

**17<sup>th</sup> National Biodiversity Network Conference**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, National Museum Cardiff**

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09:30 Registration and coffee

**Morning session: NBN progress and partnership**

**Chair of morning session: Jen Ashworth, NBN Trustee**

10.00 Welcome and introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, *Professor Michael Hassell*

10.05 Keynote address – TBC

10.35 "Through partnership, a lot *can* be achieved in 12 months!" – Jo Judge

10.55 "The SBIF Review: reimagining our data infrastructure" – Ellen Wilson, Chair of the Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum

**11.15 Tea / coffee break**

11.45 "A bold step: building on the past to meet new approaches in Wales" - Helen Wilkinson, Manager, Knowledge and Information Management and Barnaby Letheren, Specialist Adviser, Enterprise Data Management, Natural Resources Wales

12.05 "LERC Wales: Delivering an Evidence Base Fit for Wales" – Adam Rowe, Manager, South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre Limited (SEWBRcC)

12.25 "Verification - next steps and an opportunity to feedback to the partnership" – Jo Judge

12.35 Q&A

**12.45 Lunch, posters, displays and demonstrations**

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### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Afternoon session: How is the NBN Atlas supporting your data needs?**

**Chair of afternoon session: Andrew Wood, NBN Trustee and Treasurer**

14.00 Discussion workshops

Five parallel sessions. At the end of each workshop a set of clearly defined actions will be made, with responsibility for taking the actions forward determined and agreed by the group.

1. How can the NBN Atlas work better for marine data?

Workshop lead – Paula Lightfoot

2. An Atlas for all – is the NBN Atlas supporting different uses and different users?

Workshop lead – Tom Webb

3. How can the NBN Atlas better support the NBN Data Flow Pathway?

Workshop lead – Barnaby Letheren

4. The NBN Atlas – a demonstration and future development discussion

Workshop leads – Holly York and Jo Judge

5. What are the barriers to sharing data on the NBN Atlas and how can we overcome them?

Workshop lead – Ben Deed

#### **15.45 – 16:15 Coffee / tea break**

16:15 – 16:45 Workshop feedback to the auditorium – what are the next actions?

16:45 – 17:00 Q&A

17:00 – 17:05 Chairman’s summing up of day 1

17:15 – 17:45 NBN AGM

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#### **18:00 – 19:15 UK Awards for Biological Recording & Information Sharing**

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### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

09:00 Registration and coffee

#### **Morning session: Data, data everywhere – sharing and using data across the NBN**

**Chair of morning session: Dr Jo Judge, NBN Chief Executive**

09:25 Welcome and introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, *Professor Michael Hassell*

09:30 Keynote address – “Assessing the state of nature: past, present and future” - Dr Mark Eaton, Principal Conservation Scientist, RSPB Centre for Conservation Science –

10:00 “Let’s Talk about Data” - Matt Postles, Bristol Natural History Consortium

10.20 “Recorder 6 and all that” – Steve Whitbread, ALERC Director

10.40 “Collection, Collaboration, Collation & Circulation of plant records in West Glamorgan” – Barry Stewart, Bryophyte Recorder for Glamorgan & Plant Recorder for West Glamorgan

10.50 “The Wet Bit Around the Edge: Are Marine Data Different?” - Dan Lear, Marine Biological Association

#### **11:00 Tea / coffee break**

11.30 “Data Sharing – The Earthworm Perspective” - Keiron Derek Brown, Earthworm Society of Britain

11.40 “Summary of questionnaire: What do ecological consultants want from GCER?” - Linda Moore, Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records

11.50 “NBN Atlas: A Consultancy Perspective” - Dr Rachel Roberts, The Environment Partnership (TEP)

12.00 Student speed talk: TBC

12.05 Student speed talk: “Identification Trainers for the Future – a trainee’s perspective” – Steph Skipp, ID Trainer for the Future

12.10 “Bridging the skills gap in UK species identification – lessons learnt and next steps” - Stephanie West, UK Biodiversity Training Manager & John Tweddle, Head of Centre, Angela Marmont Centre for UK Biodiversity, Natural History Museum

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#### Afternoon session: Looking forward – opportunities for data and the NBN

**Chair of afternoon session: Professor Michael Hassell, NBN Trust Chairman**

- 13:45 Award of NBN Honorary Membership
- 13.50 The Sir John Burnett Memorial Lecture, 2017 – "Data – what is it good for? Insights from network ecology" Professor Yvonne Buckley, Chair of Zoology, School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin
- 14.20 TBC
- 14.40 "NBN as a global player enabling biodiversity research through GBIF" - Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Secretariat

#### **15.00 Tea / coffee break**

- 15.30 Student Speed talk: "Project Splatter: Using Citizen Scientists to Monitor Wildlife Roadkill" – Amy Schwartz, PhD Student – Cardiff University
- 15.35 Student Speed talk: "Climate change and checklists – monitoring natural colonists through biological recording" - Jamie Cranston, NERC iCASE PhD Student, University of Exeter
- 15:40 "Looking forward – mammal data and its potential at a national and international scale" - Dr Graham Smith, Animal and Plant Health Agency, Defra
- 16.00 "FSC BioLinks – 5 more years of caring and sharing THANK YOU HLF!" - Sue Townsend, FSC Biodiversity Learning Manager, Field Studies Council
- 16.20 Q&A
- 16.25 Chairman's summing up.
- 16.30 End of conference

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