

SCOTTISH BOTANISTS' CONFERENCE

Saturday 3th November 2018
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Programme and Booking Form

Everyone with an interest in Scottish botany is very welcome to the Scottish Botanists' Conference – the new name for the BSBI / BSS Scottish Annual Meeting – that is intended to appeal to all botanists in Scotland and beyond whether members or not.

We are delighted to announce that our special guest speaker is Professor Richard Ennos of The University of Edinburgh, who will give a thoughtful and thought-provoking talk on tree pathogens. We also have a full programme of interesting short botanical talks, an Identification Helpdesk, the BSBI Photographic Competition and the botanical bookshop, Summerfield Books.

Last year's selection of mini-workshops on a variety of plant ID topics proved very popular and successful so this year, we plan to offer a similar choice of workshops for beginners, intermediates and more experienced botanists.



A flat £15 fee will be charged to cover organisation costs, workshops, speakers' expenses and teas and coffees. The excellent RBGE staff canteen will be open for lunch - but the cost of lunch is not included. Everyone is very welcome to join us for the Conference dinner.



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Draft Programme (Subject to change)

08.30 Exhibitors & organisers setting up

09.15 General Arrival – tea & coffee

10.10 Welcome by Peter Hollingsworth, Director of Science, RBGE

10.15 *The BSBI Scottish Year & BSBI AGM* – Ian Strachan, BSBI

10.40 *The BSS Report* – Brian Ballinger, BSS

10.50 Plantlife Scotland update – Alistair Whyte, Plantlife

11.00 Morning coffee & tea

11.30 *Atlas 2020* – the final year – Pete Strohm, BSBI

11.45 *The National Plant Monitoring Scheme*, Oli Pescott, CEH

12.00 Lunch and view exhibits

13.25 Mini-workshops – First Session (or lunch and view exhibition)

14.20 Mini-workshops – Second Session (or view exhibition)

15.15 Afternoon tea/coffee

15.40 Afternoon short talks

15.40 *How much pure wild Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*) is there in Scotland?* – Markus Ruhsam, RBGE

15.55 *Eyebrights: past, present, future* – Chris Metherell & Alex Twyford

16.15 *The BSBI in Ireland* – Maria Long, BSBI Irish Officer

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

17.00 Tree pathogens – special guest speaker Prof. Richard Ennos

18.00 BSBI Photographic Competition Results & Close

18.30 Conference Dinner at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

SCOTTISH BOTANISTS' CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

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

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

1. PARTICIPANTS: A flat £15 fee will be charged to cover organisation costs, speakers' expenses and teas and coffees. I'd like to attend the Scottish Botanists' Conference and there will be..... in my party.

Name 1*

Organisation / Position**

Name 2*

Organisation / Position**

E-mail address***

We will not share this with third parties and will only use it to send you information about this conference – and to let you know about next year's.

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

**Optional, but could say "BSBI Recorder for..." or similar, for example.

*** If you don't have an email address, please include postal address *instead*.

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

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

3. CONFERENCE DINNER: We would be delighted if you can join us for the Scottish Botanists' Conference Dinner at RBGE. The three-course dinner, followed by tea and coffee, will cost £30 per person. 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** participating botanists 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 225 words with all species names in the format *Scientific* (Common) to Liz Lavery (eldlavery@outlook.com).

5. MINI-WORKSHOPS: Please indicate first and second choices:

-) An introduction to grasses: Jay Mackinnon
-) An introduction to horsetails: Heather McHaffie
-) An introduction to the Vegetative Key: tbc
-) An introduction to conifers: Matt Parratt
-) English, Sessile and hybrid Oaks: Angus Hannah
-) Difficult species-pairs: Ian Strachan
-) An introduction to the BSBI Database: Jim McIntosh

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 will be able indicate their choices sooner!

6. BSBI PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2018: There are two categories: 1) Plants & People and 2) Plants & Pollinators. Please check the full set of competition rules on the BSBI website and send entries in electronic format directly to Natalie Harmsworth (natann29@freeuk.com) **by 19th October**. Winners will be selected by a popular vote by Conference participants.

7. BOOKING FORMS: If you can't book online, please 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!**

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