



British Deer Society AGM Weekend Events & Booking Form **Friday 18th / Saturday 19th May 2018**

For this year's Society Annual General Meeting and two day conference event, Scottish Trustee Director and Area Chair John Bruce will be welcoming delegates, members and Society friends to Edinburgh. The event will be based at the Holiday Inn, Corstorphine where accommodation at preferential rates has been earmarked and guests will also be able to make use of the indoor pool and a fitness centre.

Friday 18th May is planned as a full day conference with speakers on deer related topics of national importance including some of particular Scottish relevance. The conference will take place in the Budongo Lecture Theatre at Edinburgh Zoo, which is conveniently placed adjacent to the hotel. The Royal Zoological Society Scotland Edinburgh Zoo is set in over 82 acres of sloping parkland and home to over 1,000 rare and endangered animals, including Giant Pandas, and will be well worth a visit.

Saturday's conference will be at the Holiday Inn itself and will major on talks by BDS sponsored researchers, ending with the AGM meeting late afternoon and finally the AGM dinner in the evening. Visitors can then decide whether to travel home on Sunday or spend more time exploring Scotland's exciting capital city and the multitude of interesting places to visit.

We very much hope to welcome as many members as possible to this weekend.

Approximate timings

Friday 18th May 2018

The day of seminars is expected to cover current/recent research and areas of interest. Anticipated timings are:

1000 Seminars with mid-morning tea/coffee and biscuit break in the Budongo Lecture Theatre Edinburgh Zoo

1300 Cold buffet lunch and zoo visit

1500 Seminars continue including afternoon tea, coffee and mini cakes

1700 End of session

Included is Edinburgh Zoo entry and Panda viewing (by prior arrangement and subject to availability)

Delegates are free to make their own dinner arrangements.

Saturday 19th May 2018

The day will include seminars, the AGM and a Gala Dinner

0930 Registration and coffee in the Macallan Glenfiddich Room

1000 Seminars to include a break for refreshments

1300 Lunch in the Traders Bar & Grill

1400 Seminars continue

1530 End of session

1630 Society Annual General Meeting in the Macallan Glenfiddich Room

1930 Welcome pre-dinner sparkling drinks in the Academy Lounge

2000 Three course dinner with wine in the Macallan Glenfiddich Room

Dress code: Lounge suit

Should you require a vegetarian dish or have other dietary requirements, please state this when booking. A bar will be open for drinks. Wine will be provided at the table with additional available to purchase by the bottle prior to taking your seat for dinner.

TRAVEL

The modern Holiday Inn Edinburgh is next to Edinburgh Zoo on the Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 6UA, a 10 minute drive from the M8 motorway.

For directions by road, rail or air: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/edinburgh/edbcr/hoteldetail>

ACCOMMODATION**Holiday Inn, 132 Corstorphine Road Edinburgh EH12 6UA**

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BDS's accommodation rate is £125 per night per room (double occupancy) or £115 (single occupancy) including full Scottish breakfast) for **Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May only** . Please book rooms direct with the Holiday Inn - Central Reservations on 0871 942 9026 (open 24 hours - charged at £0.13 per minute) or office hours 9.00 am -5.00 pm Monday to Friday 0131 314 7039 using the code **FDD**. At the time of booking, guests will receive a confirmation letter with the cancellation policy.

Payment will be required at the time of booking.

Parking is included with the accommodation. The hotel has an indoor pool, spa tub and sauna plus a fitness centre.

A selection of alternative local accommodation options include:

- Innkeeper's Lodge Edinburgh <https://www.innkeeperslodge.com/hotels/toby-carvery-edinburgh-west-corstorphine>
- Murrayfield Hotel <https://themurrayfieldhotel.co.uk/>
- Hampton Hotel <http://www.hamptonhotel-edinburgh.co.uk>
- Edinburgh Capital Hotel <https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/edinburgh-capital-hotel>
- www.uk.hotels.com/booking.com
- www.expedia.co.uk/Edinburgh-UK/Deal
- www.booking.com/edinburgh

Places of interest:

The Tourist Information Office Edinburgh www.getyourguide.com/Edinburgh/Activities has many places of interest in and outside of Edinburgh you can explore, should you wish to extend your stay.