

The weekly newsletter from the Botany Department at Trinity College Dublin

Conferences

6th Annual Botany-Zoology
Postgraduate Symposium
2nd March 2017



A quick reminder that the **Postgraduate Symposium** is coming up tomorrow, Thursday March 2nd, and will take place in the **Houghton Lecture Theatre** (Museum building).

The first talk will be given at 10 am by keynote speaker **Dr. James LaCourse**, parasitologist.

Join us for a whole day of interesting talks!



The **Irish Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland Conference** will be held on **March 25th 2017** at the National Botanic Gardens, Dublin. The programme of talks and workshops is detailed below.

Booking is open until March 16th; the booking form can be downloaded on the conference website: <http://bsbi.org/irish-conference>.

PROGRAMME

10.00 – 10.20 Registration and welcome (main auditorium)

Morning

10.30 – 11.10 'Dactylorhiza in Ireland', Ian Denholm

11.10 – 11.30 'Tales from the wilderness: the continuing adventures of the Irish Rough Crew', Rory Hodd

11.30 – 12.00 Tea/coffee

12.00 – 12.20 'Botanising with D.A. Webb', Daniel Kelly

12.20 – 12.40 'The new team in Cork', Clare Heardman/Edwina Cole/Finbarr Wallace

12.40 – 14.00 Lunch (not included; two restaurants available in Botanic Gardens)

Afternoon

14.00 – 14.45 Atlas Q&A – all you ever wanted to know about BSBI Atlas 2020

14.45 – 15.15 Flash talks – project updates and more

15.15 – 15.45 Tea/coffee

15.45 – 16.45 For VCRs: DDb workshop, with Jim McIntosh

For others, ID workshops:

(i) 'Rushes - ID tips to get you started', with Lynda Weekes (30 mins)

(ii) 'How to tackle aquatics', with Joanne Denyer (30 mins)

16.50 – 17.50 Paul Green and AN Other(s) - mini-workshops on ID of some tricky groups

There will be a help/ID table, so you can bring along any tricky specimens!

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News from the field

Aoife Delaney is working with **Jane Stout** to determine landscape effects on pollination of Shea trees in Burkina Faso, West Africa, as part of a larger **Darwin Initiative**-funded project. The work contributes to the local economy by helping to support the shea butter industry while also expanding our knowledge of tropical pollination ecology.



Jane Stout in the field



A honey bee visiting a shea flower



Aoife Delaney measuring shrubs in a diverse site



An example of a degraded site



Elephants!

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