

## Conference Agenda

### Connecting Collections

#### For a New Generation of Interdisciplinary Research

#### Conference day 1, Wednesday February 2, 2011

09:00 Coffee and registration

#### *Welcome and introduction*

09:30: Welcome by the Australian host and housekeeping issues: Suzanne Miller, South Australian Museum and Conference Co-chair

09:40: Introduction and discussion about the workshop background, aims and expected outcomes: David Schindel, chair of SciColl steering committee

#### *Science session 1: Interdisciplinary use of collections for research on human migrations and environmental change*

10:00: Overview: "Identifying the origins of peoples and their commensal plants and animals in order to better understand the settlement, history and prehistory": Prof. Lisa Matissoo-Smith, Prof. Of Biological Anthropology, University of Otago, New Zealand.

10:20: Presentation of collections-based research: Prof Alan Cooper, Head of the Australian Centre for Ancient DNA

10:40: Discussion and possible impact on SciColl programme of work

11:00: Coffee break

#### *Science session 2: Interdisciplinary use of collections for research on climate change (The need for integrated global data in the role of understanding scales of climate change)*

11:30: Presentation of collections-based research: Dr Greg Guerin, Australian Centre for Evolutionary Biology

11:50: Presentation on potential use of additional types of collections: Dr Warwick McDonald, Head of the National Plan for Environmental Information, Australian Bureau of Meteorology

12:10: Discussion and possible impact on SciColl programme of work

12:30: Lunch

#### *Science session 3: Interdisciplinary use of collections for research in emerging diseases*

13:30: Presentation on "Host-parasite-environment: What might we learn from the past?": Prof. Graham V Brown, Nossal Institute for Global Health

14:10: Discussion and possible impact on SciColl programme of work

#### *Science session 4: Interdisciplinary use of collections for research on food security*

14:30: Presentation of collections-based research: Dr Joanne Daly, CSIRO, Australia

15:10: Discussion and possible impact on SciColl programme of work

15:30: Coffee/tea break

16:00: Open discussion of interdisciplinary research priorities for SciColl's Program of Work

17:00: Adjourn

18:00: Conference dinner, Museum Victoria

## **Conference day 2, Thursday February 3, 2011**

09:00: Coffee-Registration

### ***Science session 5: Connecting collections***

09:30: Connecting biodiversity collections in Australia – new technology: John La Salle, CSIRO and Conference Co-chair, and Ken Walker, Museum Victoria

10:00: Australian Roadmap for data intensive networks: Prof. Suzanne Miller, South Australian Museum

10:20: London Natural History Museum initiative: Prof. Richard Lane, Natural History Museum London

10:40: Connecting collections in the US: Dr. David Schindel, Smithsonian Institution

11:00: Coffee/Tea break

### ***Session 6: Conclusions***

11:30: Open discussion of recommendations and decisions to SciColl Leadership on Research Problems and building them into the SciColl work plan

13:00 Lunch

## **Meeting of SciColl Interim Executive Board and prospective SciColl members**

### **Conference day 2, Thursday February 3, 2011**

#### ***Business Session 1***

13:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introduction of participants (tour de table)</li><li>- Status of membership initiative and process of launching SciColl: David Schindel, Smithsonian Institution</li><li>- Discussion of priorities for SciColl programme of work for 2011-2012</li></ul>
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15:00 Coffee break

#### ***Business Session 2***

15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review of proposed SciColl Terms of Reference and governance: Christoph Häuser, Berlin Museum</li><li>- Discussion of proposed governance model</li></ul>
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17:00 Adjourn

### **Conference day 3, Friday February 4, 2011**

08:30 Coffee

#### ***Business Session 3***

09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Selection of the Chair of the Interim Executive Board - Status of selection of Secretariat host: Frédéric Sgard, OECD Global Science Forum</li><li>- Discussion of proposals and timeline for Secretariat host</li><li>- Discussion of financial commitments and operating budget</li><li>- Elements to be included in the future Memorandum of Understanding</li></ul>
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10:30 Coffee break

#### ***Business Session 4***

11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review of potential priorities from Business Session 1</li><li>- Discussion of strategy for launching SciColl</li><li>- Agreement on next steps, next meeting, communication strategy and timeline leading to launch of SciColl</li></ul>
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12:30 Conference ends