

Venue

The conference will be held at the Hilton Coylumbridge Hotel. The hotel stands within its own 65 acres of woodlands, located 1.5 miles from Aviemore in the Spey Valley. For details of the hotel, see:

<http://www.hilton.com/>

Cost

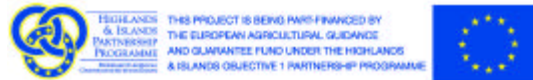
Full registration (inc. 2 nights full board)	£100
Part registration (1 night full board)	£75
Conference only (non-residential)	£50
Day rate	£25

Registration

Further details and a form to register your interest may be obtained from web site or the address below:

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Future perspectives for woodland deer in Scotland

18th – 20th September 2001

Hilton Coylumbridge
Inverness-shire
Scotland

Programme

Day 1

Buffet lunch served 12.30

Session 1

Woodland Deer Management

Chair: Andrew Raven, Deer Commission for Scotland

Theoretical framework

- 13.30 Population dynamics.
Brenda Mayle & Helen Armstrong, Forest Research
- 14.10 Behaviour and impacts of woodland deer.
Alison Hester, Macaulay Institute
- 14.50 Predicting elk populations from their impacts on forests in Norway
Tor Danielsen, Steinkjer council, Norway
- 15.30 Break for coffee/tea

Case studies

- 16.00 FE/DCS Sika project report & practical implications. Helen Armstrong, Forest Research
- 16.40 Collaboration in native woodland restoration, John Risby, Sunart local Deer Management Group
- 17.30 Deer Management in Glen Duror (1983 to 1999). Phil Ratcliffe and Donald Hendry, Forest Enterprise

Training

- 18.10 Training for integrated woodland deer management
Ronald Rose
- 18.30 Discussion.
- 18.45 Close

Dinner served 20.30

Day 2

Breakfast served 07.30

Session 2

Field visits

**Participants to choose one of two field trips.
Lunch will be provided en route.**

Field trip 1.

Opportunities from tourism

- AM: Rothiemurchus estate
PM: Alvie estate.

Field trip 2.

Collaborative deer management

- AM Glenmore Forest (including Inshriach deer larder)
PM RSPB Abernethy

Dinner 19.30

21.00 - 22.00 Evening discussion

Woodland deer, problem or blessing?

Day 3

Breakfast served 07.30

Session 3

Field visit reports

- 08.30 Report from field trip 1. Jerry Laker
09.00 Report from field trip 2. Moira Baptie

Session 4

Outlook on marketing and diversification

Chair: Leo Barclay, Scottish Game Dealers/Processors Association

- 09.30 Tourism Diversification
Frank Law, Seafield Estates
- 10.00 The Venison market and the impact of Foot & Mouth. Rick Bestwick, Scottish Game Dealers / Processors Assoc.,
- 10.30 Break for tea/coffee
- 11.00 Assurance from a processor's point of view
Christian Nissen, Highland Game, Quality
- 11.30 Wild Venison Standard for FE Rangers
John Morgan, Forest Enterprise,
- 12.00 Setting up an assurance scheme. David Whiteford, Scottish Food Quality Certification Ltd,
- 12.30 Potential for collaboration
Stephen Gibbs, Association of Deer Management Groups,
- 13.00 Discussion and summing up
- 13.30 Close

Buffet lunch served 13.30