



TREES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

First announcement

A conference to bring home the implications of climate change to all those who plant trees

Austin Pearce Building, School of Management Studies, University of Surrey,
Guildford

14 – 15 June 2005

CLIMATE CHANGE AND TREES

The rate of climate change will accelerate throughout the 21st century, fuelled by the greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere by human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels. Trees can take over 100 years to reach maturity, so the trees we plant now will mature in a climate that may be very different to the one in which they were planted. The predicted changes in climate may have a profound effect on our trees, which, once planted, must endure whatever climate ensues.

Expert speakers will examine firstly what impact climate change will have on tree growth, health and ecology and secondly, what the responses to these impacts should be by the forestry, conservation, heritage and gardening communities. A guest speaker from France will give a picture of current tree and woodland distribution and management in a warmer climate.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference is for all those concerned with planting trees, both in planning and practice. Landscape and amenity planners, gardeners, foresters, conservationists, policy makers and all those with the responsibility for choosing trees and ensuring that they thrive should attend.

VENUE AND CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

The University of Surrey is easily accessible by car from the A3 or a short walk from Guildford railway station.

There will be an optional free guided tour of the exceptional tree collection on the campus at 16.00h on 14 June, prior to a wine reception and conference dinner, with an eminent guest speaker. Accommodation is available on campus (single ensuite) for the night of 14 June. Delegates may also pay a day rate for the main conference on 15 June, or a reduced rate and make their own accommodation arrangements at the nearby Holiday Inn or other hotels in Guildford.

Please return the form overleaf to register your interest and receive booking details in due course.