

**Saturday 12th November 2016- CRES Day at Ripon College Cuddesdon
with Professor Sir Ghillean Prance and Andy Lester**

Dear All,

We have now fixed the programme for our CRES Day in November. These days are now opened up to a wider audience and we are very pleased to welcome Professor Sir Ghillean Prance and Andy Lester, Conservation Director for A Rocha UK, to be our guest speakers.

The themes explored will be highly relevant to those on the CRES course, but could be taken as a stand-alone day for all interested in the environment. Places are limited so book soon!

Best Wishes,

Dr. Martin J. Hodson (Principal Tutor, CRES)

PROGRAMME

Indigenous and grounded: investing in local people to rescue the planet

10.00-10.30 Arrive and Coffee.

10.30-10.45 Welcome and Introduction to CRES (Simon Brown)

10.45-12.00 Talk & Discussion – Professor Sir Ghillean Prance on *“Stories from the Amazon – how tapping in to indigenous knowledge can inform best conservation practice.”*

12.00-13.00 News and updates from CRES, JRI and A Rocha UK (Martin Hodson)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 Talk & Discussion – Andy Lester on *“Stories from the UK cities- how working locally on nature conservation can expand the meaning of Christian mission.”*

15.15-15.30 Student Time.

15.30-15.45 Short service

15.45-16.00 Tea and depart.

THE SPEAKERS

Professor Sir Ghilleen Prance (Iain), University of Oxford BA in Botany (1960) M.A., D.Phil. (1963); research assistant The New York Botanical Garden 1963, B A Krukoff Curator of Amazonian Botany (1966), Director and Vice-President of Research (1976-1982), Senior Vice President for Science (1982-1988). 39 expeditions to Amazonia, collected 350 new species of plants. Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew 1988 -1999; McBryde Professor, National Tropical Botanical Garden Hawaii 2001-02, McBryde Senior Fellow (2003-). Visiting Professor at Reading University; author of 23 books and 540 scientific and general papers in taxonomy, ethnobotany, economic botany, conservation and ecology; 15 honorary doctorates; International COSMOS Prize 1993; Fellow of the Royal Society; Knight Bachelor; 1995; Victoria Medal of Honour of Royal Horticultural Society, 1999; David Fairchild Medal for plant exploration, 2000; Allerton Award in 2005; Commander of the Order of the Southern Cross Brazil, 2000; Order of the Rising Sun from Japan, 2012.

Member and Deacon of Lyme Regis Baptist Church, Board Member and former Chairman of A Rocha International.

Andy Lester, CEnv MCIEEM MSc PGCert is a Chartered Environmentalist, with a background in ecology, economics and the corporate sector. With the assistance of specialist staff, interns and community volunteers, Andy has led conservation work at A Rocha UK's nature reserves Wolf Fields and Foxearth.

BOOKS

If you borrowed books from the Principal Tutor travelling collection last time, please bring them back! You can only borrow further books if you do so! There will also be a variety of relevant literature for sale.

TRAVEL

a) By Car

Ripon College Cuddesdon (RCC) is located in the small village of Cuddesdon about 4 miles East of Oxford. The postcode is OX44 9EX, for those of you who use on-line maps. Full directions are given on the RCC web site: <http://www.rcc.ac.uk/>

We want to use as little carbon as possible, so sharing cars seems sensible! If you can offer a lift, or would like one, let us know and we will see if it is possible. Students and Local Tutors might benefit from travelling together- lots of time to chat!

b) By Train to Oxford Station. We will arrange lifts from the station, but allow at least 30 minutes to get out of Oxford and over to Cuddesdon. So aim to arrive before 9.30 a.m. Let us know time of arrival.

c) Both the Oxford Tube (<http://www.oxfordtube.com/>) and Oxford Bus Company (<http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/espress1.shtml>) run many coaches out of London from Victoria station stopping at a few places in London on the way. You need to get off at the Thornhill Park and Ride just East of Oxford. We will arrange lifts if you tell us a time. Aim to be there before 9.45 a.m.

d) Emergencies on the day. Martin Hodson will base himself at RCC from about 9.00 a.m. on the day. He will turn his mobile on- 07794-631927. Note- he very rarely puts his mobile on, and messages left on it may only get picked up weeks later!! So it is not a standard route to contact Martin, but will be useful on this occasion.

e) We are in the Graham Room, which is the room we usually have and is near the common room. If you are coming from Oxford this is off the second car parking area- the one where the large beech tree used to be!

BOOKING

This day is FREE (included in fees) for present CRES students, tutors and members of the CRES steering group and is £25 for everyone else. Lunch and refreshments are included. Persons with special diets should let us know so that we can inform RCC. Please note that ALL who intend to come to Cuddesdon must book by 1st November 2016 (this means CRES students, tutors and steering group must book even though they will not pay). Bookings will be dealt with by the CRES administrator, Lynda McKeown.

If you do need to pay then please email (or write) to Lynda and then pay in one of these ways:

1) By bank transfer into the JRI account using the following account details:

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account: 00098437

Bank details: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Reference: CRES and your surname.

2) Please send a cheque made out to THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE to our address:

The CRES Administrator, THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE (JRI), City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester, GL1 4DF, UK

Telephone (mobile): 07583 481759. Email: cres@jri.org.uk