



Welcome

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Article

Vale Dr John La Salle

It is with regret that the Atlas of Living Australia informs all members of our community that our Director, Dr John La Salle, has unexpectedly passed away.

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Categories: **ALA Blog**

John became Director of the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) five years ago. His leadership made a profound contribution to the expansion of the ALA, and to the national and international biodiversity community more broadly.

John was involved with the ALA since its inception and played a key role in its establishment in 2006. He was passionate about unlocking the information stored in Australian biological collections and related biodiversity databases, and making this information accessible and usable online.

John was also an internationally recognised insect taxonomist, a leading figure in adopting emerging technologies to accelerate the processes of taxonomy, species discovery and description, and delivery of information from natural





Logistics

Attendees: ~240 (54 oral sessions; 11 discussion sessions, 9 plenaries, 24 posters)

Agenda: On the wiki, optimized for phone and tablets; printed agendas are posted outside of the presentation rooms

Poster session: today at 3:45, Moore Lobby - Hearst Memorial Mining Building

Presenters: Kevin Love is your guy. Can also see Jill, Molly, or me to hand off your presentations. Earlier the better. Please get this done at least an hour before your talk to ensure no delays.

Speaking of delays, timekeepers and moderators have been told to be ruthless in keeping things on track, even obnoxious. We want everyone to have their allotted time and are using large green, yellow, and red cards to keep folks on time. Green means 5 minutes left, yellow means 3 left, red means wrap it up in 30 seconds. If the timekeeper stands, start running.

**Thanks to all of you for being here.
See you all next year at Yale!**