

Unlocking the Potential of Home-grown Softwoods

Timber Research Workshop

Tuesday, 26th February, 2013

Birnam Arts & Conference Centre, Dunkeld

This event will present results from ongoing and current research within the Strategic Integrated Research in Timber (SIRT) project and associated projects. Presentations will demonstrate the direct relevance of research results to policy and practice in the forestry and wood using sectors. The event will also include presentations from forest industry representatives highlighting key research requirements, and discussions about future research funding. This is an opportunity to influence the future direction of these research programmes, and to help focus limited resources on the most important projects.

Outline Programme (09.30 – 16.00)

Sessions will include:

- Sitka spruce update
 - Effects of site factors and climate on timber properties
 - Understanding and predicting distortion
 - Improving properties through selection and breeding
- Timber properties of alternative conifer species
- Product development – results from the Wood Products Innovation Gateway project
- Funding for timber research
- Industry research needs
 - Processing sector
 - Growing sector

There is no charge for this event and lunch and refreshments will be provided. However as places are limited you must register. Full details are available online at: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/fr/INFD-936KJQ>

The following organisations have helped by sending out details of this event to their members:



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Programme

Chair- Andy Leitch, Forestry Commission Scotland

0930-0950	Tea/Coffee and registration
0950-1000	Welcome <i>Andy Leitch, Forestry Commission Scotland</i>
1000-1030	Effects of climate and site factors on growth and timber properties of Sitka spruce <i>J. Paul McLean, Edinburgh Napier University Forest Products Research Institute</i>
1030-1100	Twist in kiln dried Sitka spruce <i>James Canavan, University of Glasgow</i>
1100-1130	Volume or Quality? Which way should tree breeding go? <i>Steve Lee and Elspeth Macdonald, Forest Research</i>
1130-1150	Short break (tea/coffee available)
1150-1220	Timber properties of conifer species growing in Great Britain – research results and new work <i>J. Paul McLean and Charlotte Slaymark, Edinburgh Napier University Forest Products Research Institute</i>
1220-1250	Product development – results from the Wood Product Innovation Gateway project <i>Robert Hairstans, Edinburgh Napier University Centre for Offsite Construction and Innovative Structures</i>
1250-1300	Opportunity for any additional questions from morning sessions
1300-1345	Lunch
1345-1415	Funding for timber research: The Scottish Forestry Trust – <i>Bob Stubbs, SFT</i> WoodWisdom, Timber Development Programme & other sources <i>Andy Leitch, FC Scotland</i>
1415 -1445	Industry research needs – processing sector <i>Alex Brownlie, BSW Timber Ltd</i>
1445 -1515	Industry research needs – growing sector <i>Tim Liddon, UPM Tilhill</i>
1515 -1600	Open floor discussion on future research priorities
1600	Closing remarks followed by tea/coffee