

# Improved Conifer Timber Quality through Plant Selection and Silviculture

11th February 2009  
Birnam Arts & Conference Centre, Dunkeld



This seminar is part of Forestry Commission Scotland's Timber Development Programme. The seminar will:

- Highlight key issues relating to the quality of home-grown conifer timber;
- Give an overview of the impact of choice of silviculture on conifer timber quality;
- Disseminate the most recent research findings relating to the choice of species and planting stock, nursery production and silviculture for improved timber quality.

This event will be of interest to everyone involved in the planning and operational aspects of forest management, with a focus on softwood timber production.

*To reserve a place please complete and return the attached registration form (there is no charge for this event). This seminar may provide 6 hours CPD for ICF members.*

## Seminar Programme

CHAIR: James Pendlebury, Chief Executive, Forest Research

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| From 09.30    | <b>Coffee and registration</b>   |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | <b>Introduction</b><br><i>John Kissock, Chair: Timber Development Programme Steering Group</i>       |
| 10.15 – 10.40 | <b>Timber quality – impacts on processing</b><br><i>David Leslie, James Jones &amp; Sons Ltd.</i>    |
| 10.40 – 11.05 | <b>Timber quality – an architect's point of view</b><br><i>John Gilbert, John Gilbert Architects</i> |
| 11.05 – 11.15 | <b>Short break (coffee available)</b>  |
| 11.15 – 12.00 | <b>Impacts of silviculture on timber quality</b><br><i>Elspeth Macdonald, Forest Research</i>        |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | <b>Site assessment and species choice</b><br><i>Bill Rayner, Forest Research</i>                     |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 13.30 – 13.55 | <b>Choice of planting stock</b><br><i>Steve Lee, Forest Research</i>                                 |
| 13.55 – 14.15 | <b>Roots, shoots and leaves – nursery issues</b><br><i>Richard Ogilvy, Christie Elite Nurseries</i>  |
| 14.15 – 14.45 | <b>Establishment practice</b><br><i>Alan Harrison, Forest Research</i>                               |
| 14.45 – 15.15 | <b>Stand management</b><br><i>Will Anderson, Seafield Estates</i>                                    |
| 15.15 – 15.30 | <b>Tea/coffee</b>  |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | <b>Timber quality assessment</b><br><i>Barry Gardiner &amp; Shaun Mochan, Forest Research</i>        |
| 16.00 – 16.15 | <b>Round-up and close</b><br><i>James Pendlebury</i>   |

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:**

**Organisation:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:**

**Dietary requirements (if any):**

Please return this form by e-mail, fax or post, by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009, to:

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## **Directions:**

**Birnam Arts & Conference Centre  
Station Road  
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Dunkeld PH8 0DS**

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The Birnam Arts & Conference Centre (BACC) is just off the main A9 Perth to Inverness trunk road. The BACC houses the Beatrix Potter Exhibition which is signposted by brown "thistle" signs from the A9.

### **By road from the South:**

Birnam is 12 miles north of Perth. Follow signposts for Birnam and Dunkeld, turning right off the A9. The BACC is in the centre of the village.

### **By road from the North:**

Turn left off the A9 following signs for Birnam and Dunkeld, then immediately right for Birnam. The BACC is approximately 600 yards further on, on the right.

[Click here to link to a zoomable Map](#)

### **By Train:**

Birnam and Dunkeld station is two minutes walk. From the station follow signs leading you through the underpass. Turn right immediately after passing under the A9, follow the footpath. Where the footpath joins the public road, turn left and the BACC is 100m on your left at the bottom of the hill.