



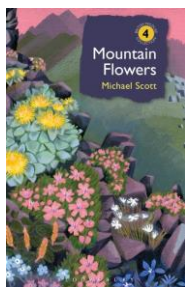
**BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF
BRITAIN & IRELAND
AND
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF
SCOTLAND
SCOTTISH ANNUAL MEETING**



**Saturday 4th November 2017
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh**

Programme and Booking Form

Everyone with an interest in Scottish botany is very welcome to the BSBI / BSS Scottish Annual Meeting. We particularly welcome new or non-members, including any interested family, friends or colleagues.



We are delighted to announce that our special guest speaker is well-known nature writer Michael Scott, who will give a beautifully illustrated talk on *Mountain Flowers*, based on his excellent and highly praised new book. We also have a full programme of interesting short talks. Regular features will include the Identification Helpdesk, the BSBI Photographic Competition and Summerfield Books pop-up bookshop.

Last year's selection of mini-workshops on a variety of plant ID topics proved very popular and successful so this year, we are offering an expanded choice of seven workshops for both beginners and more experienced botanists.



A flat £25 fee will be charged to cover organisation costs, venue hire, workshops, speakers' expenses and teas and coffees. The excellent RBGE staff canteen will be open for our use at lunchtime - but the cost of lunch is not included. Everyone is very welcome to join us for the Conference dinner.

DRAFT PROGRAMME (Subject to change)

08.30 Exhibitors & organisers setting up

09.15 General Arrival – tea & coffee

10.15 Welcome & Introduction – John Faulkner, BSBI President

10.25 *The BSBI Scottish Year & AGM* – Robin Payne, BSBI Scottish Chair

10.50 *The BSS Report* – Brian Ballinger, BSS President

11.00 Morning coffee & tea

11.30 *Atlas 2020* – Jim McIntosh, BSBI Scottish Officer

11.45 *The Threatened Plants Project results* – Pete Stroh, BSBI Scientific Officer

12.00 Lunch and view exhibits

13.15 ID Mini-workshops – First Workshop Session - listed separately below: please register your choices (or lunch and view exhibition)

14.15 ID Mini-workshops – Second Workshop Session (as above)

15.15 Afternoon tea/coffee

15.45 Afternoon short talks

15.45 *Marsh Saxifrage in Scotland*, Dr Aline Finger, RBGE

16.00 *Discovery of a Scottish Monkeyflower* – Dr Mario Vallejo-Marin, University of Stirling

16.15 *Plant monitoring & conservation SWT Stirling* – Roy Sexton, SWT

16.30 Question & Answer session – a chance to have your say!

17.00 Mountain Flowers – special guest speaker Mike Scott

18.00 Photographic Competition Results & Close

18.30 Conference Dinner



BSBI & BSS SCOTTISH ANNUAL MEETING BOOKING FORM



INSTRUCTIONS: Would everyone wishing to book, **please** use the online booking system this year – it's easy for you to use and saves us a great deal of time. Just follow the links from the BSBI & BSS websites to the Scottish Annual Meeting booking page. If you really can't use the online system, please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS and post with a cheque to the BSBI Scottish Officer **by 28th Oct 2017**.

Exhibitors should use the online booking system, but should also email their abstract to Liz Lavery (eldlavery@outlook.com).

1. ATTENDANCE: A flat £25 fee will be charged to cover organisation costs, venue hire, speakers' expenses and teas and coffees. I would like to attend the 2017 Scottish Annual Meeting and there will be.....in my party.

Name 1*

Name 2*

*As you'd like it to appear on your name badge (usually fore and sur-name)

E-mail address:

Are you happy that your email address is included on the participant list that will be sent to all participants on the 28th October? Y/N

2. CARSHARING: If you would like to offer fellow participants a lift, then please enter your mobile number and home town below. These details will be also included in the participant list so that those *seeking* a lift can get in touch with those *offering* lifts:

Mobile Phone..... Home Town.....

3. DINNER: We would be delighted if you can join us for the Scottish Annual Meeting Dinner at RBGE. At £25 per person for a three-course dinner, please enter the total cost for your party:

Are you vegetarian; vegan; gluten free; other..?

4. EXHIBITORS: We rely on exhibitors to generate botanical interest and would encourage all Recorders, members and non-members to put their interesting botanical findings on display.

a) **Title of exhibit or poster:**

b) **Space required:** 0.5/1.0/1.5m width of bench space and / or 0.5/1.0m width of wall space. (Delete as applicable). Due to limited space, large requests may have to be reduced.

c) **Abstract:** Please email an abstract of your exhibit or poster of **no more** than 200 words with all species names in the format *Scientific* (Common) to Liz Lavery (eldlavery@outlook.com).

5. ID MINI-WORKSHOPS: Please annotate your first and second choices: -

- An introduction to Ferns: Heather McHaffie
- An introduction to Willows: Les Tucker
- An Introduction to Pondweeds: Claudia Ferguson-Smyth
- Separating difficult species-pairs: Douglas McKean
- Winter Deciduous Trees: Max Coleman
- Conifers: Matt Parratt
- Post 2020 BSBI projects – your ideas: Pete Stroh

Space is limited on all the mini-workshops and it may not be possible to accommodate everyone's preferences. First come - first served! Those booking online should indicate their choices via that system - and may have an advantage. Those not lucky enough to get their first or second choice will be able to sign up for remaining spaces on other workshops on the day.

6. BSBI PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2017: There are two categories:

1) Archaeophytes and 2) Plants in the Landscape. Please check the full set of competition rules on the BSBI website and send entries in electronic format only directly to Natalie Harmsworth (natann29@freeuk.com) **by 20th October**. Winners will be selected by a popular vote by those attending the Meeting.

7. SEND YOUR COMPLETED BOOKING FORM: along with your cheque, made out to "BSBI", to Jim McIntosh, BSBI Scottish Officer, RBGE, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR. **All bookings by 28th October, please!**

FURTHER INFORMATION: See BSBI website www.bsbi.org/scotland