

54th Annual Meeting - ENGLAND

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Dear SEB Colleagues,

Registration is now OPEN for the **54th annual meeting of the Society for Economic Botany**. We encourage you to attend this terrific international meeting which will gather June 28th through July 3rd 2013, at Plymouth University in



Plymouth, southwestern England. Plan now to make this special trip and join your SEB family in exploring and celebrating ethnobotany! **REGISTER EARLY** at the early bird rates! Please note that the SEB Dinner Banquet is included in registration costs this year. We look forward to seeing you in Plymouth! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We are also accepting abstracts for the annual meeting. **Abstract submission will be open through April 1.** Visit [THIS SITE](#) to make your submission.

HOUSING:

Housing Choices: You will have the choice of booking **Plymouth University dormitory rooms** (single ensuite bed and breakfast accommodation from £38.00 per night) or a special conference rate at the local **Jury's Inn** through conference registration. If booking the Jury's Inn, please quote "SEB 2013" when booking. Please visit <http://plymouthhotels.jurysinns.com/> for further information

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Pre-conference field trip touring KEW on Thursday, June 27th.

Two pre-conference workshops at KEW: [Economic Botany Data Standard](#), June 27th and an [EU-funded workshop on biocultural collections](#), June 24th & 25th.

SEB Council Meeting on Friday, June 28th. Three field trips taking place!

Field Trip A: Grow Local (<http://www.tamargrowlocal.org.uk>) We'll visit people who promote vegetable and fruit (especially apple) production as well as preserve heritage

varieties. These growers operate on a small scale for self consumption or local markets. Capacity will be limited to around 20 participants.

Field Trip B: The Way Forward. Visit the ancient town of Totnes to the east of Plymouth, the headquarters of the Transition Network (<http://www.transitiontowntotnes.org/>). This community-led initiative sets out to regain elements of self-sufficiency lost in urbanized UK. Visit also the Agroforestry Research farms run by Martin Crawford (<http://www.agroforestry.co.uk/>).

Field Trip C: Historic Gardens. Head north from Plymouth to visit 700-year-old Buckland Abbey (more recently home to Sir Francis Drake) (<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/buckland-abbey/>) and The Garden House (<http://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk/explore-garden/garden-tour/>). If you love exploring gardens and taking pictures of flowers and scenery, this is the trip for you! Guided tours will be offered. Capacity will be large.

Sir Ghillean Prance will open the invited symposium, “What is Our Message – And Are We Getting it Across?”

Paper and symposium presentations begin Saturday, June 29th and continue through Tuesday, July 2nd.



This year the conference features an included **mid-conference all-day field trip** to nearby **Eden Project** (<http://www.edenproject.com/>) on Monday, July 1st. To promote more active participation and interaction during the conference, hands-on workshops, discussions, or in-town mini-trips will be available on several afternoons.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Do you need a VISA to travel to the UK? Here is a handy website that can help you determine your need for travel documentation.

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/do-you-need-a-visa/> The majority of international flights arrive into Heathrow or Gatwick Airports which are approximately four hours away by train or road.

Rail Travel: National Rail www.nationalrail.co.uk

From Heathrow airport to Plymouth: The journey takes from 3.39 to 4.20 hours, with

pleasant countryside for at least the second half of the journey, arriving within 500 metres of the Plymouth University campus. It is cheaper and quicker not to go into London and the Great Western terminus of Paddington Station, but to join the railway line at the town of Reading. To this end there is a rail-link coach from Heathrow to Reading, so your journey starts by coach and then joins the railway at Reading some 45 minutes later. You buy a ticket for the whole journey; it does not matter which terminal of Heathrow you arrive at, but you need to check the logistics. It is advisable to use the free airport transport to come to Terminal 1 and the main coach station where the RailLink coach waits rather than assume it will come to the other terminals. From Gatwick airport to Plymouth: The journey takes 6.05 to 7 hours 50 minutes as it is further than Heathrow, and there is a connecting train at Reading Station.

Coach Travel : National Express www.nationalexpress.com

The coach station is about 500 metres south of the University campus and a lot cheaper than rail but less comfortable, as it delves around the backstreets of towns en route, and may take up to 6 hours.

Plan now to make this special trip and join your SEB family in exploring and celebrating ethnobotany!

Explore Plymouth University: (<http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/location>)

Explore the town of Plymouth: (<http://www.visitplymouth.co.uk/>)

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