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BHL continues to be so helpful and so easy to use in my writing about scientific exploration in the American West. The reports by early field scientists are especially useful, and I often read them during my own fieldwork. It's like being in the company of ghosts at times!

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New Collection Development Policy!



**Collection management
priorities**



Curation best practices



BHL Releases New Collection Development Policy

In November, the BHL Collections Committee released its new Collection Development Policy, which is written to provide recommendations and serve the collection management needs of BHL Partners. The policy is a comprehensive revision of the original policy written in 2010. Going forward, the policy will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

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Constance Rinaldo, Immediate Past Chair, BHL Executive Committee, has died

In late October, the BHL community was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Connie Rinaldo, former Head Librarian of the Ernst Mayr Library of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University. Connie was a longtime leader of BHL, serving as the inaugural BHL Secretary, followed by Vice Chair, Chair, and most recently, Immediate Past Chair. You can learn more about her

work with BHL through a number of [BHL blog posts](#) she shared over the years.

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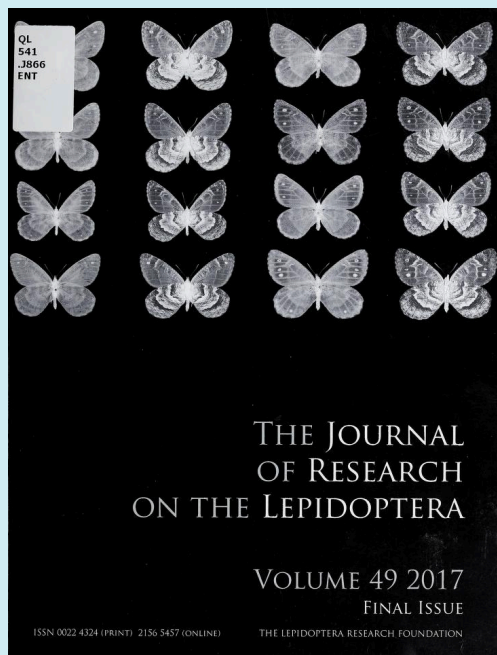
Joint statement on best practices for the citation of authorities of scientific names in taxonomy by CETAF, SPNHC and BHL

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CETAF + SPNHC + BHL Joint Statement on Citation of Authorities in Taxonomy

The story of a scientific name is part of the name itself. The need for better citation of authorities of taxonomic names is a complex issue with which the Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF) has been grappling for some time. In a joint paper authored with the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) and BHL, the CETAF e-publishing working group recommends best practices to make taxonomic citations universally consistent, discoverable, and comparable across publications and platforms.

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The Journal of Research on the Lepidoptera: A Story of Pirate Publishers, ISSN Hijacking and Fraudulent DOI Assignment

What happens when a journal ceases publication but its website is hijacked for fraudulent purposes? BHL's Persistent Identifier Working Group worked diligently to untangle such a mystery with [The Journal of Research on the Lepidoptera](#) and to ensure persistent access to this crucial research.

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2022 BHL Annual Meeting - A Global Hybrid

For the first time, BHL held its annual meeting in conjunction with a major biodiversity/natural sciences organization. In June 2022, BHL joined the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) and the Natural Sciences Collections Society (NatSCA) to host our meetings in Edinburgh, Scotland. BHL coordinated two symposia on liberating collections data in biodiversity literature and the value of collections and collaborations across BHL.

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—flowers in June, followed by red berries.
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SWEET-SCENTED SHRUB (*Calycanthus Floridus*). Hardy
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OCR Improvements: An Early Analysis

Optical character recognition (OCR) plays a critical part in BHL's contributions to the scientific community, allowing for full text search and scientific name recognition across the BHL corpus. BHL is working with the Internet Archive to reprocess some of BHL's oldest content with the newest available version of Tesseract OCR. Early analysis indicates that this reprocessing will improve the accuracy of scientific name finding in BHL.

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A Report on the GBIF 29th Governing Board Meeting

BHL Program Director, Martin Kalfatovic, traveled to Belgium in October to participate in the 29th Governing Board meeting of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). While in Belgium, Martin also visited with colleagues at Plantentuin Meise and the AfricaMuseum to explore possible collaborations with BHL.

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