



Urban Trees Research Conference

TREES, PEOPLE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT II

2-3 April 2014 University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, UK

Call for Papers



Following our highly successful international conference in April 2011, the Call for Papers is now open for next year's **Trees, People and the Built Environment II** – the significant platform to showcase the latest vital research on urban trees and urban forests.

The main aims of this important research event 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 valuable step forward in working together. While the conference will be hosted by the Institute of Chartered Foresters as its 2014 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 Conference Partners are:

The Arboricultural Association, Ancient Tree Forum, Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, Forest Research, Forestry Commission, Institute of Chartered Foresters, Institution of Civil Engineers, International Society of Arboriculture (UK & I Chapter), Landscape Institute, London Tree Officers Association, Municipal Tree Officers Association, Myerscough College, National Association of Tree Officers, Natural England, Royal Institute of British Architects, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Trees and Design Action Group, University of Birmingham, University of Manchester, Utility Arboriculture Group.

Consultative supporters: English Heritage, Green Infrastructure Partnership, Royal Town Planning Institute

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Conference Focus

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

Trees, People and the Built Environment II provides a first-class venue and framework for the dissemination of the vital research that is being carried out in the fields of urban trees and urban forests research.

Conference Papers

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

- **Original research papers** presenting new work in a specific subject area.
- **Review papers** covering existing and ongoing research in a broad subject area (such as tree pathology, urban forest governance, tree establishment, community involvement, trees and urban design, urban forest mapping, biodiversity, etc). This type of paper is also expected to indicate where future research in that field might be focused.

While there will be papers focusing on the UK, it is important that we learn from the broadest expertise. So, as the conference will have an international perspective, **papers from overseas authors are very welcome.**

Papers will be reviewed by a panel of academic and industry specialists from the Conference Steering Group. Authors whose papers are then selected will be invited to present their work at the conference. Most presentations will last no longer than 30 minutes. The papers accepted will be peer-reviewed and appear in a publication of the conference proceedings. Those authors who are not successful will be given the opportunity to present a poster at the conference.

For interest, click to download the **2011 Conference Proceedings**
([http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCRP017.pdf/\\$file/FCRP017.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCRP017.pdf/$file/FCRP017.pdf))

Submitting an Abstract of your Paper

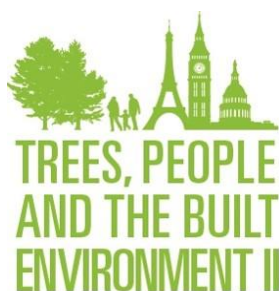
Please send an abstract of not more than 300 words. All submissions must comply with the following:

- Have a title, authorship (including affiliation),
- Have no more than 5 keywords
- Identify if it is an original research paper or a review paper
- Be submitted electronically and in Word format, to be received by: **12 noon GMT on 21 October 2013**

Authors whose papers are selected will be notified by 11 November 2013. Full papers of selected presentations must be received by 3 March 2014 without exception in accordance with instructions.

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

Abstract submissions and academic enquires should be directed to:
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For Further Information

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