

NEBC 2015 Conference Schedule

Friday, June 5

5:00pm-7:00pm

Reception at Smith College Greenhouses

Saturday, June 6

Check-In at Wright Hall beginning at 8am

Light refreshments available

9:00am-10:30am

Oral Presentations in Weinstein Auditorium (Wright Hall) and McConnell Hall

10:30am-10:45am

Coffee Break

10:45am-11:50am

Oral Presentations in Weinstein Auditorium (Wright Hall) and McConnell Hall

12 noon-1:30pm

Lunch

Poster session featuring botanical research (Neilson Library Browsing Room)

Exhibit tables by botanical organizations (Neilson Library Browsing Room)

1:30pm-2:30pm: Keynote Address

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"Learned Societies" -- Past, Present, and Future?

The formation of "learned societies" began in the mid-17th century and played a central role in the establishment and practice of modern science. I will explore the history and evolution of learned societies from the establishment of the Royal Society for the Improvement of Natural Knowledge in London in 1663 and the American Philosophical Society in pre-revolutionary Philadelphia, to the emergence of the diverse "professional and regional societies" of today. From their very inception as venues for conversation and presentation of new ideas, learned societies have played, and continue to play, essential roles in fostering scholarly interactions and communication, and in disseminating research. I will conclude by considering the future relevance of learned societies in our increasingly digital age. Given that we can all upload our talks to YouTube, download publications instantaneously, and be in constant contact via multiple electronic means, why have we come to this meeting? And what does the future hold for learned societies, such as those invited to this conference.

2:40pm-3:50pm

Oral Presentations in Weinstein Auditorium (Wright Hall) and McConnell Hall

3:50pm-4:25pm

Cake Break to celebrate New England Botanical Club's 120th Anniversary

4:30pm-5:10pm

Oral Presentations in Weinstein Auditorium (Wright Hall) and McConnell Hall

5:15pm-5:30pm

Wrap-up and announcements

Sunday, June 7

9am-11:00am Brainstorm Meeting at MacLeish Field Station

Brainstorm meeting: Ensuring the future of botanical organizations.

(Limited to 25 active members/leaders of botanical organizations)

10am-3:00pm Botanical Forays

Field Trips (for registered conference attendees only) - deadline to choose May 5th

All except MacLeish field trip leave from Smith College Parking Garage

Bag lunch provided