

Timber Transport Forum Conference 2010

09.30- 16.30

Thursday 11th March 2010

Perth Racecourse

Scone Palace Park

Perth

Timber Transport for a Low Carbon Economy

Timber Transport is vital to realising the economic and environmental potential of our productive forests. With forestry, transport and energy policy directly influenced by the climate change agenda we consider how timber transport can meet the challenge.

This conference will look at ways of tackling and overcoming the limitations of our transport infrastructure and demonstrate how the industry is investing in improving efficiency to save carbon and reduce costs.

Speakers are drawn from forestry, freight and local government and will provide a high quality and informative day. The day is structured to be practically grounded and insightful.

The Timber Transport Conference provides an annual focal point to meet and share experiences with other professionals with an interest in this field.

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Venue information and directions

Perth Racecourse is located on the outskirts of Perth in the parkland of Scone Palace. A Maplink to Perth Racecourse is [here](#)

It is a short taxi journey from the town centre or the railway station. If you are using public transport, let us know and we can try to provide lifts or co-ordinate taxis.

By car from the south or west, follow the signs to Dundee and leave the M90 at junction 11. From there, or from the town centre, follow signs for the A93 to Blairgowrie and then for Perth Racecourse. There is free parking.

Conference dinner and accommodation information

There are many hotels and B&Bs in Perth. Try www.visitscotland.com

Those of you who will be staying in Perth on the Wednesday **before** the conference are invited to join an informal evening meal at www.cafetabou.com at 7.30pm.



Conference Programme

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Time	Item	Speaker
0930 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS		
10.00	Welcome	Alistair Speedie, Conference Chair Timber Transport Forum Chairman
	Three Perspectives on Timber Transport	Alistair Speedie, D&G Council Phil Flanders, Road Haulage Association Stuart Goodall, ConFor
BREAK 11.00 - 11.15		
11.15	Floating Piers	Neil Stoddart, Scottish Woodlands John Scott, JST Services
11.35	Timber by Rail	Tom Curry, Direct Rail Services Ltd
11.55	The Big Foot Tyre Pressure Control System	Neil Wylie Innovative Transport Equipment Ltd
12.10	The James Jones Story	David Leslie James Jones & Sons Ltd
LUNCH 12.30- 13.30		
13.30	Freight haulage and the low carbon agenda	Dan Cathcart Freight Best Practice
13.50	Carbon cost of roads	Henry Collin Environment Advisor Transport Scotland
14.10	Roadex IV (low volume roads)	Ron Munro Munroconsult
14.30	Cumbria Biomass Footprint	Andreas Ottitsch Cumbria University
BREAK 14.50- 15.10		
15.10	Satellite Navigation in Commercial Vehicles: the Truck-Specific Solution	James Firth Freight Transport Association
15..30	Logistics in Forestry Transport Project outcome and subsequent running of a commercial trial by UPM Tilhill	Alan Christison, UPM Tilhill and Ying Su
15.50	Closing comments and discussion	
1630	CLOSE	



List of Delegates and Speakers (as of March 4th 2010)

Eddie	Addis	Scottish Woodlands Ltd
Kevan	Aitken	East Ayrshire Council
Lorne	Anton	A. Rail
Simon	Armstrong	Scottish Forest Industries Cluster
Gordon	Baillie	Baillie Brothers (Truck Services) Ltd
Martin	Bignell	Pantrak Transportation
Keith	Black	Forestry Commission Scotland
Steve	Bradley	UPM Tilhill
Michael	Cairns	TACTRAN
Chris	Campbell	Skills for Logistics
Dan	Cathcart	AECOM
Greg	Cejer	Skills for Logistics
Alan	Christison	UPM Tilhill
Henry	Collin	Transport Scotland
Russell	Collins	Forestry Commission Scotland
Doug	Coyle	Cumbria County Council
Tom	Curry	Direct Rail Services Ltd
Campbell	Davidson	Perth and Kinross Council
Alasdair	Duncan	Scottish Woodlands Ltd
Neil	Dyson	Dumfries and Galloway Council
David	Eaglesham	Road Haulage Association
Ian	Farmer	Scottish Government
Jamie	Farquhar	ConFor (UK) Ltd
Alasdair	Ferguson	Ferguson Transport Ltd
James	Firth	Freight Transport Association
Phil	Flanders	Road Haulage Association
John	Fort	North Yorkshire County Council
James	Gilroy	North Yorkshire County Council
Claire	Glaister	Rural Development Initiative
Ranald	Graham	JBT Distribution Ltd
Lee	Grigor	James Jones & Sons Ltd
Stuart	Goodall	ConFor (UK) Ltd
Eric	Guthrie	TACTRAN
Michael	Hall	Scottish Woodlands Ltd
Bryan	Harper	Harpers
John	Henderson	Transport News
Jamie	Hendry	Euroforest Limited
Sandy	Hogg	James Jones & Sons Ltd
Margaret	Horn	Scottish Government
Colin	Hossack	Forestry Commission Scotland
Joanne	Huckridge	Cardiff University



