

Registration form

Delegate details

Please complete and return before 13 August 2004. Send by email, post or fax to Esther Ker at the address at the bottom of this form.

Name & title
Organisation
Address

Tel (work) Fax
Tel (home) Email

I am attending the conference

I require accommodation for the following nights

Monday 27 September Tuesday 28 September

Wednesday 29 September

I have special dietary requirements: please specify

I have special accommodation/mobility requirements:
please specify.....

Payment details

I enclose a cheque for £ payable to Forest Research.

Please debit my Mastercard/Visa card

Card no.

Expiry date Security number

with the sum of £

Signature Date

Card holder's name

£

Conference attendance fee

£195 registered by 13 August 2004

£215 registered after 13 August 2004

Conference dinner £40

1 night £45

2 nights £90

3 nights £135

Total submitted

Registration and payment will be acknowledged.

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28–30 September 2004



VENUE

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

28–30 September 2004

Duration of conference: 3 days

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DIARY DATES

First deadline for registration: 13 August 2004

Submission of extended abstracts: 31 July 2004



**Quality of Life and Management
of Living Resources**

The European Commission Community Research



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The Forestry Woodchain

**Quantifying and forecasting quality
from forest to end product**

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland

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Conference background and aims

Forestry in Europe is evolving a multi-purpose role in which concerns over the environment, biodiversity and the provision of amenity and recreational facilities match the more traditional requirements of timber production. As this policy evolves and the impact of diversifying management practice becomes apparent, the demand for forecasting and decision-support systems to inform the management of multi-purpose forests and its effects on the forestry woodchain also increases.

Knowledge of the quality of standing timber and its impacts on production, processing and design throughout the forestry woodchain are emerging issues of growing concern. If timber is not to lose its current market share, valued to €15–20 billion for softwood materials in Europe alone, new and existing material must be to the correct specification standard and fit for purpose. The wood processing industries therefore require detailed knowledge of product properties to compete with other materials.

Focus and Objectives

The forestry woodchain – new and current research into valuing and enhancing the quality of timber and wood-based products from primary production to end user.

The objectives of the conference are to bring together the latest international research throughout the forestry woodchain. Every stage in the woodchain will be explored, with the emphasis on quantifying and predicting quality.

Who should attend?

The conference is open to all those involved in forest and woodland management, policymakers and planners, environmental and conservation scientists, and those concerned with the production, processing, specification and use of timber.



Why this conference is important to you

- Forest managers need guidance to enable them to make informed decisions on production.
- Wood products industries need to know they will have a regular supply of consistent quality timber to inform future decisions on processing, manufacturing, specification, design and use.
- Scientists need guidance on future directions of relevant research.
- Policymakers need guidance to inform and recommend local, national and global policies on multi-purpose forestry, based on knowledge of outturn by volume and quality, impacts on industry and likely future effects of environmental change.
- Environmentalists and conservationists need to assess the ecosystem impacts of multi-purpose forest management.
- Public organisations need assurance that multi-purpose forests are sustainably managed.

... and the benefits?

- Keeping up to date with developments in the entire woodchain.
- An opportunity to present your research/findings.
- The opportunity to publish in peer-reviewed publication.

Papers and posters

Over 70 papers have been submitted. Arrangements are being made for publications in peer-reviewed journals including: *Forest Ecology and Management*, *European Journal of Forest Research* and *Forestry*.

Extended abstracts will be available at the conference.

Deadline for submission of full papers for peer review: 31 October 2004.

Conference programme

DAY 1 28 September 2004

Quality of wood and timber

Inaugural session CHAIR : Tim Rollinson, Forestry Commission, UK

Session 1: Wood properties. 1 invitation lecture & 4 papers
CHAIR: Arto Usenius, VTT, Finland

Session 2: Quality in standing timber. 1 invitation lecture & 4 papers
CHAIR: James Pendlebury, Forestry Commission, UK

Poster session

DAY 2 29 September 2004

Wood and timber properties: processing, impacts and influences

Session 3: Laboratory and industrial processes. 1 invitation lecture & 4 papers
CHAIR: Marco Fioravanti, Florence University, Italy

Session 4: Timber drying and distortion. 1 invitation lecture & 3 papers
CHAIR: Name to be confirmed

Session 5: Climate change impacts. 1 invitation lecture & 2 papers
CHAIR: Reinhart Ceulemans, Antwerp University, Belgium

Session 6: Forestry woodchain. 1 invitation lecture & 2 papers
CHAIR: Jean-Michel Leban, INRA, France

Conference dinner

DAY 3 30 September 2004

Tree and timber grading and forecasting

Session 7: Grading and forecasting. 1 invitation lecture & 4 papers
CHAIR: Risto Päivinen, EFI, Finland

Closing address: Name to be confirmed



Registration procedure

Venue

James Watt Centre 1, Heriot-Watt Conference Centre, Edinburgh

Venue and travel details are available from Edinburgh Conference Centre at www.eccscotland.com/

Costs

Conference registration fee: £195

To include

- Lunches
- Tea/coffee at breaks
- Abstracts booklet
- Poster facilities

Accommodation: £45 per night

Single/ensuite, including breakfast

Conference dinner

4 course Scottish banquet

Early registration is advised

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Kiln dried timber stack



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