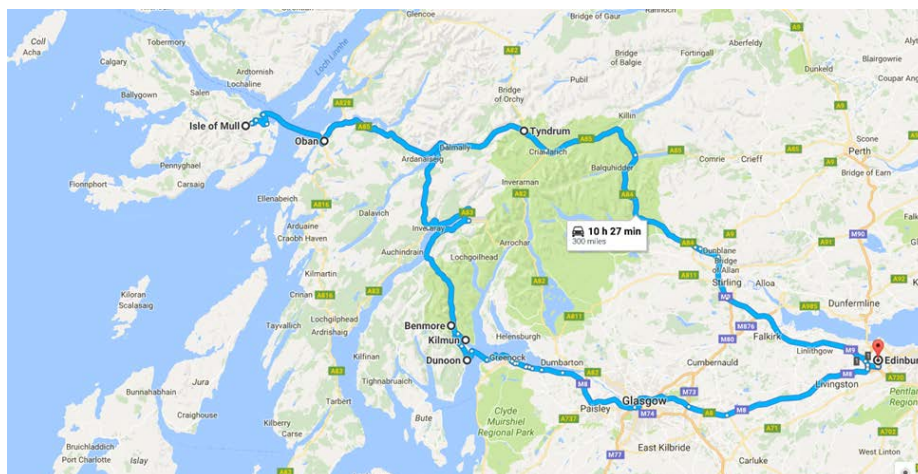


JOINT EFI ATLANTIC & IEFC ANNUAL MEETING

9-12 MAY 2017

The Role of Alternative Tree Species in the Forests of Atlantic Europe



Edinburgh and the West Coast of Scotland

The impacts of pests and diseases, windthrow and climate change on the forests of Atlantic Europe are becoming increasingly evident. To achieve more resilient forests now and in the future requires the use of a wider range of tree species and appropriate silvicultural management. EFI Atlantic and IEFC members have done a significant amount of work to address species choice and forest management for the future and the REINFFORCE project has been a focus for the alternative species work. This year's annual meeting (2017) will consider the results of this work and implications for forest policy and practice. The Scottish Government undertook a consultation on the future of forestry in 2016 and the EFI Atlantic/IEFC 2017 annual meeting coincides with a period when Scotland is seeking to expand and further invigorate its forest industry.

The programme allows for a one day science seminar (comprising invited presentations and voluntary contributions from EFI Atlantic partners and others) on the conference theme and then a rare opportunity to visit forest sites and experiments in the West Coast of Scotland. The forest visit will take participants by ferry across the Clyde Estuary to a long established Forest Research tree species trial at Kilmun on the Cowal Peninsula and to the Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh site at Benmore. The following day we will take the ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull to see the REINFFORCE alternative species experiment and a short rotation forestry trial. The return to Edinburgh will travel through part of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. This trip provides the opportunity to consider future species selection and silviculture at some unique forestry locations and also see one of the most beautiful parts of Europe's Atlantic coast (the Holy Loch, Loch Long, Oban and the Isle of Mull).

However, as a result of the ferry crossings and small local hotels, we will have to restrict the forest visit to 25 people and we will assign places on a first come first served basis.

This meeting will be of relevance and interest to researchers, policy makers, practising foresters and others.

Refund Policy - Field Trip - Any cancellations for the field trip must be notified to Evelyn Hall (evelyn.hall@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) by 31st March (at the latest). Refunds after that will be at the discretion of the organisers.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday 9th May 2017

am. Travel

pm. Joint EFI Atlantic & IEFC Annual Meeting - Edinburgh Capital Hotel
[www.edinburghcapitalhotel.co.uk] / [reservations@edinburghcapitalhotel.co.uk]

We have reserved 40 rooms at a special conference price of £62.00 per night B&B. These rooms are only available until March 31st. Delegates must book their own accommodation direct with the hotel quoting reference "Forestry Commission Scotland".

20.00 Official Conference dinner

Wednesday 10th May

All day: Science seminar at Edinburgh Capital Hotel (see detailed programme attached)

Dinner - own arrangements

Thursday 11th May - Forest visit

07.30 Depart Edinburgh Capital Hotel by coach and travel to ferry terminal near Gourock

10.30 Arrive Benmore for site visit

13.00 *Lunch*

13.30 Depart Benmore

13.45 Arrive Kilmun

13.45-16.00 Site visit at Kilmun

1600-1800 Travel by coach to Oban Bay Hotel for overnight stay

19.30 Dinner in Oban Restaurant

Friday 12th May - Forest visit

07.40 Depart Oban Bay Hotel

08.40 Ferry from Oban to Craignure (Isle of Mull)

09.35 Arrive Craignure (disembark ferry)

10.00 Arrive Mull for site visit to REINFFORCE site and short rotation coppice experiment

13.30 Depart Craignure for Oban then travel by coach to Edinburgh

18.30 Arrive Edinburgh

Programme for Science Seminar - May 10 2017

- 0800-0845 Registration
- 0845-0900 Introductory remarks and welcome (Forestry Commission Scotland)
- 0900-0930 The role of alternative tree species in Scottish forests (Scott Wilson, Independent Consultant, Aberdeen)
- 0930-1000 Alternative tree species in Atlantic Europe: early results from the REINFFORCE project (Christophe Orazio, EFI Atlantic, Bordeaux)
- 1000-1030 Alternative tree species in Irish forests (Niall Farrelly, Teagasc, Ireland)
- 1030-1100 *Coffee*
- 1100-1130 The current situation of non-native tree species in Europe (Elisabeth Pötzelsberger, BOKU, Vienna)
- 1130-1200 The place of genetic diversity in adapting forests to climate change (Jean-Charles Bastien, INRA, Orleans)
- 1200-1230 Climate matching as a guide for selecting alternative tree species (Richard Jinks, Forest Research, Alice Holt)
- 1230-1300 Bringing new species to the market place (Dan Ridley-Ellis, Napier University, Edinburgh)
- 1300-1400 *Lunch*
- 1400-1700 Open Forum for presentation of 15-20 minute voluntary papers relevant to the theme of the meeting or presenting key activities of EFI ATLANTIC partners [see attached form for abstract submission].