Colin	Hume	Association British Ports
Douglas	Hyslop	Scottish Woodlands Ltd
Andy	Leitch	Forestry Commission Scotland
David	Leslie	James Jones & Sons Ltd
Colin	Mackenzie	Highland Timber Transport
Iain	Mackenzie	James Jones & Sons Ltd
Kenny	Mackenzie	AW Jenkinson Forest Products
Emily	Maclean	Rural Development Initiative
Nick	Mainprize	Forestry Commission Scotland
Ian	Matheson	James Jones & Sons Ltd
Cameron	Maxwell	Forestry Commission Scotland
Kath	McNulty	ConFor (UK) Ltd
Tommy	Milburn	Scottish Woodlands Ltd
John	Miller	John Miller Limited
Jason	Monios	Edinburgh Napier University
Ron	Munro	Munroconsult Ltd
Andrew	Nicol	DWP Harvesting
Richard	Ogilvy	Consultant
Michael	Oliver	Ferguson Transport Ltd
Rik	Odendal	UPM Tilhill
Andreas	Ottitsch	Cumbria University
Stefania	Pizzirani	Forest Research
Patrick	Porteous	John Clegg & Co
Nick	Purdy	Forestry Commission Scotland
Jonathan	Ritchie	James Jones & Sons Ltd
Frank	Roach	HITRANS
Kenneth	Russell	John G Russell (Transport) Ltd
Jim	Sanderson	South Ayrshire Council
Andy	Saunders	Colas Rail
John	Scott	JST Services Ltd
Richard	Scott	BSW Timber
Ian	Shaw	VTG Rail UK Ltd
Neil	Shedden	South Ayrshire Council
Ken	Sinclair	Forest Enterprise Scotland
Stephen	Smith	S & D Smith Ltd
Denise	Smith	S & D Smith Ltd
David	Spaven	Deltix Transport Consulting Dumfries and Galloway Council /Timber Transport Forum
Alistair	Speedie	Scottish Woodlands Ltd
Stephen	Stanley	Balcas Timber
Tom	Stephenson	Timber Transport Forum
Roland	Stiven	Scottish Woodlands Ltd
Neil	Stoddart	Outreach Ltd
James	Stronach	UPM Tilhill Ltd
Ying	Su	



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Scottish Woodlands Ltd
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Scottish Borders Council
European Forest Institute
Scottish Woodlands Ltd
James Jones & Sons Ltd
Innovative Transport Equipment Ltd
Argyll and Bute Council



Speaker Biographies

Alistair M Speedie is the Director Sustainable Development for Dumfries and Galloway Council and has responsibility for a large portfolio of Services including the Council's Climate Change Agenda and Energy and Carbon Management. As chair of the Timber Transport Forum since 2004, Alistair works closely with CoSLA (the Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities) on Timber Transport matters and was a key player in developing and securing the implementation of the Strategic Timber Transport Scheme and Fund. Alistair will chair the conference proceedings and contribute from the Local Authorities' perspective to the opening presentation.

Phil Flanders is the Scotland & Northern Ireland Director for the Road Haulage Association, a post he has held since 1998. During these years the RHA has been at the forefront in support of their members through events such as the "Fair Play on Fuel" campaign and the Foot and Mouth outbreak. As well as being an active member of the Timber Transport Forum, Phil is a Fellow of the International Association of Transport Professionals, a Member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport and a non council board member of SEStran Regional Transport Partnership. Phil will contribute from the haulage industry's perspective to the opening presentation.

Stuart Goodall is Chief Executive of ConFor. ConFor's role is to help build the market for wood, wood products and forest services, to create a supportive policy environment for forestry and wood-using businesses and to work with partners to secure business support and advice, and ensure that the sector has access to relevant research and training. Stuart has over 20 years experience in the sector, working both in the public sector for the Forestry Commission in a variety of policy development and representational roles and in the private sector with ConFor. Stuart joined ConFor at its inception in 2004 as head of policy and research, and in 2007 took over as Chief Executive. Stuart will contribute from the forest industries' perspective to the opening presentation.

Neil Stoddart is Harvesting Manager (North Scotland) for Scottish Woodlands Ltd., the UK's leading independent forest management company. Neil, together with John Scott of JST Services (see below) will present the *Rathad Mara* project. With support from the Scottish Government Freight Facilities Grant, the project developed an innovative integrated floating pier system to enable timber transport by ship from coastal forests.



