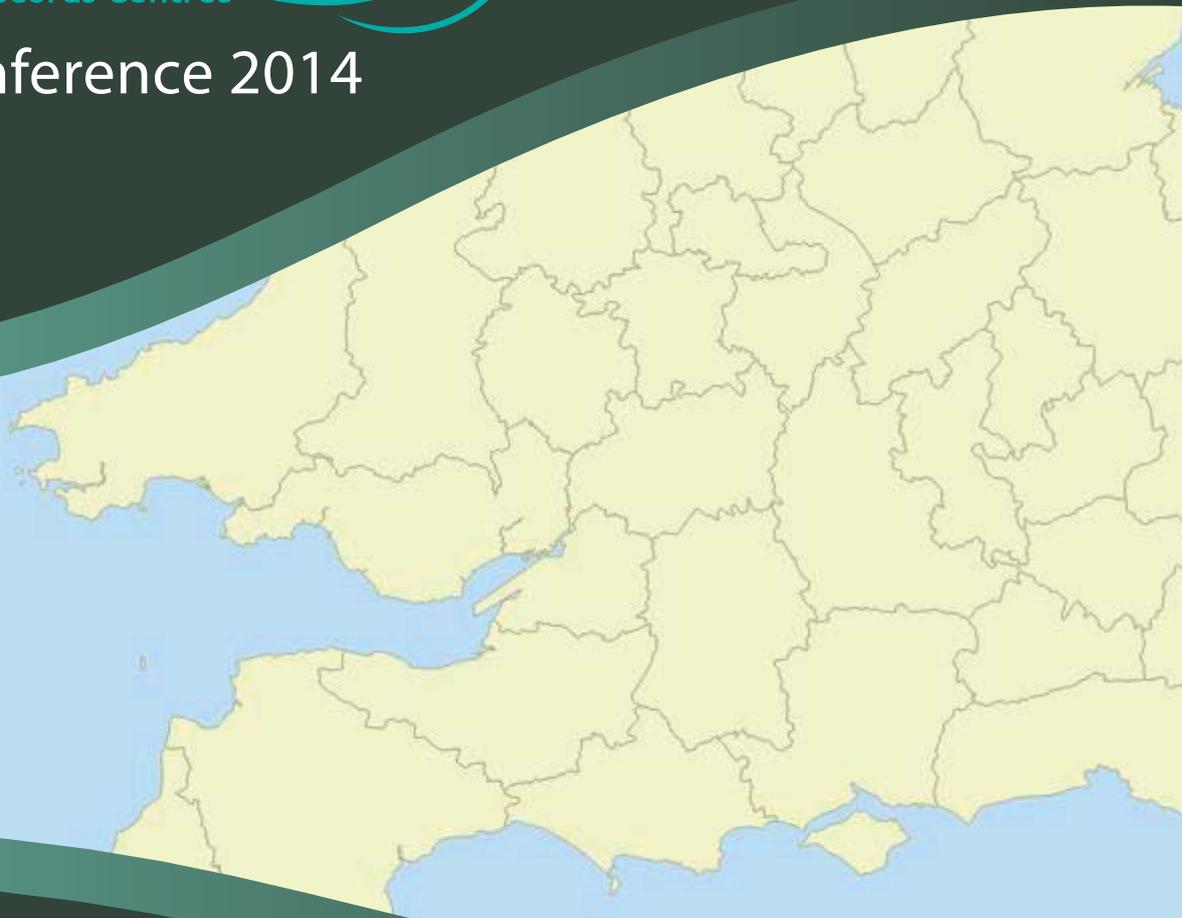


# ALERC

Association of Local Environmental  
Records Centres



## Autumn Conference 2014



15th October 2014 9:45am  
to 4:45pm

BVSC, The Centre for Voluntary  
Action,

138 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DR

Tel. 0121 6434343

How to get there:

<http://www.bvsc.org/getting>

# Conference programme 2014

0945 1010 Arrival and refreshment

1015 Welcome – Nicky Court, ALERC Chair

1025 Tony Gent - CEO, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust

Tony Gent will explore some themes around the relationship between LRCs and ARC.

