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Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating 15 years since the launch
of the BHL portal

The Vast Library of Life: 15 Years of the BHL Portal

On May 9, BHL celebrated 15 years since the launch of the BHL portal. Though the BHL consortium was officially formed in 2006, the BHL website launched the following year with just over 300 titles in the collection. Today, BHL hosts over 176,000 titles, more than 280,000 volumes, and 60+ million pages of biodiversity literature. BHL Program Director Martin Kalfatovic looks back on the momentous launch event with an anniversary blog post.

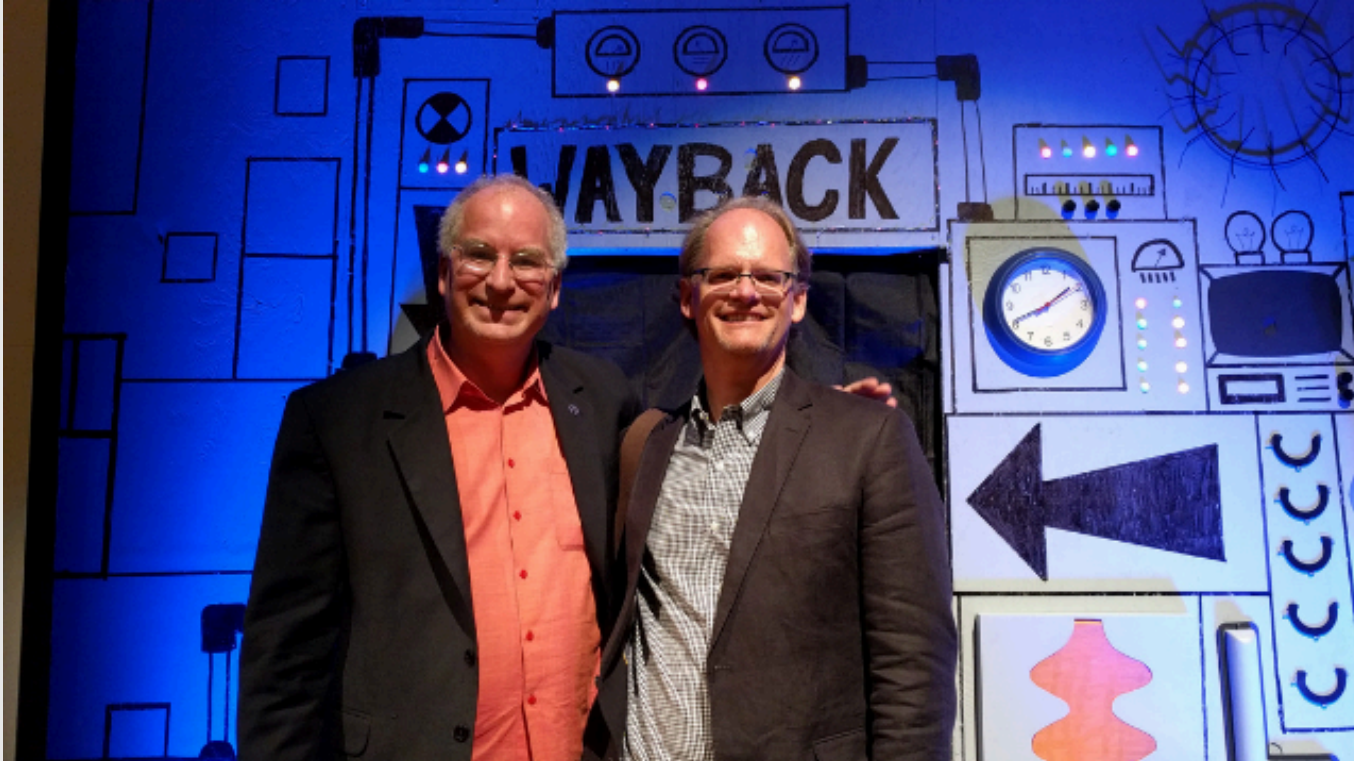
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Welcome to JJ Dearborn, BHL Data Manager

In January, BHL welcomed JJ Dearborn to the newly created position of BHL Data Manager. The position is part of the BHL Secretariat, hosted by the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives. As Data Manager, Ms. Dearborn will be developing and implementing a comprehensive view of how BHL collections can be optimized to support the interoperability of BHL data in the larger biodiversity community.

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10 Years of BHL Growth and Transformation While Program Director

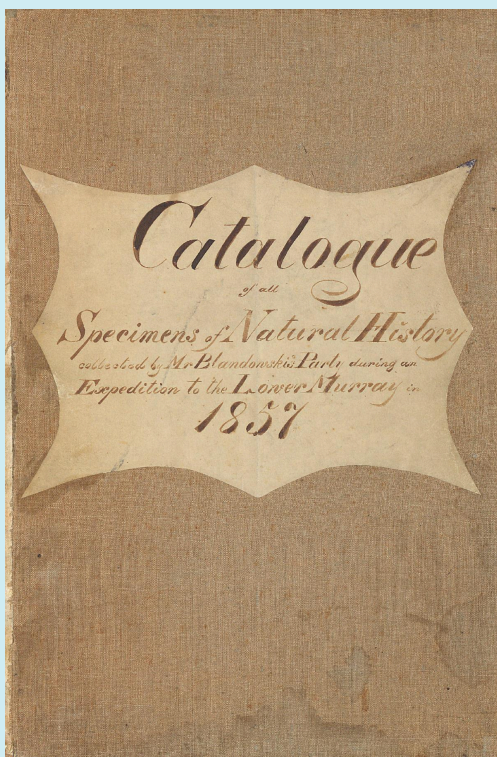
In April, Martin Kalfatovic celebrated 10 years in his role as BHL Program Director. Early on, Mr. Kalfatovic led BHL through a time of transition, assuming the role after the retirement of BHL's first Program Director, Tom Garnett. During his time as Director, BHL has grown significantly, both as a consortium (adding 20 new partners) and as a collection (adding more than 21 million pages of content).

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Blandowski's Infamous Catalogue Now Available Online

Blandowski's Catalogue is one of the most precious items held by the Museums Victoria Archives. It documents natural history specimens collected by William Blandowski and Gerard Krefft for the National Museum of Victoria (predecessor of Museums Victoria) during an expedition along the Lower Murray and Darling River in 1857. *Blandowski's Catalogue* has recently been digitised by BHL Australia and is now available to view online.

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