

SIR JOSEPH DALTON HOOKER – A CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew – 9 December 2011

FINAL CIRCULAR

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew on 9th December to celebrate the life and accomplishments of our most famous Director, Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker. The meeting has been made possible thanks to generous support of our partners at the Linnean Society of London, Sussex University, the Kew Guild and the Annals of Botany. This circular provides you with essential information for the meeting.

Transport - We strongly recommend that participants travel to Kew by public transport. Both Kew Gardens station (District Line and London Overground) and Kew Bridge mainline station are within easy walking distance. Bus no. 65 (running between Kingston and Ealing, via Richmond) and bus no. 391 (running between Sands End, Fulham and Richmond) make convenient stops on Kew Road.

Parking - Limited public parking is available on Kew Green, but many spaces are allocated to permit holders only. After 10 am, free parking is available on Kew Road between Victoria Gate and Lion Gate. Brentford Gate car park is not suitable as it is far from the conference venue and the gates will be closed before the conference closes.

Entrance - Registration for the meeting will take place at the Jodrell Laboratory from 9am onwards. Please enter via the Jodrell Gate on Kew Road (close to the junction with Mortlake Road – see map), approximately 10 minutes walk from both stations. The gate will be staffed until 10 am. Latecomers should use the entry phone to open the gate. The main entrance of the Jodrell Laboratory is located just inside the gate.

Access – The meeting will take place in three venues during the day, involving some short (ca. 10 minute) walks between sites. If you have any special access requirements, please contact us in advance.

Bags and coats – Due to limited cloakroom availability, we request that you travel light. Coats may be left at your own risk, but there will be no suitable storage facilities for bags. **Bags may not be carried in the Herbarium and Library during the behind-the-scenes session.**

Kew Publications – A bookstand will be open throughout the day selling books and calendars at a special conference 20% discount rate. *Joseph Hooker: Botanical Trailblazer* by Pat Griggs and Jim Endersby will be available hot-off-the-press for just £8. Feel free to peruse our catalogue in advance at www.kew.org/shop and www.kewbooks.com.

Timetable

9.00	Registration opens in the Jodrell Laboratory
10.00	Welcome Anne Secord (University of Cambridge) 'One soweth, another reapeth': William Jackson Hooker and nineteenth-century botany
10.30	Peter Donaldson (Jupe Productions Australia) In the footsteps of Hooker – what can we learn from retracing his expeditions in the Himalayas and elsewhere?
11.00	Discussion
11.15	Morning tea/coffee break
11.45	Paul White (University of Cambridge) Hooker, Darwin, and the circle of friendship
12.15	Steve Hopper (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew) Towards solving Hooker's conundrum – the anomalous plant richness and high endemism of the flat landscapes of southwest Australia
12.45	Discussion
13.00	Lunch in the Jodrell Laboratory
13.45	Walk to Herbarium and Library
14.00	Behind-the-scenes sessions in the Herbarium and Library Led by Mark Nesbitt, Caroline Cornish, Chris Mills, Kiri Ross-Jones, Marilyn Ward, Tim Utteridge and Bill Baker
15.45	Walk to Jodrell Laboratory
16.00	Afternoon tea/coffee break in the Jodrell Laboratory
16.30	Phillip Cribb (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew) Joseph Hooker's legacy to Kew – a case study in orchids
17.30	Concluding remarks
17.45	Reception in the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art and viewing of "Joseph Hooker – naturalist, traveller and more" exhibition
19.30	Reception closes

Contact information – If you require further information, please contact us by email jdhooker@kew.org or call 020 8332 5414.

