

Natural History Collections

The program of the working group is as follows:

A. To investigate the possibility of launching a web-based expertise network on fluid preservation. The skeletal framework of this website could be based on the recently published decision-making model, which has been developed in the last triennial period.

B. To strengthen collaboration between national and international natural history societies by means of joint (interim) meetings/projects.

C. To establish and improve interaction with other working groups to increase knowledge and understanding about conservation problems related to natural history objects containing both organic and inorganic materials (e.g. efflorescence on wax models containing metals or metal based pigments, herbaria treated with mercury salts, and degradation of fats and fatty acids catalyzed by metal ions in fluid preserved specimens).

D. To have a forum discussion about ethics in collecting and preserving natural history collections at the next triennial meeting.