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Our joint conference in 2023 is in partnership with the Oriental Bird Club, and will be held in collaboration with the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, on Saturday 16 September 2023, in the museum's Flett Theatre. We are delighted that the keynote speech will be given by Dr Pamela Rasmussen on *Avian taxonomy in the era of citizen science*. Pam is the recently appointed lead taxonomist for *Birds of the world* at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and her long list of achievements includes co-authoring *Birds of South Asia: the Ripley guide* and 11 descriptions of new Asian bird species. In India, she was part of the team that rediscovered Forest Owlet *Athene blewitti*. Other talks will be as follows: Sayam Chowdhury *Can we still save the Masked Finfoot [Heliopais personatus]*; James Eaton *Successes and failures; how to find or fail in the quest for new and lost birds*; and Mike Edgecombe *Mongolia—birds and more in Asia's wild wilderness*. Doors will open at 10.00 h for a 10.30 h start. Tea and coffee will be available mid-morning and mid-afternoon. The conference will end at about 16.30 h.

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