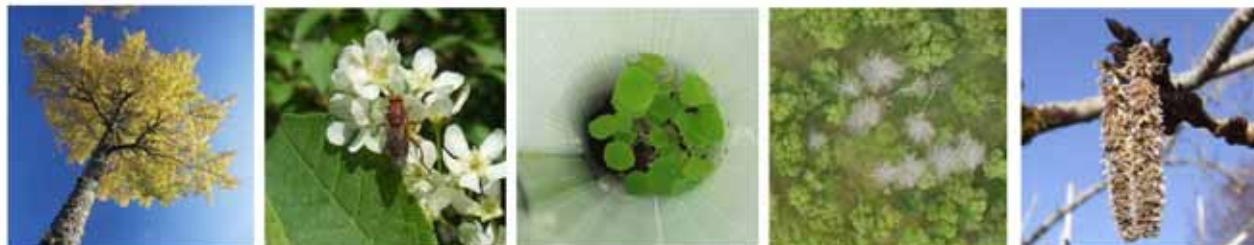


ASPEN IN SCOTLAND

biodiversity and management

The Second Scottish Aspen Conference
Boat of Garten, Fri 3rd – Sat 4th October 2008



Highland Aspen Group is hosting this event as a follow-up to the conference held in Kingussie in May 2001. The 2008 conference will present the progress made in recent years in various areas of research and explore aspects of managing Aspen as part of Scotland's woodland resource. Guest speaker Professor Jari Kouki of the University of Joensuu in Finland has been invited to provide an insight into how Aspen is regarded and managed in continental boreal forests.

The programme will include presentations, posters and plenary discussion in the spacious new Community Hall in Boat of Garten on Friday 3rd (registration provisionally 9-9.50am) and visits to several Aspen woods on Saturday 4th. The indoor sessions will include the following presentations and posters:

Aspen and forest biodiversity in North European boreal forests	<i>Professor Jari Kouki</i>
Building biodiversity – how does Aspen support 300 lichen species?	<i>Chris Ellis</i>
Ecology and conservation of the Aspen hoverfly	<i>Ellen Rotheray</i>
Aspen bristle-moss - the happy ending	<i>Gordon Rothero</i>
The occurrence of <i>Phellinus tremulae</i> - mapped and analysed	<i>Ern Emmett & David Jardine</i>
Fungi associated with Aspen	<i>Ern Emmett</i>
Factors involved in lichen community structure on Aspen	<i>Chantel Davies</i>
Developments in the study of Dark-bordered Beauty moth	<i>Tom Prescott</i>
Managing dead wood in Aspen stands	<i>Iain MacGowan</i>
Distribution of Aspen in Strathspey	<i>John Parrott</i>
Developing a Scottish aspen seed orchard	<i>Tytti Vanhala</i>
Aspen growth trials	<i>Alan Harrison</i>
Aspen and Beavers: looking to the future	<i>Dan Puplett</i>
Assessing ecological connectivity of Aspen stands	<i>Mike Smith</i>
Not merely a habitat: Utilisation of Aspen	<i>David Jardine</i>
Aspen ecology and management – a review of the literature	<i>Neil MacKenzie</i>

The fee for attending the conference (including tea/coffee and lunch on Friday) is £20 per person, payable on booking or **only £15 if you join HAG by standing order** (see attached membership form). The (optional) conference dinner on Friday evening will be £20, including wine. Please indicate on the booking form if you would like to take this meal and attend the Saturday visits using the tick boxes, so that we can make appropriate arrangements. Conference proceedings will be made available to delegates after the event.

Travel: For location, see <http://www.multimap.com/maps/?hloc=GB|boat%20of%20garten>. The nearest train station is Aviemore (6 miles). Further details at <http://www.boatofgarten.com/travel.php>. To minimise our carbon footprint, we would

encourage those travelling by car to share transport. We propose to circulate a list of participants about 2 weeks before the event so you can contact possible car-sharers.

Accommodation: If you require accommodation in Boat of Garten or environs, you can find details of hotels, B&B, hostels and camping at <http://www.boatofgarten.com/accom/> and <http://www.carrbridge.com/Accommodation.htm>

Posters: There is ample space for posters and displays. If you wish to bring a poster, please contact Amanda Calvert at amandacal@hotmail.co.uk

Any other enquiries to ecubed@btinternet.com or john.parrott@scottishnativewoods.org.uk

Please complete this booking form

Please reserve place(s) at the Aspen conference, 3-4 Oct 2008 (PLEASE PRINT)		
<i>name(s)</i>	<i>organisation (if applic.)</i>	
<i>address</i>		
<i>e-mail</i>	<i>tel</i>	
Conference fee	£20	£.....
OR	OR	
Reduced fee (if joining HAG by standing order)	£15	£.....
HAG membership 2008/09 (if not already paid)	£5	£
I wish to attend the conference dinner and include a £5 deposit (balance payable on 3 rd October) <input type="checkbox"/>	£5	£.....
Please indicate if you require a vegetarian meal <input type="checkbox"/>		
I wish to participate in the Saturday field visits <input type="checkbox"/>		
I enclose a cheque payable to "Highland Aspen Group" for		£

Please attach a cheque and post to:

**Mary Wunsch
Secretary Highland Aspen Group
Easter Auchnagallin
Braes of Castle Grant
Grantown-on-Spey
PH26 3PL**

Membership Form



Please fill in your details and return to: Mary Wunsch, Secretary Highland Aspen Group, Easter Auchnagallin, Braes of Castle Grant, Grantown-on-Spey PH26 3PL

Name

Address

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DATA PROTECTION ACT: I agree that the information on this form can be entered on the HAG database, and I understand that it will not be used for any other purpose. If you are happy for HAG to pass on your details to fellow members for networking purposes, please tick in the appropriate boxes above.

Signed Date

Please indicate how you are paying:

- I am paying by **Standing Order** (from 1.6.2009) and have completed and signed the Standing Order form below
- I am paying this year's membership by cheque and enclose a **cheque** for £5 payable to **Highland Aspen Group**.

The annual membership runs from 1st June.

Please tick here if you would prefer to receive the Newsletter by e-mail rather than post

Paying by Standing Order

NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK

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Please pay the **Highland Aspen Group, A/c 06001010, Sort Code 800816, Bank of Scotland, 1 The Square, Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire PH26 3HG**

The sum of **£5 (five pounds)** annually, starting on **1st June 2009** and making subsequent payments on 1st June until further notice.

Signed Date