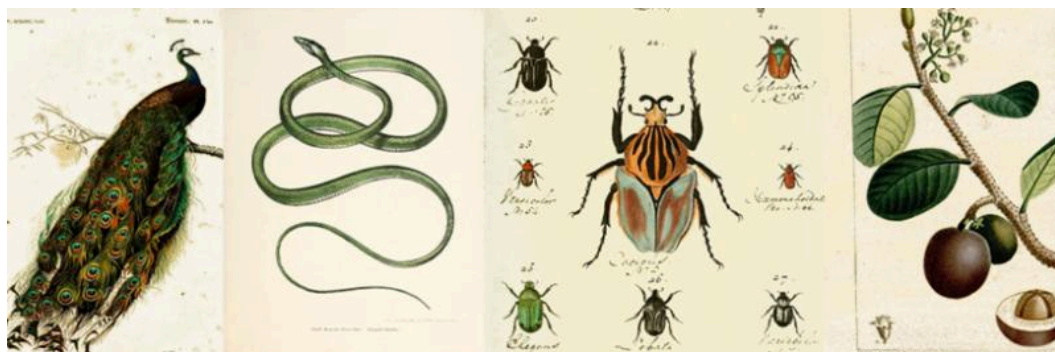




Spring Newsletter 2014

The Biodiversity Heritage Library

Inspiring discovery through free access to biodiversity knowledge

The [Biodiversity Heritage Library](#) (BHL) works collaboratively to make biodiversity literature openly available to the world as part of a global biodiversity community.

A Season of Growth and Expansion

The Biodiversity Heritage Library is very pleased to welcome three new Members and one new Affiliate into the BHL fold. This spring, the Washington University in St. Louis, the National Library Board of Singapore—who will join both BHL Central and participate as a global node, and the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign became BHL's newest dues-paying Members. The Natural History Museum, Los Angeles County has joined as BHL's newest Affiliate. We are also very pleased that all thirteen of BHL's existing Member Libraries were able to continue at the same level in the new fiscal year and that both of our existing Affiliate Libraries have also been able to continue their participation. This brings the BHL consortium up to 19 participating institutions!

NESCent-EOL-BHL Research Sprint

In February, the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent), the Encyclopedia of Life (EOL) and BHL teamed up to host a collaborative research sprint at the NESCent facilities in Durham, NC. The Research Sprint paired scientists with informaticians for a 4 day event designed to make discoveries through joint activities and to test the "computability" of

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43MM+

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major biodiversity databases like BHL and EOL. William Ulate, BHL Technical Director and John Mignault, member of the BHL Technical Advisory Group, worked with participants to find ways to access the content in BHL through existing and new APIs. Overall, this proved to be a very exciting opportunity to explore how researchers could identify and retrieve the information they sought from the BHL corpus, such as geographic and common name data, and to work with our partners at EOL on finding new ways to improve research through the use of both resources. To learn more, please visit: <http://blog.biodiversitylibrary.org/2014/03/bhl-and-eol-team-up-for-nescent.html>.

We believe providing researchers with knowledge about biodiversity is critical to saving life on earth. Help us accomplish this goal by [donating to BHL](#) today.



BHL Report

Check out the [BHL Quarterly Report](#) to learn all about the BHL project and the progress we've made!

BHL Meetings

BHL Technical Meeting, St. Louis, MO, April 2 - 3, 2014

The BHL Technical Advisory Group (TAG), Technical Team, and Secretariat convened in St. Louis, MO for a two-day meeting to review technical development priorities, discuss staffing and communications concerns, and related issues. Hosted by the Missouri Botanical Garden, the meeting provided an opportunity to review several aspects of BHL's technical direction and to define action items for improving communications workflows and implementing existing and new technical priorities. Learn more: <http://blog.biodiversitylibrary.org/2014/04/bhl-technical-advisory-group-meets-at.html>

BHL Annual Members' Meeting, New York, March 10 - 11, 2014

The 2014 BHL Members' Meeting was co-hosted by the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) and the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), March 10-11. The first day of the meeting kicked off at NYBG and brought together Members and Affiliates for reports from the BHL Secretariat, BHL Technical Director, and BHL Members and Affiliates. As part of BHL's ongoing collaboration with the Encyclopedia of Life (EOL), Bob Corrigan, Director of Operations also presented on EOL projects currently underway. The second day, held at AMNH, served as a business meeting for BHL Members and included the approval of the BHL bylaws, approval of the 2014 BHL Dues Budget, the formation of a strategic planning committee and the identification of technical priorities for discussion at the upcoming BHL Technical Meeting to be held in St. Louis, April 1 - 4, 2014. Learn more: <http://blog.biodiversitylibrary.org/2014/03/2014-annual-bhl-meeting-held-in-new.html>

Global BHL Meeting, Lorne, Australia, February 1 - 2, 2014

The Fifth Annual Global BHL Meeting was held in Lorne Australia, February 1 - 2, 2014. The meeting provided an opportunity for global nodes to discuss the status of their current goals, formulate new goals, and work together to define the overall direction of BHL Global.

Representatives from each of BHL's global nodes, with the exception of BHL Egypt, delivered reports on their work, voted on the election of officers, and discussed bylaws, technical issues, and goals for the coming year. Learn more: <http://blog.biodiversitylibrary.org/2014/03/5th-global-bhl-meeting-lorne-australia.html>

BHL Launches Appeal for Donations!

The BHL's substantial growth and activity is supported in part by our dedicated patrons whose gifts we depend on to fund the digitization of additional literature, technical development for the program, and improvement of data curation. In November, the BHL Secretariat and the Smithsonian Library's Office of Advancement organized the BHL appeal to help foster the continued growth of the Biodiversity Heritage Library. The campaign was promoted on the BHL blog and other social media platforms over the course of the winter giving season. We're very pleased

to report that 41 generous donors from 12 countries have already contributed a total of \$3,569.12 this fiscal year. We're honored and very grateful for their generosity!

Considering making a contribution of your own? Please visit:

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