



NATURAL HISTORY OF GIBRALTAR: *PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE*

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday 15th October

- 09:10** **Welcome by Prof Catherine Bachleda**
Vice-Chancellor, University of Gibraltar
- 09:15** **Official Opening by The Hon Prof John Cortes**
Minister for Education, the Environment, Sustainability, Climate Change, Heritage and Culture,
HM Government of Gibraltar
- 09:30** **Leslie Linares:** **An overview of the changes in the vegetation of Gibraltar and its effects on particular plant species.**
Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society
- 10:30** *Tea & coffee break*
- 11:00** **Andrew Gdaniec:** **In-situ and ex-situ research and conservation of cacti at the Gibraltar Botanic Gardens.**
Gibraltar Botanic Gardens & University of Reading
- 12:00** **Nigel Taylor:** **Singapore Botanic Gardens and its heritage values.**
Gibraltar Botanic Gardens
- 13:00** *Lunch break*
- 14:30** **Geraldine Finlayson:** **Digital photography:**
The new method of natural history collecting in museums.
Gibraltar National Museum, Liverpool John Moores University & University of Gibraltar
- 15:30** **Rhian Guillem:** **The Ants of Gibraltar:**
With reference to the history of myrmecology in Gibraltar.
Gibraltar Botanic Gardens & Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society
- 16:30** *Tea & coffee break*
- 17:00** **Keith Bensusan:** **Diversity and Lives of Insects in Gibraltar.**
Gibraltar Botanic Gardens & Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society
- 18:00** *Discussion*

Friday 16th October

- 09:30 **Alex Menez:** **“I am going on gradually with my Fauna Calpensis”:**
A miscellany of the history of natural history in Gibraltar.
University of Gibraltar
- 10:30 *Tea & coffee break*
- 11:00 **Geraldine Finlayson:** **The Gorham’s Cave Complex:**
An ecological overview of a World Heritage Site.
Gibraltar National Museum, Liverpool John Moores University & University of Gibraltar
- 12:00 **Stewart Finlayson:** **The Pleistocene avifauna of Gibraltar.**
Gibraltar National Museum & University of Gibraltar
- 13:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:30 **Keith Bensusan:** **30 Years of Bird Ringing in Gibraltar**
Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society
- 15:30 **Clive Finlayson:** **Bird migration in the Strait of Gibraltar - flyways, bottlenecks and stop overs: I Terrestrial and aquatic species.**
Gibraltar National Museum, University of Toronto, Liverpool John Moores University & University of Gibraltar
- 16:30 *Tea & coffee break*
- 17:00 **Tyson Lee Holmes:** **Bat Research and Conservation in Gibraltar:**
Its history, current projects and a look to the future.
The Gib-Bats Project, Gibraltar National Museum & University of Gibraltar
- 18:00 *Discussion*

Saturday 17th October

09:30	Darren Fa:	Humans and their relationship with the sea: <i>With special reference to Gibraltar.</i> University of Gibraltar
10:30 <i>Tea & coffee break</i>		
11:00	Clive Finlayson:	Bird migration in the Strait of Gibraltar - flyways, bottlenecks and stop overs: II Coastal and pelagic species. Gibraltar National Museum, University of Toronto, Liverpool John Moores University & University of Gibraltar
12:00	Stephen Warr:	Gibraltar Marine Reserve: <i>Recent advances in surveillance monitoring.</i> HM Government of Gibraltar & University of Gibraltar
13:00 <i>Lunch break</i>		
14:30	Lewis Stagnetto:	Understanding annual changes in phytoplankton community structure: <i>What are the factors driving these changes in the Strait of Gibraltar?</i> The Nautilus Project & University of Gibraltar
15:30	Liesl Mesilio:	The Changing Tides of Conservation Policy. HM Government of Gibraltar & University of Gibraltar
16:30 <i>Tea & coffee break</i>		
17:00	John Cortes:	Gibraltar – A Conservation Overview HM Government of Gibraltar & University of Gibraltar
18:00		<i>Discussion & Closing</i>