

# Developing an ID resource with support from a museum

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## Bridging the skills gap in natural history

The Identification Trainers for the Future project is about addressing the decline in biological recording and species identification the UK.

# Trainees



# New cohort



# Curation Placement



# Curation Placement Project

Assist in developing an identification key to a poorly known groups of parasitic wasps;

Alexeter – fall into the Mesoleiini tribe which is part of a large subfamily known as Ctenopelmatinae.

Sorting through the British material within the genus and curating the collection.

# Alexeter



# Sorting through the museums collection







# Spot the difference!

Coxalis



Multicolor



# Spot the difference!

Clavator



Nebulator



# Illustrating the key



# Importance of illustrations

## Sp. 1

- Face with limited yellow
- Slender hind tarsus



## Sp. 2

- Face extensively yellow
- Stoutier hind tarsus



## In summary

- Traineeship provided me with many opportunities
- Final year of the traineeship - 2017
- Watch this space for our publication of a key to British Alexeter.

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