

# Forestry specialists: update on the forestry sector

Rural Industries Group event, 10 March 2016



## Speaker Profiles



### **Alan Plom**

Vice-Chair, IOSH Rural Industries Group

Alan 'retired' from his post as Head of Agriculture Safety Section in HSE's Agriculture Sector after 32 years in HSE and he is now a consultant/trainer for agriculture, amenity and local authorities. He is Vice-Chair of IOSH Rural Industries Group, represents IOSH on the Board of the Farm Safety Partnership, chairs the Machinery Safety group and is also actively involved with the Institution of Agricultural Engineers, organising events and writing articles.



### **Steve Dresser**

SD Health, Safety and Environment Ltd

Steve has been involved in forestry for 44 years starting as a woodsman and working up to area manager for a major company. He became involved in H&S 15 years ago and is now self-employed as a H&S advisor. Steve also has a NEBOSH general certificate and is a Tech IOSH, as well as having attended a number of IOSH short courses.

### **Iain Sutherland**

HM Inspector of Health and Safety. Forestry, Arboriculture & Agricultural Machinery Team, HSE

Iain has been an Inspector with HSE for 26 years inspecting work activities and investigating incidents across a wide range of industries - initially based in Edinburgh and latterly Inverness. Since 2000 his work has covered agriculture and other land based industries, including forestry. From 2012 Iain worked with HSE's Operational Strategy Division in a team covering agricultural safety, taking the national lead for forestry, aquaculture and game keeping.



### **Julie McMorran**

Chartered Civil Engineer, Forestry Commission

Julie is a Chartered Civil Engineer with a Masters in Timber Engineering Studies, Qualified Quarry manager, Shotfirer and Explosives Supervisor. Currently, she is employed by the Forestry Commission as Recreation Civil Engineer for Scotland. Julie has been with the Forestry Commission for 10 years, previously employed within the private sector as Project Engineer and self-employed running a business providing AutoCAD design services. She is also a past Chair of Forest Engineering group, a technical group of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers of which she is a Council Member.



### **Chris Pike**

Head of Safety and Assurance, Tilhill Forestry Ltd

Chris graduated from university in 1996 with a BSc (Hons) Occupational Safety & Health. He has worked in safety management across a variety of industries, the last 9 being with Tilhill Forestry



### **Alex Macleod**

A82 Project Officer, Forest Enterprise Scotland

Alex MacLeod was brought up on the Isle of Skye and joined the Forestry Commission in South Wales as a Forester in 1993 after studying at the Scottish School of Forestry in Inverness. Based at Llandoverly Forest District he moved to the Operations Team in 2000 initially as Harvesting Manager and latterly as a Production Manager. He returned to the Highlands in 2011 with his young family to take up the A82 Project Officer role for Forest Enterprise Scotland and is based in Inverness



### **Sarah Morton**

Research Fellow – LymeMAP, University of the Highlands and Islands

Sarah Morton is a design ethnographer with the University of the Highlands and Islands Rural Health and Wellbeing Team (Centre for Health Science, Inverness). Her research is influenced by social anthropology and qualitative methodologies, and looks to explore how design (digital and non-digital) can be used as an intervention tool to influence behaviour change within communities. Current research is joint funded by the European Space Agency and The Robertson Trust, and explores the feasibility of using earth observation and terrestrial data to map *Ixodes ricinus* (sheep) ticks and incidence of *Lyme Borreliosis* in the Highlands of Scotland by engaging with Highland communities to determine how such data might be of benefit and how users could interact with it; for the purpose of both raising awareness and reducing incidence of *Lyme Borreliosis*.