



**International Conference Announcement**  
**GGBN 2014: Biodiversity Biobanking: Building a Trusted Community of**  
**Accessible Genomic Collections**  
**Flett Lecture Theatre, NHM London: 30 June —1 July 2014**  
**Jodrell Lecture Theatre, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew: 2 July 2014**

Dear Colleagues,

During the week of June 30, the Global Genome Biodiversity Network (GGBN), an international network of biodiversity repositories, will hold the first international conference for members and collaborators on biodiversity repositories. Since GGBN's inception in October 2011, 22 biodiversity biobanks have joined the Network to share community standards and best practices for data and collection management and to make their collections discoverable and accessible for research, while following the spirit of the Nagoya Protocol and Convention on Biological Diversity. We invite you to join us in this important mission. The goals of the conference are to:

*Goals*

- *Engage new members and strengthen the community by promoting collaborations among biorepositories*
- *Advance the field of genomic collections, data management, and accessibility*
- *Promote international networking compliant with ABS and CBD*
- *Link people, communities, platforms, and collections*

Please join the Global Genome Biodiversity Network in London to communicate ideas, new tools, expertise on biodiversity biobanking, and to encourage natural history collections to make databases of genomic collections public and broadly available for research while respecting the spirit of the Nagoya Protocol.

This Conference Announcement provides an overview of the week of events, the preliminary program, and the timeline for future announcements and deadlines.

Registration for the conference, abstract submission, and traveler and hotel information will be available after 1 November 2013.

We look forward to seeing you in London in June 2014. Don't hesitate to contact us at [GGBN@si.edu](mailto:GGBN@si.edu).

Best Regards,

The GGBN International Steering Committee



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## Preliminary Conference Program

The GGBN Conference will engage participants through a wide range of meeting formats. Organizers have designed the program to provide information, stimulate forward-looking discussion and enhance communication.

### ***Monday - Natural History Museum London***

30 June 2014	0900 0915	Welcome
	0915 1000	Session 1: GGBN Overview
	1000 1100	Session 2: GGBN Lightning Talks
	1100 1130	<i>Networking Coffee Break</i>
	1130 1215	Session 3: GGBN Data Portal
	1215 1315	<i>Lunch</i>
	1315 1700	Session 4: Starting and Managing a Biobank

### ***Tuesday - Natural History Museum London***

1 July 2014	0900 1130	Session 5: Benefits of Good Practice
	1130 1230	Session 6: Data Readiness and Handling
	1230 1330	<i>Lunch</i>
	1330 1430	NHM Collection Tours
	1430 1500	<i>Networking Break</i>
	1500 1700	Session 7: Legacy and Traditional Collections

### ***Wednesday - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew***

2 July 2013	0900 0915	Welcome
	0915 1100	Session 8: The Value of Data
	1100 1130	Session 9: Emerging Networks
	1400 1430	Session 10: Capstone Presentation and Next Steps
	1430 1500	<i>Networking Break</i>
	1500 1700	Kew Collections Tours



Monday, 30 June 2014

Session 1: GGBN Overview. This session introduces the Global Genome Biodiversity Network's purpose, goals, and value to the community.

Session 2: GGBN Lightning Talks. GGBN members use an established format to give two minute pop up talks about their organization's genomic resources to stimulate networking and awareness.

Session 3: GGBN Data Portal. The developer/manager of the Data Portal will demonstrate Portal capabilities and review guidelines for preparing data for inclusion.

Session 4: Starting and Managing a Biobank. This session covers current community best practices for biobanking, aspects to consider, and explores use cases for starting and managing biobanks in the real world.

Tuesday, 1 July 2014

Session 5: Benefits of Good Practice. This session covers the concepts associated with access and benefit sharing (ABS), reviews how GGBN is dealing with ABS, and provides advice on good practice.

Session 6: Data Readiness and Handling. The GGBN data portal manager and other GGBN data standards experts will guide participants through each step for making their genomic collection data discoverable through the GGBN Data Portal by providing use cases and demonstrations.

Session 7: Legacy/Traditional Collections. This session covers the importance of legacy and traditional collections for bioarchiving and molecular analysis.

Wednesday, 2 July 2014

Session 8: The Value of Data. This session covers the benefits of having access to genomic samples, what can be accomplished with the data generated from genomic samples, and what the sample quality expectations are from researchers generating the data.

Session 9: Existing and Emerging Networks. This session covers the benefits of networking and current gaps in existing networks.





## TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will be responsible for arranging their own travel and hotel accommodations. Travel and hotel information will be posted on the Conference website after 1 November 2013.

## CONFERENCE WEBSITE

All announcements, documents, and information resources related to the GGBN 2014 Conference will be posted on the Conference Website: [GGBN.org/conference](http://GGBN.org/conference) (starting 1 November 2013). Please visit the website for the most current conference information.

## IMPORTANT DATES LEADING UP TO GGBN 2014 CONFERENCE

As you plan your participation in the GGBN 2014 Conference, please keep the following important dates and deadlines in mind:

**16 July 2013:** Release of First Conference Announcement (this document)

**1 November 2013:** Release of Second Conference Announcement with:  
Full agenda with invited speakers  
Call for submission of abstracts

**1 November 2013:** Release of registration site, hotel and traveler information

**15 January 2014:** Deadline for submission of abstracts

**1 May 2014:** Release of electronic abstract volume

**1 May 2014:** Release of Third Conference Announcement with final agenda

**30 June-2 July:** GGBN 2014 Conference

## CONFERENCE FEES

There will be no registration fee for the GGBN 2014 Conference.

