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RFS FUTURE FORESTERS TECHNOLOGY DAY

1st NATIONAL FORESTRY AND ARBORICULTURE STUDENT CONFERENCE

Speaker Line up

Chair



Dr Christine Cahalan has spent most of her career teaching forestry and carrying out forestry research at Bangor University, where she is now an honorary senior lecturer. She has been a member of various forestry trusts, advisory panels and steering groups in the UK and elsewhere in Europe, and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. She is on the RFS Board of Trustees

Keynote Speaker



Jez Ralph, Founder, Timber Strategies (www.timberstrategies.com)

Innovation: the key for sustainable forestry

Since completing a Forestry MSc at Aberdeen in 2000 Jez Ralph has developed expertise in supply-chain development concentrating on innovation and end uses for timber.

Formerly with the Silvanus Trust in SW England, Jez was awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship in 2012 to study global advances in small-scale added value timber processing. Since then Jez started Timber Strategies, a consultancy bridging the gap between forestry and end-use of timber. This work includes product development and investment analysis for sawmills; brokerage of timber to architectural and design applications; timber quality advice for forest owners and end-users; teaching at various architectural and agricultural schools.

Timber Strategies is complemented by work managing Hooke Park, the forest campus of the Architectural Association School of Architecture which specialises in innovative applications of timber in contemporary architectural and structural solutions.

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Speakers



Phil Wade M.A. B.Sc(Hons), Co-owner/Director, Sorbus International Limited (www.sorbus-intl.co.uk)

Detection/assessment of decay/defects in trees

Phil first became involved with arboriculture/forestry in the early 1990s when developing the Arborsonic Decay Detector (ADD) in collaboration with the Alice Holt Forest Research Station. The ADD was the first ultrasonic device specifically developed to detect & assess decay/defects in trees.

He was responsible for forming Sorbus International Limited in 2007 - UK Distributors of the IML microdrill range for tree/timber inspection and the PICUS range for tree assessments.



Jonas Wikner, Marketing Manager, Haglöf Sweden (www.haglofcg.com)

Forest Inventory Systems

Jonas works mainly within international marketing for Haglöf forestry instruments and systems all over the world. He studied Technology in High School with an electrical focus and then joined the Swedish army where he worked as an officer for six years. While with the army he studied for three years at University and served as a platoon Commander for eight months in a foreign peace keeping mission in Bosnia 1998-99.

He joined the Haglöf Team in 2000 and initially as a trainee, learning about the different areas within the company including production of most of the instrument.



Professor Daniel Ridley Ellis, head of the Centre for Wood Science and Technology at Edinburgh Napier University. (www.napier.ac.uk)

Assessing Timber Quality

Dan is one of the UK's leading technical experts on assessing the strength of wood. His main area of research is understanding the properties of wood, and how they are influenced by tree growth, forest management, and climate. He represents the UK at European Standards Committees for grading of construction timber, and the majority of structural sawn timber produced in the UK is now graded with settings he developed. He was named "woodland hero" for 2016 by Grown in Britain, and is also active in online learning, public engagement and science communication.

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Nick Potts, Arbjobs

Information to come shortly

RFS Future Foresters



Adam Todd, RFS Future Foresters Officer Future Foresters is supported by the Prince's Countryside Fund as well as RFS members and aims to address an acknowledged skills shortage in the sector. Adam takes the lead on a number of its ground breaking projects, including the Conifers for Colleges research project, RFS qualifications and the online Forestry and Arboriculture Careers Guide hosted by RFS. He regularly talks to student groups at colleges, attends Career Fairs and forestry events and has been working with a number of colleges and groups to provide meaningful practical experience to forestry and woodland management students and to those considering forestry as a career.

Adam holds a BSc(Hons) in Forest and Woodland Management from the National School of Forestry, University of Cumbria and is a qualified arborist

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