

11TH INTERNATIONAL CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2016

LONDON, ENGLAND

5-7 August 2016

The 11th ICPS Conference will be held at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew 5-7 August 2016.

To coincide with the ICPS Conference, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew is planning to host a Science Festival, which will have carnivorous plants as a major theme. The Carnivorous Plant Society (The CPS) understand that the Science Festival will run from 4-7 August 2016.

Conference Delegates

An extensive lecture programme will be available for Conference delegates, which will run across the 3 days with a similar number of presentations to the 2014 ICPS Conference held in Cairns, Australia. We are also looking at the possibility of an extra lecture on the evening of 4th August for those arriving early. Opportunities to explore behind the scenes at RBG, Kew are also being arranged, such as the RBG, Kew Herbarium and private carnivorous plant collections – most notably *Nepenthes*.

On the 8th we are planning to visit Down House, travelling by coach from Kew. If it can be arranged we will also take an afternoon visit to Keston Bog, a short drive from Down House, where Darwin collected many of the *Drosera rotundifolia* he studied. Sadly *D. rotundifolia* has long since perished at the site due to drainage and shrubs/trees moving in, but the CPS is participating in preparing plans to improve the bog and to reintroduce the plant.

There will also be a field trip to the New Forest and Dorset, planned for 9th-11th August (includes travel from London early morning on 9th and returning late afternoon to London on 11th). This part of Britain and Ireland is a hotbed for our carnivorous plant species, including *D. rotundifolia*, *D. intermedia*, *D. anglica*, *D. × eloisiana*, *D. × obovata*, *U. minor*, *U. bremii*, *U. australis*, *U. stygia*, *U. intermedia*, *P. lusitanica* and a variety of non-native North American Pitcher Plants (mainly *S. purpurea* subsp. *purpurea* and *S. purpurea* subsp. *purpurea* f. *heterophylla*). At this time of year we would expect *U. minor* and *U. stygia* to be in flower. *U. australis* is in flower from early July, and provided there isn't heavy rain between the end of flowering and the field trip then it is possible to still see the odd flower (no promises!). We were hoping to see *Dionaea muscipula* too, but unfortunately it has been recently removed.

Most of the sites we will visit are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and have other botanical interests, including orchids. We are hoping to have along the local ecological recorder for the Dorset leg of the field trip to point out the additional curiosities.

These would be an additional cost to the Conference fee (all TBA). Priority for the seats available on both trips will be given to Conference Delegates.

The field trip leaders will be myself (Tim Bailey) and Dennis Balsdon. I've had the pleasure to study the sites we will visit for the last few years and each location will provide plenty to see. Time willing, we may also have time for an ice cream at the National Trust, Studland Bay, Poole harbour, centre. As we cool off taking in the stunning beach environment.

As delegates attending the field trip might also want to visit Down House, the start of the field trip is delayed until the 9th.

Non-Conference Attendees

The Conference lecture programme and other Conference benefits will not be available to Non-Conference attendees. However, a plant sales and display area, the Science Festival, public CP lec-

tures, etc., and of course all else RBG, Kew has to offer, would be available as part of Kew ticket pricing. We are working with Kew to provide a 4-day pass for the duration of the Conference and proposed Science Festival to reduce cost.

Conference delegates would be able to enjoy these at no extra cost.

CP Sales and Displays

An extensive CP sellers/display area is planned to be open for the duration of the Conference and Science Festival. Those interested in participating in the CP sales area at the Conference and/or to put on a CP display are encouraged to contact The CPS at the earliest time.

The CPS will be putting on two displays. A traditional show stand of genera/species from around the world and a stand exhibiting carnivorous plants from our sustainable and peat-free cultivation research programme.

Conference Meal

Following on with tradition we will be hosting an evening meal (fee TBA) at a restaurant local to RBG, Kew. We have provisionally and exclusively booked an Italian restaurant (ASKITALIAN): <http://www.askitalian.co.uk/restaurant/kew/> ASKITALIAN will cater for any special food requirements.

Travel Advice

Planning will be on everyone's mind, so if you are looking into this please make sure to check out this: <http://www.kew.org/visit-kew-gardens/plan-your-visit/getting-here>

International attendees will need to review connections from major London airports: <http://www.visitlondon.com/traveller-information/travel-to-london/airport?ref=nav>

Need to Know More

As we progress towards the Conference more information will be posted on our website, including suggestions of places to stay. To help ensure nothing is missed we will post a link on the various Forums, Facebook, etc., when the site is updated.

Need to Contact Us

The CPS Website: <http://thecps.org.uk/>

General Enquires: <http://www.thecps.org.uk/contact.php>

CP Seller/Display: Direct to Mitch Raymond at MBRaymond@goolemail.com

We will keep you updated on the conference and hope you are as excited as we are about holding it, if you have any questions please let us know.

TIM BAILEY, Chairman

On behalf of The CPS Committee