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CETAF 57th General Assembly - CETAF57



Host: National Museum of Natural History Luxembourg, Luxembourg

MNHNL: Patrick Michaely (Director), Paul Braun (Digital curator), Geneviève Faber (Facilities and logistics), Alexander Weigand (Zoology curator)

CETAF Representatives: Patrick Michaely (Director); Alexander Weigand (Zoology curator)

Dates: Thursday 15 and Friday 16 May 2025

Locations: Centre de rencontre [Abbaye de Neumünster](#) (neimënster) located right next to the [Musée national d'histoire naturelle Luxembourg](#) - 'natur musée' (MNHNL)

List of Contributors:

CETAF Executive Committee: Edwin van Huis (EvH); Jana Hofman (JH); François Dusoulier (FD); Eva Häffner (EH); Gila Kahila Bar-Gal (GK); Gergely Babocsay (GB); Carole Paleco (CP); Stefan Örgård (SO).

CETAF Secretariat: Ana Casino (AC); Laura Tilley (LT) (minutes); Marko Lovric (ML); Alessandro Marchi (AM); Marta León Monedero (MLM).

CETAF General Assembly members: Thomas Borsch (TB); Axel Hochkirch (AH); Hanieh Saeedi (HS); Dimitris Koureas (DK), Quentin Groom (QG), Jorge Ventocilla (JV); Dominique Zimmerman (DZ), Vincent Merckx (VM), Vanessa Demanoff (VD), Isabel Rey (IR).

Guests: [Eric Thill \(ET\)](#)-Luxembourg Minister for Culture, Luxembourg Government; [Jon Paul Rodriguez \(JPR\)](#)-IUCN SSC Chair; Martin Husemann-[SMNK](#) (MH); Torbjørn Ekrem-[NTNU](#) (TE); Paola Lepori-[ICLEI](#) (PL); Marie Vandewalle-[UFZ](#) (MV); Jorge Ventocilla-[Co-op4CBD](#) (JV)..

Goal: Gather and consider ideas and reflections from the community on the CETAF Strategy 2025-2030 and convey key priorities to strengthen CETAF's position within the broader European and global environmental landscape.

PRE-MEETING event

DAY 0 : Wednesday 14 May 2025

Venue : Musée national d'histoire naturelle Luxembourg, 25 Rue Münster, L-2160 Luxembourg, LU

19:00-21:30	Ice-breaking event (organised by MNHNL)
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CETAF57 AGENDA

DAY 1 : Thursday 15 May 2025

Abbaye de Neumünster, 28 Rue Münster, L-2160 Luxembourg, LU

9:30 – 16:15

08:30-09:30	Registration
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Welcome and Opening

9:00 – 13:00 CET

9:30-9:45	Welcome by Mr. Eric Thill, Minister of Culture			
9:45-10:00	1	Opening of the CETAF 57 th General Assembly	EvH	
10:00-10:15	2	Introduction to Musée national d'histoire naturelle de Luxembourg (MNHNL), LU	PM	
10:15-10:25	3	Approval of the Agenda and information on the records of CETAF56 hosted by Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (MNCN), Madrid, ES	V	EvH

SESSION 1

10:25 – 11:30 CET

CETAF Community Updates

10:25-10:55	4	New Members of the CETAF Community	SO	
		4.1 SMNK: Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Karlsruhe, DE	V	MH
		4.2 NTNU Museum: Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Natural History, Trondheim, NO	V	TE

10:55-11:20	5	Attraction of talent to taxonomy, the e-SCoRe winner of 2024		GK+winner
11:20-11:30	6	Main updates from the General Secretariat		AC
11:30-12:00	Coffee break			
SESSION 2 12:00 – 13:00 CET				
Looking Ahead: CETAF Strategy and First Steps				
12:00-12:20	7	CETAF Strategy 2025-2030		JH
12:20-13:00	8	First year of Implementation		
		8.1	CETAF Work Plan for2025	AC
		8.2	Contributions from ongoing initiatives (EU-funded projects)	AC
13:00-14:00	Lunch break, at the MNHNL (organised by MNHNL)			
SESSION 3 14:00 – 17:00 CET				
CETAF Working Groups (WGs) and CETAF Strategy: Sharing Plans and Perspectives				
14:00-14:10	9	Presentation of the WGs integration into CETAF Strategy. Call for new WGs to fill in detected gaps		CP
14:10-16.15	10	Presentation of the current WGs plans		CP
		10.1	Presentation of the WGs draft chartas and envisaged work plans (Chartas, strategic actions, products and services, plus requirements)	WGs coordinators
		10.2	Discussion on the each of the above	All
16:15-17:30	11	(Optional) Internal work for the further revision of the WGs plans		CP+WGs
Visits to MNHNL Collections (Mineralogy, Paleontology, Herbarium) and Special Exhibition				
End of CETAF57 Day 1				
Dinner at the MNHNL (organised by MNHNL)				

DAY 2 : Friday 16 May 2025**Abbaye de Neumünster**, 28 Rue Münster, L-2160 Luxembourg, LU**9:00 – 13:30****SESSION 4****9:00 – 11:30 CET****CETAF and Biodiversity Policy: Community Insights and Contributions**

09:00-10:00	12	EU Biodiversity Strategy in a global landscape		MV
		12.1	Biodiversity monitoring for Invasive Alien Species (IAS)	HS
		12.2	Taxonomic capacity building: Red List of Insect Taxonomists (RLT)	AH
10:00-11:00	13	Discussion Panel on contributions from the CETAF community to biodiversity policy implementation: targets and mechanisms (Convener: GK)		MV, HS, AH, DK, QG, JV
11:00-11:30	Group photo - Coffee break			

SESSION 5**11:30 – 13:30 CET****CETAF Administrative and Organisational Updates**

11:30-11:35	14	Audit Report - Year 2024		VD, IR	
11:35-11:50	15	CETAF Annual Accounts 2024		V	FD
11:50-12:00	16	Financial report from the first trimester of 2025		V	FD
12:00-12:05	17	Invitation to CETAF58 in Berlin by the Host Institution BGBM-FUB		TB	
12:05-12:15	18	Sessions for GAs: evaluation of current sessions and organisation of future activities (topics and formats)		EH	

CETAF Community Work in Progress - Research and Impact in Practice

12:15-13:15	19	Inspiring talks from researchers (Convener: AC)		DZ, VM and PL	
13:15-13:25	20	AOB		EvH	

13:25-13:30	21	Closing remarks	EvH
Formal closure of the CETAF57 General Assembly			
13:30-14:30	Lunch break (self-organised)		
14:30-18:00	Optional: Field visit to one of the UNESCO Natural Heritage sites in Luxembourg		