

3rd National Riverfly Conference**The Riverfly Partnership****YOUR RIVERS – THEIR FUTURE**

Flett Theatre, The Natural History Museum, London

Thursday 10 March 2011

09:30-10:00 *Registration and refreshments. Foyer, Flett Theatre***LECTURE PROGRAMME**

- 10:00 **Welcome** Dr Andrew Polaszek, Head of Entomology, Natural History Museum
Chair - Paul Knight, Chairman, Riverfly Partnership
- 10:10 **Keynote speech: Securing a better future for our rivers**
Chairman of the Environment Agency (EA), Rt. Hon. Lord Smith of Finsbury
- 10.25 ***Catching the impossible* film clip by Hugh Miles**
- 10.30 **The surprising science of chalk streams** Professor Alan Hildrew, Queen Mary, University of London

ANGLERS' MONITORING INITIATIVE (AMI) Chair – Callum Sinclair, Director, Rivers and Fisheries Trust Scotland

- 10.45 **The best and clearest stream near London?** Will Tall, Wandle Piscators AMI Group
- 11.00 **Making the polluter pay** Dai Roberts/Frances Atwood, SE Wales Monitoring Group
- 11:15 **Establishing AMI on Ballinderry River (NI pilot)** Mark Horton, Ballinderry River Enhancement Association
- 11:30 **Where does the volunteer come from?** Stuart Crofts

11.45-12.00 *Questions***RIVERS IN POLICY****Chair – Arlin Rickard, Director, Association of Rivers Trusts**

- 12.00 **The water company perspective** Richard Aylard, Thames Water
- 12.15 **Challenges for the Anglers' Monitoring Initiative** Professor Steve Ormerod, University of Wales, Cardiff
- 12:30 **The future of our rivers** Geoff Bateman, Head of River Basin Management, EA

12.50-13.05 *Questions*13.05-14.15 *Lunch, Foyer, Flett Theatre***CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT****Chair – Dr Mike Dobson, Director, Freshwater Biological Association**

- 14.15 **Conserving riverfly diversity** Craig Macadam, RP Species and Habitat Group
- 14.30 **Restoring life to our rivers** Dr Judy England, River Restoration Centre
- 14.45 **Our response to the arrival of the invasive shrimp, *Dikerogammarus villosus***
Dr Mark Diamond, Ecology & Biodiversity Manager, EA
- 14.55 **Restoring the Blue Winged Olive** Dr Cyril Bennett, John Spedan Lewis Trust

15.05-15.20 *Questions***PANEL DISCUSSION** **Chair – Tom Fort, Freelance journalist**

The future of our rivers – are they in peril? What is being done? What can be done?
The panel will include speakers plus RP Lead and will answer questions from delegates

- 16:30 **Summing up and concluding remarks** Paul Knight, Chairman, Riverfly Partnership
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