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Many larger museum stores have trays or boxes of poison bait in place in stores, but if present, the creatures are likely to die somewhere inaccessible. Having collection furniture raised to allow easy access for cleaning underneath will reduce the rotted rat risk. (Williams & McLaren 1990).

Routine quarantine and "fumigation" of collections, either newly acquired material or specimens that have been out of the building for some time before they enter main stores will prevent problems from spreading into museum stores.

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The well written series of CCI (Canadian Conservation Institute) Technical Bulletins include three of relevance for reducing the risks of biological agents.

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Insect traps

ICS Group Industrial Pesticides North West Hygiene House, 21-29 Brasenose Road, Liverpool L20 8HL

Tel: (0151) 922 4149

Killgerm Chemicals Ltd

P.O. Box 2, Ossett, West Yorkshire WF5 9BW Tel: (01924) 277631 Fax: (01924) 264757

R E Child

17 Talbot Street, Pontcanna, Cardiff CF1 9BW

Tel: (01222) 398943

Sample vials/ centrifuge tubes (for containing insects not in traps) Oakes Eddon & Co Ltd

Scientific House, Dryden Street, Liverpool L5

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Tel: (0151) 207 3062/3/4 Fax: (0151) 298 1206

Fred Baker Scientific

6/7 Dalton Court, Astmoor Industrial Estate,

Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 1PU

Tel: (0928) 566976 Fax: (0928) 580438

Or any laboratory suppliers

Insecticide formulations:

Dethlac(lacquer spray ICS Group Industrial Pesticides North

West(see above)

Drione (dessicant dust) Killgerm Chemicals Ltd (see above)

Vapona/similar dichlorvos-based insecticide strips Boots, Superdrug, largesupermarkets, etc...

Your product supplier **Hazard Data Sheets** Hazard labels Seton Ltd Department B, P. O. Box 77, Banbury, Oxon **OX167LS** Tel: (01295) 269955 Freephone: 0800 585501 Or any chemical supplier Protective clothing **Advanced Industrial Supplies Ltd** Sir Thomas Longley Road, Medway City Estate, (gloves, masks, etc) Rochester, Kent ME2 4DP Tel: (01634) 719422 Fax: (01634) 2902269 Kimberley-Clark Ltd Service and Industrial Division, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent ME20 7PS Tel: (01622) 777000 Oakes Eddon (see above) **Preservation Equipment** Shelfanger, Diss, Norfolk IP22 2DG Tel: 01379) 651527 Fax: (01379) 650582 Or any laboratory suppliers Seton Ltd (see above) **COSHH Information** Management System

Conservation by Design

Timecare Works, 60 Park Road West,

Preservation Equipment (see above)

Bedford MK41 7SL Tel: (01234) 217258

'Ageless' and

equivalent oxygen

absorbing sachets

BDF 200 Conservation by Design (see above) **ATCO** Emco, The Coach House, Felder Court, Worth, Deal, Kent CT14 OBD Tel: (01304) 620400 Fax: (01304) 614422 Marvelseal Preservation Equipment (see above) Moistop foil **Protective Packaging** Dane Road Industrial Estate, Dane Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 1BH Tel: (0161) 976 2006 Fax: (0161) 976 3330 Poly bags (sealable) Oakes Eddon & Co Ltd (see above) Preservation Equipment Ltd (see above) Or any laboratory or plastics suppliers Polythene sheeting Westaway Polythene North Cheshire Trading Estate, Prenton, Merseyside Tel: (0151) 608 8046 Or any plastics company Heat sealers Conservation by Design (see above) **Key Industrial Equipment Ltd** Blackmoor Road, Ebblake Industrial Estate, Verwood, Wimborne, Dorset BH13 6AT Tel: (01202) 872371 Fax: (01202) 826453 Power Plastics (see above)

Preservation Equipment Ltd (see above)

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Froscold Refrigeration Ltd

Ormskirk, Lancashire Tel: (01695) 576139

Payne Scientific

P.O. Box 1769, Slough, Berks SL3 9YN Tel: (01753) 582441 Fax: (01753) 591353

Strevens Ltd

2nd floor, 34 Ash Street, Bootle, Liverpool L20 3HA

Tel: (0151) 933 2552 Fax: (0151) 933 2761

James W Turner (Liverpool) Ltd

Fleming Road, Speke, Liverpool L24 9LS Tel: (0151) 486 5707 Fax: (0151) 448 1204

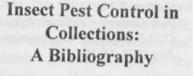
Fumigation bubbles

Power Plastics

Station Road, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 1PZ Tel: (01845) 525503 Fax: (01845) 525485

Portable Museum Vacuum Cleaner Preservation Equipment Ltd (see above)

Micro Vacuum Attachment Kit Preservation Equipment Ltd (see above)



BDH Ltd

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