh crumbs! Responding to a biscuit beetle infestation within the Economic Botany Collection at RBG, Kew. Gayathri Anand and Erin Messenger: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

11.35 – 11.55 Coffee break & Trade Stands

Second Session: Decolonial practice and digital repatriation
Chair: Emma Murphy


12.35 – 12.55 SIGNIFY – recollecting Singapore’s historical biodiversity digitally. Lydia Gan Xinjie: Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, National University of Singapore

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch & Trade Stands

Third Session: Digitisation and data management
Chair: Clare Brown

13.45 – 14.05 DiSSCo UK: Unlocking the potential of UK Natural Science Collections through digitisation. Helen Hardy: Natural History Museum, London


14.45 – 15.00 Summary, closing chat and thank you
Chair: Jen Gallichan and Patti Wood-Finkle

15.10 – 16.45 Gallery Tours (Booking details to follow)