

Symposium SPNHC 2014

Recruiting, Retaining, and Supporting Small Collections in Biodiversity Digitization Initiatives

iDigBio and the Small Collections Network (SCNet)

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This half-day symposium will focus on strategies for recruiting, retaining, and sustaining small collections within local, regional, national, and international digitization initiatives. Those who would like to contribute to this symposium are invited to submit presentation abstracts. Abstracts may address one or more of the following themes, or may propose an alternative theme within the general scope of the symposium. Talks are expected to be 20 minutes long, inclusive of 5 minutes for questions. Current themes include:

1. the importance of small collections as part of a national network of repositories of biodiversity data,
2. data-driven research underscoring the significance and contributions of small collections to biodiversity research and/or to the training of undergraduate and graduate students,
3. the role of intra- and interdisciplinary collaboration in sustaining and growing active small collections,
4. recommended or best practices for initiating and sustaining digitization in small collections,
5. current initiatives targeted to the support of small collections,
6. the role of larger collections in sustaining smaller collections,
7. issues, challenges, and methods for resurrecting orphaned collections,
8. the role a small collections network might play in the sustainability of small collections.

Submit proposal and abstract at: <http://tinyurl.com/RecruitingRetainingSymposium>

Items to complete will include:

Title of presentation

Presenter(s) name(s)

Presenter(s) institution(s)

Presenter(s) email address(es)

A selected theme from the list above (or alternative)

Abstract (Abstract should not exceed 250 words and should include a brief description of the content of the talk and how it will address the recruitment, retention, and sustainability of small collections.)