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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Paul S. Conger Papers
Date:	1926-1966
Identifier:	Record Unit 7437
Creator::	Conger, Paul S. (Paul Sydney), 1897-1979
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Paul S. Conger (1897-1979) was a botanist who specialized in the study of diatoms, microscopic components of plankton. He was the protege of Albert Mann (1853-1935), Diatomist of the Carnegie Institution of Washington (CIW). Mann was employed by the CIW but maintained his office and laboratory at the United States National Museum (USNM) where he also held the title of Honorary Custodian of Diatoms, 1913-1935. In 1922 Conger joined the staff of the Carnegie Institution and worked as Mann's assistant in the lab at the USNM. After Mann's death, Conger retained his affiliation with the CIW, serving as Research Associate, 1935-1943. Concurrently he was named Honorary Custodian of Diatoms at the USNM, 1935-1943; then Associate Curator, 1944-1966; and Botanist Emeritus of Cryptogams, 1967-1979.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

These papers were created by both Paul S. Conger and Albert Mann and document their research on diatoms. They include correspondence with colleagues concerning the identification of specimens, publications, and professional matters, circa 1929-1966; correspondence, notes, publications, newspaper clippings, and related materials regarding Conger's investigation of several *Synura* epidemics in the Washington, D.C., water system during the 1940s and 1950s; correspondence concerning a conference of cooperating microbiologists on fish food problems which was organized by Mann in 1926; correspondence concerning Conger's article on Wisconsin peat deposits, 1939-1941; photographs of Mann, circa

1920s-1930s; and glass plate negatives of diatoms, diatom habitats, collecting trips, collecting equipment, and general botanical subjects.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Botany
- Diatoms
- Synura

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings
- Manuscripts
- Nitrate materials

Names:

- Conger, Paul S. (Paul Sydney), 1897-1979
- Mann, Albert, 1853-1935

Container Listing

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Box 1 of 19	Correspondence of Albert Mann: Conference of Cooperating Microbiologists on Fish-Food Problems, and Circle of corresponding Microbiologists, 1926
Box 1 of 19	Correspondence on Wisconsin Diatom Peat Deposits, 1939-1941
Box 1 of 19	Miscellaneous Correspondence of Paul S. Conger, 1962-1966
Box 1 of 19	Swenson, John
Box 1 of 19	Synedra Epidemic (2 folders)
Box 1 of 19	Picture of Dr. Albert Mann at Lompoc, California
Box 1 of 19	Photo of Dr. Mann
Box 1 of 19	Peruvian Guano and Plankton for R. C. Murphy
Box 1 of 19	Taxonomic Notes on Genera
Box 1 of 19	Diatoms in Atmospheric Dust
Box 1 of 19	Oregon Fossil
Box 1 of 19	Diatoms of Ohio and Minnesota
Box 1 of 19	Alkali Flats, Great Salt Lake Utah - For Annie Norrington
Box 1 of 19	Crystal Lake, Wisconsin
Box 1 of 19	Miscellaneous Images
Box 1 of 19	Potomac River, Pollution Clippings
Box 1 of 19	Potomac River, Epidemic <i>Synedra delicatissima</i>
Box 1 of 19	Unusual Diatom Notes
Box 1 of 19	Mr. Thomas Christian's Dog "Sip"
Box 1 of 19	Doty, Maxwell
Box 1 of 19	Unlabeled Calculations

Box 1 of 19	"Diatom Epidemics" Draft
Box 1 of 19	Miscellaneous Correspondence (3 folders)
Box 1 of 19	Cummins, A. B.
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Box 1 of 19	Correspondence As to mat board - P. Conger
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Box 1 of 19	Diatom Transparencies
Box 1 of 19	Geology of Diatoms
Box 1 of 19	L. J. LaPorte
Box 1 of 19	Sample Plate (?)
Box 1 of 19	Sample slides
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Box 2 of 19	Diatom Transparencies
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Boxes 3-5 of 19	Glass plate negatives of collecting areas, mostly the Delaware River region; collecting trips; collecting equipment; and diatoms and diatom ecology
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Glass plate negatives of diatoms and general botanical subjects

Boxes 9-19

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Glass plate negatives of Diatoms