

## 2014 PRESIDENT'S LECTURE Is e-taxonomy a distraction or a solution?

Robert Scotland President of the SA and Vince Smith cyber-taxonomist at the NHM

5.30 pm Thursday **27 November 2014** at the Linnean Society, London Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BF

Ten years ago, Robert Scotland & Colleagues wrote an opinion piece contrasting the efforts of taxonomists with the promise of web-based, DNA taxonomy ("The Big Machine and the much-maligned taxonomist"). More than a decade later, what has happened? This debate will take the form of a twenty minute introduction by Robert Scotland President of the SA and Vince Smith cyber-taxonomist at the NHM who will debate the underlying issues facing taxonomy today and enquire whether the promise of e-taxonomy has been fulfilled?

The meeting is open to visitors and wine will be served after the lecture to members and guests

