



British Deer Society AGM Weekend 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.

Final Agenda - Friday 18th May 2018

Budongo Lecture Theatre, Edinburgh Zoo

09:00 Registration, Edinburgh Zoo

09:45 Welcome
Michael Thick

10:00 Genetics of deer - Hybridisation and introgression between red deer and Japanese sika
Prof. J.M. Pemberto, Institute of Evolutionary Biology

10:30 Forest regeneration in Germany; assessing the impact of ungulates - Biowildproject
Claudia Jordan-Fragstei, Projektbüro BioWild

11:00 - Break -

11:30 Woodland Habitat Impact Assessing; techniques and interpretation
Helen Armstrong

12:00 Wild Deer, a National Approach - the role of BDS in the sector
Jessica Findlay, SNH

12:30 Wild Deer Best Practice - where it is and what it does
Alastair MacGugan, SNH

13:00 - Lunch and zoo visit. Free tickets to see the Pandas available -

15:00 Landscape development - Impacts of scale & diversity of land ownership in Scotland
Stephen Thomson, SRUC

- 15:30 Landscape development - The role of red deer in shaping the upland Scottish landscape
Dr James Fenton
- 16:00 Landscape development - National trends & regional differences in red deer density in Scotland
Donald Fraser, Operations Manager, SNH
- 16:30 - Close -

Saturday 19 May 2018

Balvenie Room, Holiday Inn Hotel

- 09:00 Registration, Holiday Inn Hotel
- 09:30 Research - Roe deer genomics - Insights into the demographic history of roe deer populations
Menno de Jong, PhD candidate, Whitehead Trust
- 10:00 Research - A citizen science approach for studying impacts of outdoor recreation on red deer
Dr Jed Long, St Andrews University
- 10:30 Research - Ulva, disturbance
Hagen O'Neill, Durham University
- 11:00 -Break -
- 11:30 Ticks & Borreliosis - Ticks on South Downs
Jo Middleton, BSMS
- 12:00 Ticks & Borreliosis
Prof Richard Birtles, School of Environment & Life Sciences
- 12:30 Ticks & Borreliosis - Pan UK Ticks & Viral Encephalitis
Maya Holding, NIHR, University of Liverpool
- 13:00 - Lunch -
- 14:00 Deer Health - Chronic Wasting Disease, explained in worldwide scenario
Dr. Mark Dagleish
- 14:30 Deer Health - Modelling the susceptibility of British deer to Chronic Wasting Disease
Dr. Fiona Houston & Amy Robinson, Roslin Institute, Edinburgh
- 15:00 Deer Health - E Coli0157:H7 - prevalence and risks
Dr Tom McNeilly, Moredun Institute
- 15:30 Infra-red thermography: development of a field method to assess chronic stress in free-ranging deer
Prof Rory Putman
- 16:00 - Break -
- 16:30 BDS AGM, Macallan Glenfiddich Room**
- 19:30 Welcome pre-dinner drinks in the Academy Lounge
- 20:00 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.