



# The Role of NHM Vienna in CETAF

CETAF is the Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities:

- promoting scientific research and access to European collections
- enable the formation of partnerships to exploit European funding opportunities
- to be a voice for taxonomy and systematic biology in Europe

NHM Vienna and the Biology Center of Upper Austria State Museum are a the Austrian part of an European network of 63 Natural Science Museums, Natural History Museums, Botanical Gardens and Biodiversity Research Centres with their associated biological collections and research expertise from 22 European countries.

Natural History Museum Vienna (Naturhistorisches Museum Wien)  
Official CETAF representative: Christian Köberl

Since 1996

Biology Centre of Upper Austria State Museums (Biologiezentrum Der Oberösterreichischen LM)  
Official CETAF representative: Michael Malicky

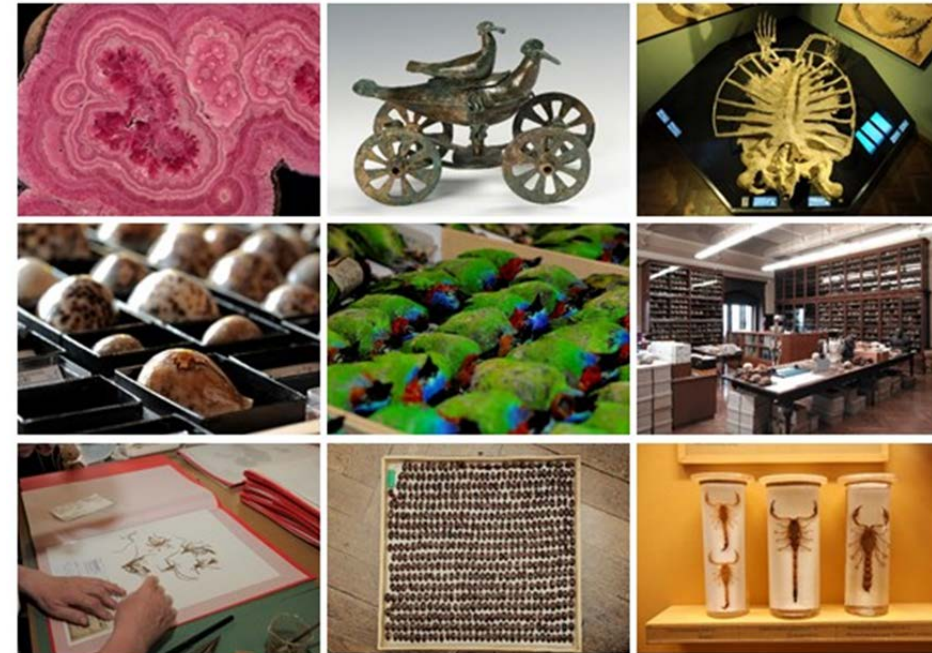
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# NHM-Vienna's Staff in Cetaf's Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups are set up to focus on key topics or specific issues within CETAF and act as forums of information exchange and collaboration on issues in the medium to long-term.

Staff from NHM Vienna is engaged in

- CETAF Collections Group (CCG) – Wiltschke
- Information Science & Technology Commission (ISTC) - Rainer
- Legislation and Regulations Group (L&R) – Schiller (for ABS)
- European Initiatives Advisory Group (EIAG) -
- Earth Science Group (ESG) – Kroh
- European Biodiversity Monitoring Group (BiodivMG) – Schweiger
- E-Publishing Working Group (E-PUB) – Kroh
- Digitisation Working Group (DWG) - Rainer





# The Role of CETAF for the NHM Vienna

As a Consortium, CETAF aims to develop new tools, secure taxonomic capabilities and competences, create joint platforms and channels of knowledge flows, and exploit new opportunities. CETAF achieves this through an integrated approach to information provision and training, both of which are important drivers for our Members. To network and collaborate with each other within the context of the Consortium, and beyond.





SYNTHEsys<sup>+</sup> is a European Commission - funded project, creating an integrated European infrastructure for natural history collections (1.2.2019–31.1.2023).