1110 Refreshment

1130 John Sawyer - CEO, NBN Trust

John Sawyer, the recently appointed Chief Executive Officer of the National Biodiversity Network Trust, addresses the conference about the future direction of the NBN.

1215 Soapbox Presentations

A series of 5 minute presentations open to everyone, on any subject you like. Sign up in advance or on the day (space permitting). Please see the booking form opposite if you wish to participate.

1245 Lunch and networking (lunch is provided)

1400 ALERC AGM

1, Apologies, 2, Chairman's report, 3, Treasurer's report, 4, Appointments, 5 Any other Business.

Board of Directors: Nicky Court, Mark Wills, Darwyn Sumner, Eric Fletcher, Tim Corner,

Ian Egerton, Teresa Frost, Steve Hannah, Martin Horlock, Mark Pollitt, Adam Rowe, Mandy Rudd

Craig Slawson, Simon Wood

1440 ALERC Working Groups

Short reports from representatives of the ALERC working groups followed by debate from the floor on the work done and the agenda for the year ahead.

1. Website group. 2. Business development group.

1525 Tea Break

1545 ALERC Working Groups

Reports and debate from the remaining groups.

3. Accreditation group. 4. Data flow group.

1630 Summing up and farewell

## About this conference

This year the ALERC conference invites two important speakers from ALERC partner organisations. Tony Gent is the chief executive of Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust, a charity dedicated to the conservation of herpetofauna and which collects and share large amounts of amphibian and reptile data. Tony will be addressing conference with his views on how the work of LRCs and ARC are complimentary and mutually beneficial. John Sawyer took over the role of CEO of the NBNT in May 2014. He will be addressing the conference on his plans for the NBNT and important role that LRCs play in these. Both speakers will have plenty of time for questions from the floor.

As in previous ALERC conferences, we will complete the morning session with soapboxing. This is your opportunity to briefly discuss issues, raise awareness of new projects or simply rant. We are looking for people to book 5 minute slots during the session. The subject & format can be whatever you want, positive or negative. We are looking for people to take up a 5 minute spot in the session. The subject & format can be whatever you want, so whether you want to talk about a successful recent project, appeal to the rest of the LRC community for help with a particular problem or just want a rant about a particular LRC issue – the floor is yours. Time will be strictly limited to 5 minutes and 1 PowerPoint slide. To

register your interest in taking a slot in the soapbox session, indicate this on the booking form and we will contact you - or contact Tom directly [tom.hunt@alerc.org.uk](mailto:tom.hunt@alerc.org.uk).

The afternoon session will have a similar format to 2013 with delegates being given an opportunity to debate and discuss pertinent LRC topics. The session will be led by representatives from the ALERC working groups, with focus on the important work that ALERC is doing to help LRCs. There will be reports from four working groups, followed by debate and discussion on their work. This will be important for informing the future direction of ALERC and is your chance to have a direct impact on its work.

### FEES PER DELEGATE

The ALERC directors have chosen to keep the cost of attending the 2014 conference the same as the 2013 one.

Please note that becoming a member of ALERC entitles you to a preferential booking rate as well as being able to help shape the future development of ALERC and its policies and projects. An application form can be downloaded at [www.alerc.org.uk](http://www.alerc.org.uk) and should be sent to Tom Hunt along with the Conference booking form and fees

**ALERC members £30**

**Non-members £50**

Delegate Booking Form - for rates see above

Booking forms to arrive no later than **5th October 2014**

Please register the following delegates:

Local Records Centre:					
	Title	First Name	Surname	ALERC Member (please tick)	Fee
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### Payment details:

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For **BACS** payments please email notification of the payment; including date, amount and name of LRC to [tom.hunt@alerc.org.uk](mailto:tom.hunt@alerc.org.uk)

**Cheques** payable to : Association of Local Environmental Records Centres c/o

I would like five minutes on the soapbox

Please send your booking form and cheques/BACS notification to:  
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