

TAXONOMY RECOGNITION DAY

23rd of May, 2025

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Ever dreamed of discovering a new species? Fascinated by the hidden corners of life on Earth? Passionate about protecting our planet's incredible biodiversity? If so, taxonomy might just be your calling!

Each year on **May 23rd**, we celebrate the vital science of taxonomy—the practice of identifying, naming, and classifying living things. This year, we're shining a spotlight on how taxonomic research is done, and we hope it sparks your curiosity to dive into this fascinating field yourself.

Join us to learn directly from working taxonomists about how new species are described. You'll also get a behind-the-scenes look at where this work takes place: explore our entomology collections, step into our paleontology labs, and tour our cutting-edge DNA facilities. See firsthand where scientific discovery happens—and where the knowledge we uncover is preserved for future generations.

Register here [<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TaxonomyRecognitionDay2025>] and let yourself be inspired, because to **name it is to save it**.

#NameItToSaveIt

WHERE: Institute of Natural Sciences [RBINS] (Vautierstraat 29, 1000 Brussel)

WHEN: 23.05.2025

HOUR: from 13:00 to 16:30



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| 13:00 | 13:30 | Registration | |
| 13:30 | 14:35 | How to become a taxonomist | |
| 13:30 | 13:40 | Intro: the importance of taxonomy | Ana Casino (CETAF) and Frederik Hendrickx (RBINS) |
| 13:40 | 14:10 | Taxonomy in practice. | Marie Verheye (RBINS) |
| 14:10 | 14:20 | The role of the Belgian Entomological Society in supporting taxonomists | Adwine Vanslembrouck (Royal Belgian Society of Entomology) |
| 14:20 | 14:35 | The road to become a taxonomist | Joachim Bresseel (citizen taxonomist at RBINS) |
| 14:35 | 15:00 | Break (Refreshments) | |
| 15:00 | 16:00 | Visit the collections behind the scenes presented by the curators and scientists in charge. | |
| | | 1. A 3D encyclopedia of biodiversity: Discover the entomology collections | Jérôme Constant & Wouter Dekoninck (RBINS) |
| | | 2. The fossil preparation lab, a key step between fieldwork and taxonomic/systematic studies in paleontology | Olivier Lambert (RBINS) |
| | | 3. The DNA Lab of the institute of natural sciences, a polyvalent infrastructure to support taxonomy | Gontran Sonet (RBINS) |
| 16:00 | 16:30 | Closing of the Taxonomy Recognition Day | |
| | | Ana Casino (CETAF) and Frederik Hendrickx (RBINS) | |