## Access

- Transnational
  - 4 calls
- Virtual
  - 2 calls

## Network activities

- Training, Support & Policy dissemination
- Molecular standards & processes
- Digital standards & processes
- Internationalisation

## Joint research activities

- European Loans + Visits System (ELViS)
- Collections on Demand
- Specimen Data Refinery

# The Role of NHM Vienna in SYNTHESYS+

## Access

- Transnational  
Offering access to our research collections for international guests
- Virtual - Soft call  
Testing the setup for the virtual call

## Network activities

- Providing NHM Vienna standards for implementation
- Offering training courses
- Attending 6 physical meetings and discussions
- And 30 virtual meetings and discussions

## Joint research activities

- Implementing a local digital access point
- Adding information from NHM Vienna
- Participating in the setup of surveys
- Participating in the setup for ELVIS

# The Role of SYNTHESYS+ for NHM Vienna

## EU-funding for

### Access

- Transnational 1st call
  - 17 guests funded
- Virtual
  - Digitization of collections on demand for research

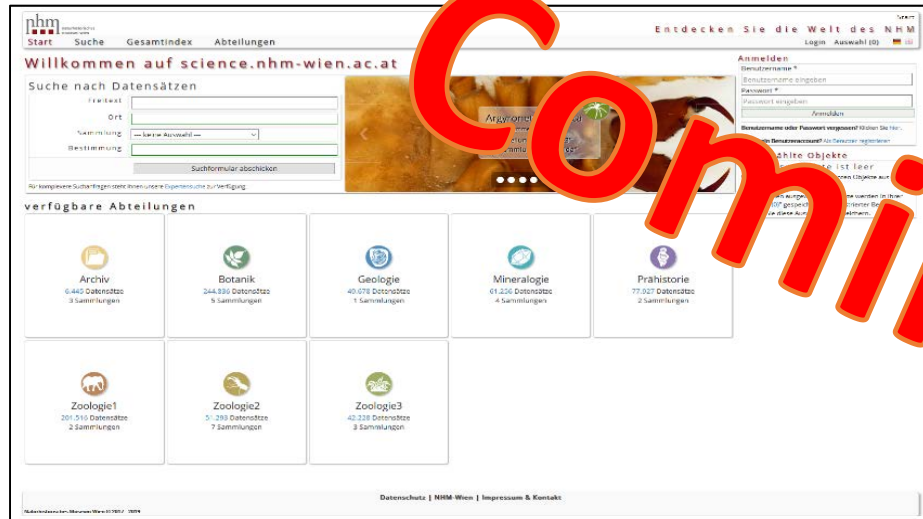
### Network activities

- Providing standards for implementation
- Promoting training courses
- Platform for networking

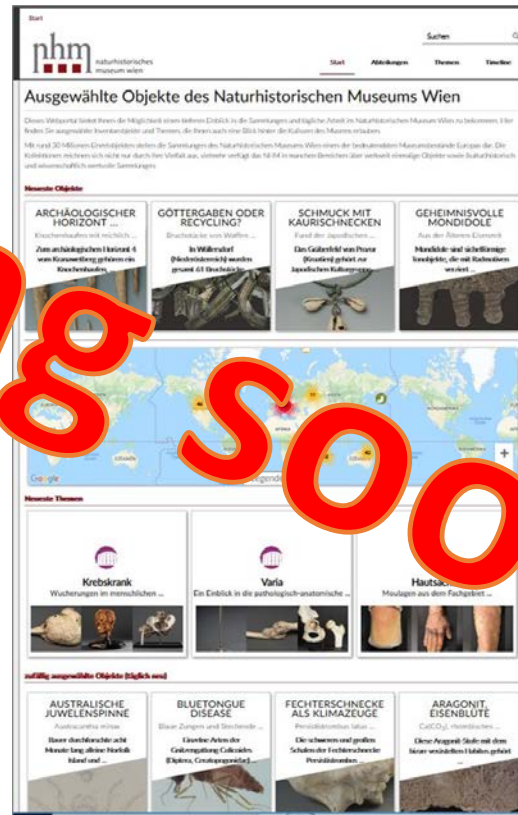
### Joint research activities

- developing of access points for digital collections
  - collections on demand
  - specimen data refinery

# Two Online Portals on Collections from NHM Vienna Governmental funded Digitization Project 2015-2019



**Science Portal**  
Scientific database of the NHM  
Vienna collections



## Didactic Datasets

A mix of 1000 objects, and collection related activities chosen by the staff of the NHM Vienna are presented with pictures and explanations