

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS



SPNHC

ADVANCING COLLECTIONS CARE

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MISSION

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The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) is an international society whose mission is to improve the preservation, conservation and management of natural history collections to ensure their continuing value to society.

- **Promote and professionalize the career of collections management**
- **Promote and advocate for collections big and small**



WHAT IS SPNHHC?

- **Member run society**
- **400 US members from 170 collection holding institutions in 48 states**
- **150 international members from 29 countries**
- **19 professional societies represented on council**
- **21 official representatives or liaisons**

COUNCIL + 17 COMMITTEES

- Best Practices
- Conference
- Conservation
- Documentation
- Legislation and Regulations
- Professional development
- Publications
- International Relations

SPNHC MEMBERSHIP

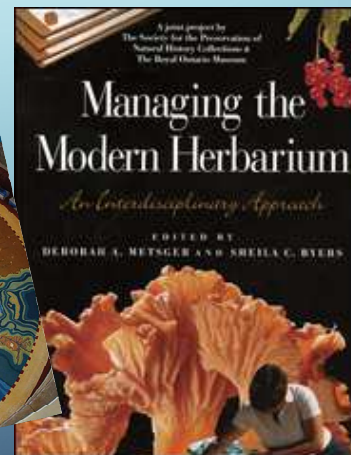
- **5 classes of membership**
 - **Student (\$20)**
 - **Regular (\$45)**
 - **Library (\$55)**
 - **Institutional (\$75)**
 - **Corporate/Commercial (\$350)**

RESOURCES AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- **Website – www.spnhc.org**
 - Citations, vendor listing, job opportunities, best practices, reports, books
- **NHCOLL-L and Permit-L listservs**
- **Facebook page**
- **Twitter account**
- **Grants and awards**
 - Research grants, annual meeting travel awards (mentorship)
- **Emerging Professionals group (EPG)**
 - blog, Facebook page, resources, contacts

PUBLICATIONS

- Twice yearly newsletter
- Peer reviewed journal - Collection Forum
- Books



ANNUAL MEETINGS

- Meeting this year in Cardiff, Wales – June 22-27
- Gainesville, FL 2015
- Berlin, Germany 2016
- Denver, CO 2017
- 2018 ???



Great opportunity to network, showcase your collection through presentation, see other collections and generally share ideas, best practices, experiences etc.



MAJOR PLAYER IN COLLECTIONS DIGITIZATION

- **Close collaborations through various mechanisms with other groups**
 - iDigBio/ADBC/TCNs
 - NSCA - <http://www.nscalliance.org/>
 - AIBS - <http://www.aibs.org>
 - NatSCA - <http://www.natsca.org/>
 - NEON - <http://www.neoninc.org/>
 - ISBER - <http://www.isber.org/>
 - GBIF - <http://www.gbif.org/>
 - TDWG - <http://www.tdwg.org/>
 - GRBio - <http://grbio.org/>
 - BISON - <http://bison.usgs.ornl.gov/>
 - Synthesys - <http://www.synthesys.info/>
 - ICOM - <http://www.icom-cc.org/>

and many more...

NETWORK INTEGRATED BIOCOLLECTIONS ALLIANCE (NIBA)

- Joint SPNHC/AIBS/NSCA proposal to NSF for continuation and expansion of iDigBio/ADBC – engagement by entire community and major players
- “Inclusive, vibrant partnership of US biological collections that collectively will document the nation’s biodiversity resources and create a dynamic, electronic resource that will serve the nation’s needs...”
- www.aibs.org/public-policy/biocollections.html

HOW CAN SPNHC HELP SMALL COLLECTIONS?

Apart from the obvious initiatives already stated...

- **Accessibility and visibility are key for small collections**
 - Digitize, make accessible, portals, consortia, self promotion, uniqueness
- **Training, workshops, resources**
- **Collective bargaining power - leverage and promotion**
 - Transfer of ideas, best practices, protocols
- **Collective experience and assets**
- **Sense of community – mentorship and other assist**
- **What can we do for you?**