

COVID-19 Precaution Statement

Dear Colleagues

We look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh for the Joint Conference of the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) and the International Council of Museums Committee for Museums and Collections of Natural History (ICOM NATHIST) from the 7th – 13th June 2020. We have an exciting and varied programme planned over the week and although you will be aware that a novel [Coronavirus](#) strain (COVID-19) has emerged in recent weeks, it is very much 'business as usual' as the Conference reaches its final preparations.

Delegates can be reassured that the Scottish and UK Governments along with international colleagues and the World Health Organisation have been working in close collaboration to monitor the situation in China and around the world. The Scottish and UK's public health measures are world-leading and are always well prepared for situations such as these.

The organisers of the Conference, along with representatives of SPNHC and ICOM, will adhere to the advice of the Scottish and UK Government and World Health Organisation and will update delegates should the situation evolve.

Attendees from outside the UK should make themselves aware of advice from the UK Government, keep up to date, and follow the advice.

Health Protection Scotland - <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19/>

UK Government Foreign & Commonwealth Office - <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the conference team by email at naturalhistory2020@in-conference.org.uk

We will continue to monitor the situation and will provide further updates if the situation changes.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh.

SPNHC and ICOM NATHIST 2020 Local Organising Committee