John Scott of JST Services operates a fleet of timber haulage vehicles, bespoke in-forest timber handling vehicles and port handling equipment. JST Services operate the floating pier and a 1400t ship 'MV Red Duchess' which is transporting roundwood along the UK coast.

Tom Curry is Business Development Manager for Direct Rail Services Limited, a national rail freight operator providing new innovative intermodal rail freight services in Scotland. Tom will describe an intermodal containerised system for roundwood, that is being developed with a view to realising more of the potential benefits of rail haulage of roundwood in Scotland.

Neil Wylie set up Innovative Transport Equipment Ltd in 1996 to meet the growing commercial requirements for durable high-precision Central Tyre Inflation Systems. Neil has been in the trucking and transport industry for over 35 years, including 5 years as Head of Transport Research at The Logging Industry Research Organisation Inc (now part of Forest Research, New Zealand). Innovative Transport Equipment Ltd has refined CTI for Heavy Transportation and Trucking and is supplying the Bigfoot Central Tyre Inflation System to timber hauliers in Scotland. Neil has come from New Zealand to provide an international perspective on the role of CTI in reducing the environmental impact of timber haulage and will host a display of his company's products over lunch.

David Leslie is General Manager for the sawmiller James Jones & Sons Ltd with responsibilities for harvesting and operations, roundwood procurement, co-products and haulage. David will present the story of James Jones, concentrating on recent developments in haulage and logistics. The company received the Scottish Environmental Haulier of the Year award for 2010 from Transport News.

Dan Cathcart works for AECOM managing the Freight Best Practice programme in Scotland to promote operational efficiency within freight operations. Freight Best Practice Scotland has published a free case study on tyre pressure control systems on timber lorries. With experience in both the haulage and forestry sectors, Dan will introduce the background to the UK Low Carbon Transition Plan and the Scottish Government Climate Change Delivery Plan and highlight the various ways in which the freight industry is responding.

Henry Collin is Environmental Advisor for Transport Scotland and has been involved in piloting the Carbon Management System. Henry will describe the ongoing work to collect information on the carbon emissions arising from civil engineering projects, such as road strengthening and repair, and highlight the initial findings on where the real carbon costs lie.

Ron Munro of Munroconsult Ltd is a chartered civil engineer with over 35 years experience in the design, construction and maintenance of public



roads, mostly in the Highland area. From 1991 to 2005 he was the operations manager for the Sutherland Area of the Highland Council before leaving to set up his own consulting company Munroconsult Ltd. He has been actively involved with the EU Northern Periphery Programme “ROADEX project” since its inception in 1998 and was Chairman of the ROADEX II Steering Committee from 2002 to 2005 and Project Manager. He is currently Project Manager for the ROADEX IV Project as a sub-consultant of Roadscanners. Ron will introduce ROADEX IV, which aims to effect a change, a ‘tipping point’, in the culture of road construction and maintenance of low volume roads in the Northern Periphery.

Dr. Andreas Ottitsch of Cumbria University is a Senior Lecturer at the National School of Forestry / University of Cumbria. His areas of research expertise are forest economics, forest policy and spatial information technology. In the past he worked in forest research and academic institutions in Austria, Finland and the Netherlands and has been with the National School of Forestry since 2006. Andreas will be presenting work on modelling Biomass Transport in Cumbria.

James Firth is Northern Region Policy Manager at the Freight Transport Association which has been working with commercial development teams to improve the role of truck friendly sat navs and encouraging positive lorry routing. With the widespread adoption of Agreed Route Maps for timber haulage, is this a technology whose time has come?

Alan Christison is a Regional Harvesting Manager for UPM Tilhill managing an established team of seven harvesting managers. His main duties include the management of all company and contractor resources associated with timber procurement, harvesting and marketing in Scotland. He has worked in this current role for just over a year, having previously spent 18 years with Adam Wilson & Sons Ltd of Troon responsible for log procurement, forest management and management of a fleet of timber lorries.

Together with Ying Su (see below), Alan will present on the outcome of the Logistics in Forest Transport (LIFT) project and subsequent running of a commercial trial by UPM Tilhill.

Ying Su was employed by Edinburgh Napier University as a Knowledge Transfer Partnership Associate on the LIFT project and is currently working on the commercial trial for the project leader—UPM Tilhill. She assisted the project team through the software development phase and in carrying out and analysing the outputs from a number of technical trials Ying Su will introduce the software part of the LIFT presentation.



Registration Form

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Please complete a separate form for each person attending (if appropriate) and email, fax or post this form along with payment to:

Liz Hughson, Timber Transport Forum, c/o ConFor, 59 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2JG. Tel: 0131 240 1412 Fax: 0131 240 1411. Payment can be made by card over the phone or you can pay by cheque (made out to ConFor). For further information please email: liz.hughson@confor.org.uk

An emailable form is also available.

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