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Richard Hebda has a Ph. D. in Botany from the University of British Columbia and has been a Curator at the Royal British Columbia Museum (Botany and Earth History) for more than 32 years and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Victoria (Biology, Earth and Ocean Sciences) for more than 28 years.

Dr. Hebda serves as the Province of BC's science advisor in Paleontology. He was the curator of the Royal BC Museum's Dragon Bones exhibit on Chinese dinosaurs (2003) and its permanent Climate Change exhibit.

He was the first faculty coordinator of the Restoration of Natural Systems Program at the University of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia's expert advisor on Burns Bog (purchased as a globally unique ecosystem). He studies vegetation and climate history of British Columbia, Ethnobotany of BC First Nations, climate change and its impacts, restoration of natural systems and processes, ecology and origins of Garry oak and alpine ecosystems and botany of grasses.

Dr. Hebda, with his graduate students, is author of 110+ scientific papers; 200+ popular articles mainly on bulbs, native plants and climate change; (co) author of four books and major reports, (co)editor of three books.