

# Orchid Conservation International (OCI) Science and Conservation Symposium

27th October 2012 (part of the British Orchid Congress)

Writhlington School, Radstock, Bath BA3 3NQ

The first ever symposium under the auspices of OCI includes lectures exploring a wide range of orchid research. Speakers include a number of early career scientists and the event is expected to generate some lively debate!

The OCI symposium forms part of the British Orchid Congress. The Congress runs from Friday 26th October until Sunday 28th October and features orchid displays and sales from across Europe as well as a separate lecture programme and tours of the Writhlington School Orchid Project facilities. Registrants for the OCI symposium will have free entry to the British Orchid Congress on Saturday 27th.

Registration for the OCI symposium costs just £10, Registration for the full three day congress (including the OCI symposium and many other events) costs just £25. Further details and an online/downloadable registration form can be found at [www.wsbeorchids.org/boc](http://www.wsbeorchids.org/boc)



## Programme of talks:

- 9.30 Welcome address
- 9.45-10.45 **Luke Barnes** - Changes in Orchid diversity with altitude, and over time, in the Sikkim Himalayas  
**Saul Walker** - Orchids in Oz: A search for *Dendrobium* in the bush
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 12.15 **Karen Robbirt** - The orchid (*Ophrys sphegodes*) and the bee (*Andrena nigroaenea*); a tale of two phenologies  
**Brian Yap Jing Wei** - The molecular phylogeny of *Paphiopedilum* section *Barbata* as inferred from low-copy nuclear gene and plastid sequences
- 12.15-1.15 **Dino Zelenika** - Orchid Discoveries, Findings and Environmental Impact in a Remote Balkan Region  
**Odile Weber** - Orchids in eMonocot – an online biodiversity resource
- 1.15-2.45 Lunch (1hr 30)
- 2.45-3.45 **Ian Parsons** - Designing Experiments with Orchids  
**Helen Millner** - Pollination in *Restrepia*, using SEM to unravel the mystery
- 3.45-4.00 Closing remarks and coffee

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