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Every year Forest Research produces many new pieces of work. Some of these are the results of long term experiment whilst others are responses to more immediate issues. However, all are intended to support policy makers and practitioners across the forest industry and those with an interest in forests. This Update Seminar aims to provide the attendee with a brief overview of a number of different current topics.

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Whilst it is up to each delegate to make an assessment in relation to their own personal development, it is reasonable for ICF Professional Members to allocate 5-6 hours CPD when attending this event.

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Seminar Programme

Chair- Dr Chris Quine, Head of Centre for Human and Ecological Sciences, Forest Research

0930-0950	Coffee and registration
0950-1000	Introduction <i>Steve Penny, Research Liaison Officer (Scotland)</i>
1000-1045	Acoustic tools for predicting the mechanical properties of timber - from Research to Practice - will describe how research work on acoustic testing of trees and logs to predict strength properties has been developed into a system that can be successfully fitted to a harvesting head. Now available in the UK as a world first, this system will allow logs to be sorted at the earliest stage for despatch to the most appropriate markets bringing savings to the industry and higher income potential for owners. <i>Shaun Mochan, Forest Research</i>
1045-1115	Assessing and communicating animal disease risks for countryside users - Surprisingly little is known about how best to warn countryside users about the potential for disease (such as Lyme Disease) without scaring them away or spoiling their enjoyment. This session will introduce some of the research findings so far using ticks as an example. <i>Chris Quine, Forest Research</i>
1115-1130	Short break (tea/coffee available)
1130-1215	Pest and Disease update – pests and disease are recognised as very real threat to our forest areas across the country. This session will be an overview of current threats and the work undertaken by Forest Research to help improve our understanding of these. <i>Sarah Green, Forest Research</i>
1215-1245	Woodland carbon: managing the benefits - A discussion of the key messages behind the 'Read Report', knowledge gaps & research identified by the report, the developing voluntary carbon code and the management of risk in a changing climate. <i>Mike Perks, Forest Research</i>
1245-1300	General Question session from morning Opportunity to ask any questions perhaps not covered in presentations

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1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1445	Where are we at and where are we going with wild boar? - Although wild boar became extinct in Britain for the second time some 300 years ago, they are again living free in parts of England and Wales and have recently been reported in Scotland. <i>Roger Trout, Forest Research</i>
1445-1515	Short Rotation Forestry Update – this is an area of increasing current interest and this session aims to bring delegates up-to-date with the current state of knowledge and progress in the Scottish Trial areas. <i>Alan Harrison, Forest Research & Forestry Commission Scotland</i>
1515-1545	Turbines and trees: maximising net benefit in forestry settings - A discussion of the management of wind farm developments adjacent to forestry, the net carbon impact of varied forest regimes, an overview of site management and the regulatory framework. <i>Mike Perks, Forest Research</i>
1545-1600	General Question session from afternoon Opportunity to ask any questions perhaps not covered in presentations
1600	(tea/coffee available)
	Depart

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