

Trees, People and the Built Environment



Urban Trees Research Conference – 13 & 14 April 2011 The Clarendon Suites, Edgbaston, Birmingham, UK

ICF is pleased to host this event as its National Conference 2011
in partnership with a wide range of relevant organisations

Call for Papers

Urban trees and woodlands are essential elements of our green infrastructure and have a vital role in promoting liveable and sustainable towns and cities. They can have numerous environmental, economic and social benefits, contributing enormously to the health and welfare of everyone who lives and works in urban areas.

As concern grows about the sustainability of our urban environments, the importance of protecting and expanding our urban forests can only increase.

The main aims of this research conference on urban trees are to identify:

- Completed research that remains relevant,
- Research being undertaken currently, and
- Gaps in research where future efforts need to be focused.

The conference recognises the wide range of organisations and disciplines whose work relates to urban trees and we expect the event to be another useful step forward in working together. Although the conference will be hosted by the Institute of Chartered Foresters as its 2011 National Conference, the event is a **partnership initiative** that is supported by a Conference Steering Group who will guide the programme content and format. The partners are:

Arboricultural Association, Ancient Tree Forum, Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, Forest Research, Forestry Commission, International Society of Arboriculture (UK & I Chapter), Landscape Institute, London Tree Officers Association, Midland Tree Officers Association, Myerscough College, Natural England, Royal Town Planning Institute, Trees and Design Action Group, University of Manchester, Utility Arboriculture Group

Papers are welcomed that address any topic involving trees and the built environment, in both the social and natural sciences.

Two types of paper will be included in the conference programme:

- Papers presenting **original research** in a specific subject area.
- Papers reviewing **existing and ongoing research** in a broad subject area (such as tree pathology, tree establishment, community involvement, trees and urban design, urban forest mapping, biodiversity, veteran trees, etc.). This type of paper is also expected to indicate where future research in that particular field might be focused.

While many papers will focus specifically on the UK, the conference will have an international perspective and **papers from overseas authors are welcomed**.

Papers will be chosen by a panel of academic and industry specialists drawn from members of the Conference Steering Group.

Authors whose papers are selected will be invited to present their work at the conference. Presentations will last no longer than 30 minutes. It is expected that presented and accepted papers will be peer-reviewed for an edited book.

How to Submit an Abstract of your Paper

Authors wishing to respond to this call should **send an abstract of not more than one thousand (1000) words** to be received by:

12 noon GMT on 1 November 2010

Proposals must include a title, the author(s), organisational affiliation, and three keywords. This should be **submitted electronically and in Word format**.

Authors whose papers are selected will be notified by 1 December 2010. Full papers of selected presentations will be required by 11 March 2011.

The author or main author of selected papers will be given a complementary place at the conference and will have their travel and accommodation expenses reimbursed in accordance with conference guidelines for speakers.

Abstract submissions and enquires should be directed to:

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