
Strengthening Collaborations between Swiss Herbaria

Workshop Geneva

April 30th 2025, 09:30 - 16:45

Conservatory and Botanical Garden of Geneva

Chemin de l'Impératrice 1, 1292 Chambésy-Geneva

9h00 – 9h30 Registration and coffee

09:30 Welcome

Morning: Exchange session on herbarium specimen disinfection and pest management

09:35-11:00 Specimen disinfection and insect pest management planning in herbaria

Presentation by the Geneva herbarium team on pest infestations and the implementation of an IPM and contributions from participants on their practices, procedures and experiences
Exchange on current practices, problems, challenges and ambitions in herbarium collection disinfection and pest management.

Aim: draw up a set of specific guidelines and best practices for specimen disinfection and Insect Pest Management for Swiss herbaria that are complementary to the Handbook on natural history collections management (Frick & Greeff, 2021).

11:00-11.30 Coffee break

Morning: Consolidation of the Swiss Herbaria Group

11:30-12:45 Discussion Forum

- future of the Swiss Herbaria group in link with the Swiss Botanical Society and Musnatcoll.ch
- survey results and developing a work programme
- reflections on future strategic directions, collaborations and actions

12:45-13:30 Lunch Break

Afternoon: Visit of the herbarium collections & wrap-up

13:35 Transit to the group visits

13:45-15:45 Visit of the herbarium: angiosperms and cryptogams (2 x visits)

15:50-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-16:45 News exchange and discussion

Host and location of the next meeting:

Jason Grant, Herbarium of the University of Neuchâtel