



Summary of the 129th Meeting of the Board of Trustees 1st November 2007

The Chairman welcomed the new Trustees, George Loudon and Timothy Hornsby.

The Chairman expressed thanks and congratulations to those responsible for arranging the successful fundraising dinner held in October 2007.

The Director of Communications and Commercial Activities, the Curator and the Director of Digital Media gave a presentation setting out proposals for a suite of projects, activities and attractions for the 250th celebratory year, to which the Trustees responded with comments for developing the ideas further.

The Trustees discussed the CABI-Kew proposed merger of mycological collections. An updated business case will be brought for final approval to the December meeting. The Trustees made suggestions as to matters to be considered when progressing the business case.

The Head of the Millennium Seed Bank gave a presentation focussing on the planning process in relation to the MSB business case and fundraising campaign, to which the Trustees responded with comments. The Trustees expressed congratulations for the work on the MSB project.

The Trustees, having participated in the 'topping out ceremony' at the Herbarium and Library Extension, took a tour of the major current capital works (including The Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art and the Treetop Walkway) and the Moore at Kew exhibition.