

Scotland's Plant Health Conference - 12th March 2020

Novotel Edinburgh Park, 15 Lochside Avenue, EH12 9DJ

- 09:15** [Registration and tea/coffee with pastries, fresh fruit and yoghurt](#)
- 10:00** **Welcome and Introduction**
Gerry Saddler, Chief Plant Health Officer for Scotland and Head of SASA
- Chairperson:** Fiona Burnett, PHC
- 10:10** **Plant Health Centre (PHC) Overview**
Ian Toth, PHC
- 10:30** **Biosecurity in Scotland**
Mariella Marzano, Forest Research
- Sector Presentations**
- 10:50** **Plant Health and Biodiversity in Scotland:** Jenny Park, SNH
- 11:05** **Scottish Forestry – Tree Health:** Jim Dewar, Scottish Forestry
- 11:20** **Changing Trends from the Field in Scottish Arable Crops:** Claire Hodge, AHDB
- 11:35** **Promoting Plant Health - Perspectives from the Trade:** James Barnes, HTA
- 11:50** **Key Principles for Plant Health in Scotland**
Pete Hollingsworth and Chris Quine, PHC
- 12:00** [Lunch with Poster Session \(with tea/coffee\)](#)
- 13:20** **Workshops – Opportunities and Challenges to Improve Plant Health Practice**
led by Fiona Burnett, Chris Quine and Pete Hollingsworth
- 14:20** **Coffee Break**
- 14:40** **Feedback to Plenary from each Workshop**
- 15:00** **Plenary Discussion on Workshops**
- 15:20** **New Plant Health Regulation**
Debbie Kessell, Scottish Government
- 15:35** **International Year of Plant Health – the year ahead**
Denise A'Hara, SASA
- 15:45** **Closing Remarks**
- 15:50** [Depart](#)

Poster Presentations (12.40 to 13.20)

Monitoring and potential establishment of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) *Halyomorpha halys* in Scotland

Andy Evans (SRUC); Fiona Highet, Yvonne Arnsdorf (SASA); Gaynor Malloch, Carolyn Mitchell, Ailsa Smith, Alison Dolan (Hutton)

The future threat of PCN in Scotland

Kim Davie, Jon Pickup (SASA); David Ewing, Helen Kettle, Adrian Roberts (BioSS); Adam Kleczkowski, Beth McDougall (Strathclyde University); Laure Kuhfuss, Vivian Blok (Hutton)

Assessing the spread of Phytophthoras in Scottish forests by recreational and harvesting activities using comparative qPCR and metabarcoding techniques

April Armstrong (Forest Research); Jim Dewar, Dafni Nianiaka (Scottish Forestry); Pete Hedley (Hutton)

Metabarcoding analysis of Phytophthora diversity

Carolyn Riddell, Sarah Green, Debbie Frederickson-Matika (Forest Research); Peter Cock, Pete Hedley (Hutton)

Impact of climate change on the spread of pests and diseases in Scotland

Adam Kleczkowski, Crawford Revie, Oleg Sheremet (Strathclyde University); Matt Castle (Cambridge University)

New resources online at the Plant Health Centre

Katy Hayden, Joanne Taylor (RBGE)

Modelling framework for invasive pests: Emerald ash borer as a case study

Vincent Keenen (PHC, University of Strathclyde and BioSS); Adam Kleczkowski (Strathclyde University); Glenn Marion (BioSS)

Survey of Xylella vectors & their host plant preferences in Scotland

Katherine Lester, Rebecca Cairns, Kieran Murphy, Jordan Serrano, David Kenyon (SASA)

Monitoring 'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' (Lso) and its psyllid vectors in Scotland

Jason Sumner-Kalkun, Siobhán Madden, Fiona Highet, Yvonne Arnsdorf, David Kenyon, SASA; Ali Karley (Hutton)

Pesticide usage trends on Scottish potato crops 2008-2018

Gillian Reay, Jackie Hughes, Carol Monie, Johan Wardlaw (SASA)

Promoting plant health in Scotland as part of the UN International year of Plant Health

Karen Pearson, Gerry Saddler, Denise A'Hara (SASA)