

# SCOTTISH BOTANISTS' CONFERENCE

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019  
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

**Programme and Booking Form – booking closes 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**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 Robert Crawford of The University of St Andrews, who will give a very timely and interesting talk on '*Plants at the Margin in a Changing Climate*'. 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 £20 fee will be charged to cover organisation costs, workshops, speakers' expenses and teas and coffees. The RBGE staff canteen will be open for lunch - but the cost of lunch will not be included. Everyone is very welcome to join us for the Conference dinner.



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**Draft Programme (Subject to change)**

**08.45 Exhibitors setting up**

**09.30 General Arrival – tea & coffee**

**10.15 Welcome**

10.20 *The BSBI Scottish Year* – Jim McIntosh, BSBI Scottish Officer

10.40 *The BSS Report* – Julia Wilson, BSS President

10.50 *Urban Flora of Scotland: Notable finds 2015-2019* – John Grace

**11.00 Morning coffee & tea**

11.30 *Atlas 2020 – the final steps* – Pete Stroh, BSBI English Officer

12.00 *BSBI Annual General Meeting* – Ian Strachan, Chair BSBI Committee for Scotland - or Lunch and view exhibits

**12.15 Lunch and view exhibits**

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

**14.30 Mini-workshops – Second Session** (or view exhibition)

**15.30 Afternoon tea/coffee**

**15.45 Afternoon short talks**

15.45 *Twinflower Research & Conservation Project* – Diana Gilbert

16.00 *The North Face Survey* – Ian Strachan

16.15 *Blue Sow-thistle (*Cicerbita alpina*) in Scotland* – Aline Finger, RBGE

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

**17.00 *Plants at the Margin in a changing climate* – Prof Robert Crawford**

18.00 BSBI Photographic Competition Results & Close

**18.30 Conference Dinner** at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

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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. **ONLY** if you can't book online, please complete this form in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and post with a cheque to the BSBI Scottish Officer.

**1. PARTICIPANTS:** A flat fee of £20 per person 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\*\* .....

Hometown .....

Name 2\* .....

Organisation / Position\*\* .....

Hometown .....

E-mail address\*\*\* .....

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

\*\*For example, "BSBI member" or "BSS member" or similar. We will suffix that with your hometown on the name badge.

\*\*\* If you don't have an email address, please include postal address *instead*. We will not share your email and personal details with third parties and will only use it to send you information about this conference – and to let you know about next year's SBC.

**2. CONFERENCE DINNER:** We would be delighted if you can join us for the Scottish Botanists' Conference Dinner at RBGE. The three-course dinner, which will include vegetarian options, will cost £30 per person. Please enter the total cost for your party: .....

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

**3. EXHIBITORS:** We rely on exhibitors to generate botanical interest and would encourage **all** participating botanists to please put their interesting botanical findings on display.

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

b) **Space required:** 0.5/1.0 width of bench space and / or A3 / A2 / A1 / landscape / portrait 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](mailto:eldlavery@outlook.com)) by the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**4. MINI-WORKSHOPS:** Please indicate a maximum of two choices each:

- An introduction to grasses: Jay Mackinnon
- An introduction to ferns: Heather McHaffie
- An introduction to The Vegetative Key: Polly Spencer-Vellacot
- An introduction to the BSBI Database: Chris Metherell
- Firs (*Abies*): Matt Parratt
- Duckweeds: Helena Crouch
- Difficult species-pairs in the herbarium: tbc
- Make your own grapnel: Jeff Waddell (costs £10, for materials)
- None - I'd prefer to do something else!

Space is limited on all the mini-workshops and it may not be possible to accommodate everyone's preferences. First come - first served! Note that the Introduction to grasses and ferns workshops are likely to be too basic for County Recorders.

**5. BSBI PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019:** There are two categories: 1) Native and 2) Alien. 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](mailto:natann29@freeuk.com)) by **19<sup>th</sup> October**. Winners will be selected by a popular vote by Conference participants.

**6. BOOKING FORMS:** 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.

**7. FURTHER INFORMATION:** See BSBI website [www.bsbi.org/scotland](http://www.bsbi.org/scotland) Online booking will close one week prior to the event on the 27 October.

**All bookings on paper and online by 27<sup>th</sup> October, please!**