

BMS Recording Network News

September 2021

To: BMS Recording Network Contacts
Cc: BMS Field Mycology & Conservation Committee members

From: Nathan Smith, BMS Recording Network Coordinator

1. Upcoming Online Talk on 'Useful Plants and Fungi of Colombia' project

The next BMS talk will come from the team running the '*Useful Plants and Fungi of Colombia*' project on the 13th of October. It promises to be an interesting talk that highlights the global reach of mycology alongside the importance of collaborations.

Further details and tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/181013023827>

2. BMS Recording Network News

Articles and news any size (but particularly those under 500 words) are also requested for future editions of the *BMS Recording Network News*. Please share upcoming events, news, and mycological top tips and tricks. Please send articles to myself at cwe.smith@gmail.com.

3. Survey on loss of CHEG grasslands in the UK

The survey regarding the loss of CHEG grassland (particularly to tree planting schemes) remains open and can be accessed here for all those who would like to contribute:

<https://forms.gle/Ctis8rVZztym3GC46>

4. UK Fungus Day Saturday, 2 October 2021

We're delighted to bring together a varied and exciting programme of events, activities, resources, competitions and more for this year's UK Fungus Day. The events include local fungal forays, a unique mycology music performance, live discussion about the 'mycelial city', and a seminar of international mycology speakers. We'll also be launching a special short film featuring Prof Roy Watling, and some new '5 minutes of fungi' videos. The weekend kicks-off with the Big Quiz - *Thank Fungi it's Friday – again!* - online on Friday 1st, from 7pm. A fun quiz, open to all – register here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thank-fungi-its-friday-the-big-quiz-tickets-175783171197> .

If your Group is running an event on 2nd or 3rd October, and attendees have cameras, smartphones or tablets, please encourage them to take a picture of a fungus they find and identify for the photography competition. There are categories for all ages. To enter the competition, the photo must be taken on the weekend of UK Fungus Day and must be submitted via our online entry form, here: <https://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/competitions>.

There are also new videos, blogs, projects, crafts, research – all aiming to engage and inspire everyone about the wonders of fungi. Please share with your friends and colleagues!

www.ukfungusday.co.uk

Contact Emma or Norman in the BMS Office about UK Fungus Day: ukfungusday@britmycolsoc.info

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5. **BMS Autumn Open Meeting: The world of fungi, Saturday, 20 November 2021**

A fantastic line-up of international speakers for this year's Autumn Open Meeting, which will be delivered on Zoom:

- Prof Martin Bidartondo Imperial College London & Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew - welcome and introduction.
- Prof Ursula Peintner, University of Innsbruck. Expert on alpine and arctic fungi, webcaps and polypores.
- Ruben de Lange, University of Gent. Expert on the brittlegills *Russula*.
- Dr Ryan Stephens, University of New Hampshire. Ecologist investigating fungus consumption by mammals.
- Dr Pepijn Kooij, São Paulo State University. Evolutionary biologist investigating fungus-growing insects.
- Barbara Ching, President of the North American Mycological Association.
- Nathan Wilson, Founder of Mushroom Observer.
- Doug Bierend, Journalist and author of *In Search of Mycotopia* (2021).

Registration will open in October on Eventbrite, register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bms-2021-autumn-open-meeting-the-world-of-fungi-tickets-174184008057/>