

PFC2024

Call for papers – 1st announcement



Preservation of natural history wet collections: New ideas, new challenges

7-8th November 2024, MUZOO, La Chaux-de-Fonds (Switzerland)

After the first PFC meeting organized in 2018 in Paris, this conference is a new appointment for conservators, curators and conservation scientists working on Fluids collections preservation.

Fluids collections are invaluable documents for research on both living and extinct species as well as species at risk.

Preserving collections in fluid is still a constant challenge due to new regulations on the use of chemicals as well as threats to the biodiversity. Collaboration between specialists is hence a key factor for the conservation of existing and new collections using science advances. The goal of this meeting is therefore to bring together all those working with fluid collections and to discuss the discoveries, progresses and current thinking around wet preserved specimens.

The call for abstract is open on two possible topics:

Topic 1: What's new? New practices in conservation. Contributions on this topic deal with (but not only):

- Containers degradation
- Specimen restoration
- Sealants
- Solutions characterization and replacement
- Analysis

Topic 2: All about collections. Contributions on this topic deal with (but not only):

- Historical collections
- New specimens' preparation
- Exhibitions
- Research and historic values and uses of the collections in fluid
- Preventive conservation challenges

Contributions will result in 20 minutes talks, in English. No poster session will be organized. Abstracts should be submitted on the website pfc2024.sciencesconf.org in the Abstract submission tab. Abstracts should not exceed 250 words and should follow the template provided on the website.

Deadline for submissions: 1st June 2024

Result notification: 15th July 2024

Scientific committee

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| - Marion Dangeon (MUZOO, La-Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland) | - Elodie Granget (University of Zurich/HE-Arc CR, Zurich/Neuchâtel, Switzerland) |
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Steering committee

- Marion Dangeon - MUZOO
- Laura Brambilla - HE-Arc CR

Practical information

Location: MUZOO, Replat du Dahu 1, 2300 La Chaux-de-Fonds

Registration: Free BUT mandatory according to availability.

Website: <https://pfc2024.sciencesconf.org>

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