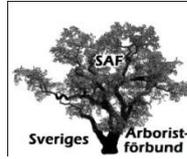


International Conference: Ancient Trees in Urban Environments

PROGRAMME

May 10th – 11th 2012

The Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm



Thursday 10/5

8.30 Registration, tea/coffee and sandwich, exhibitions, slide show

9.30 The MD of the Natural History Museum opens the conference

9.50 - 10.00 Regards from “The Ancient Tree Man and The Ancient Tree Lady”

Ted Green and Jill Butler send their regards to the conference via video

Founding members of the Ancient Tree Forum, awarded the Member of the British Empire medal by the Queen on behalf of the nation for contribution to the conservation of our ancient trees. Pioneer of the theory that many ancient trees were once “working trees”, serving man over many centuries. Jill Butler campaigns for ancient trees on behalf of the partnership between The Woodland Trust and the Ancient Tree Forum.

10.05 – 10.25 Ancient trees in a European context – Why are Swedish trees important?

Vikki Bengtsson

Ecologist who has worked professionally with nature conservation since 1992 and in particular ancient trees, their protection, conservation and restoration. Has surveyed more than 10 000 ancient trees in Sweden and England. Trustee and board member of the charity Ancient Tree Forum.

10.30 – 11.15 The cultural importance of old trees in urban environments and cultural landscapes.

Urban Emanuelsson

Professor, Swedish Biodiversity Centre - SLU, ecologist, expert on the connections between nature and culture. He has also been involved in the planning of the Royal National City Park in Stockholm for ten years.

11.20 - 12.05 Natural aging processes of trees, an ecosystem approach to diagnostics & management

Neville Fay

Principal consultant Treework Environmental Practice, expert witness and chartered arboriculturist with 30 years' tree survey and management experience. Author of UK standard for veteran tree surveying, writes and lectures on conservation arboriculture. Founded charity Tree Aid, and is past chairman of the Ancient Tree Forum and of the drafting committee of the National Tree Safety Group.

12.05 – 12.15 – discussion and questions (primarily for Neville as he is not with us on Friday)

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch. 13.30 workshops in the field, where delegates circulate between four stations:

- **13.45, 14.30, 15.15, 16.00 Ancient trees and their biodiversity**

Led by Vikki Bengtsson and Mats Jonsell

Others involved include Mats Gothnier, Anders Dahlberg, Åke Stridh, Nick Kruijs, Klas Jaederfeldt, Miguel Jaramillo, Lynne Boddy.

- **13.45, 14.30, 15.15, 16.00 Ancient trees in the cultural landscape**

Led by Henrik Niklasson and Urban Emanuelsson.

Others involved include Karl-Olof Bergman, Lars-Gunnar Bråvander, Jan Linder

- **13.45, 14.30, 15.15, 16.00 Ancient trees and risk**

Led by Jon Hartill and Mike Ellison

Others involved include Frank Rinn, Chris Knapman and arborists

- **13.45, 14.30, 15.15, 16.00 Alternatives to felling**

Led by Daniel Daggfeldt and Neville Fay

Others involved include Neville Fay, Francesco Ferrini and arborists

18.00 Conference dinner at Stora Skuggans Wårdshus, mingle and Mediterranean buffet.

Friday 11/5

8.30-9.00 Tea/coffee, sandwich, fruit, exhibitions

Presentations 9.00 – 17.00, lunch 12- 13.

9.10-9.30 Best practice in West Sweden: A collaboration between municipalities to protect valuable trees

Karin Meyer

Environmental coordinator, Härryda municipality, Sweden. Ecologist with twenty years' experience of nature conservation in community planning, protection, environmental management and communication. Responsible for municipal nature conservation projects and for making inventories of valuable trees. Initiator of the project focusing on preserving old trees in West Sweden.

9.35 – 10.05 Best practice in UK Urban Environments: How did they get there? How do we perceive and protect them?

Chris Knapman

Chris Knapman is the tree officer for Plymouth City Council. He is a founder of Ancient Tree Forum Devon and is passionate about ancient trees.

10.10 – 10.40 The importance of old trees to people in urban areas, conflicting interests and solutions

Francesco Ferrini

Professor of Arboriculture, University of Florence, Italy. Well known speaker of the importance of "urban trees" and the many aspects of it; as well as the problems seen by citizens, by politicians and by the local authorities. Florence, Italy.

10.40 – 10.55 Short break to stretch our legs

11-11.45 Oak trees and their rotten fungi

Lynne Boddy

Professor of fungal biology from the University of Cardiff, her main study area is wood decay fungi. She has written many publications on the crucial role that fungi play in ecosystem function in particular trees.

11.45-12-15 panel discussion and questions with all speakers from Thursday and Friday morning

12.15-13.15 lunch

13.20 - 14.05 Assessing, balancing and managing risks and benefits from trees

Mike Ellison

English tree consultant specializing in risks from falling trees, has provided expert evidence in both the criminal and civil courts. Published the peer reviewed 'Quantified Tree Risk Assessment' method in 2005, and has trained more than 1250 arborists and tree managers in its application. Speaks on the topics of 'tree-failure risk' and 'tree stability' at conferences around the world. Honorary life member of the International Society of Arboriculture UK & Ireland Chapter for his contribution to the field of tree risk assessment. Received the Arboricultural Association's Annual Award for services to arboriculture. Cheshire, NW England.

14.10 – 14.55 Risk mitigation: Bananas, carrots and tree biomechanics. How to understand trees from their body language and measurements

Frank Rinn

A key advocate of biomechanics, has cooperated with Claus Mattheck, designed and developed the resistograph, picus and tomography. An experienced presenter and tree manager. Heidelberg, Germany.

15.00 coffee break

15.30 – 16.00 The relevance of the Swedish Species Information Centre for ancient trees in an urban environment

Artur Larsson

Is working at Swedish Species Information Centre where he is responsible for the Tree Gateway, a web-based database for collecting data on veteran trees and other trees worthy of protection. The information is based on citizen science as well as work done by institutions and authorities, and open to anyone who wishes to contribute their observations.

16.00 -16.30 Panel discussions with all speakers.

16.30 – Summary and conclusions, next steps

17.00 - Conference ends