

BIHIP Spring Meeting 2010 – 26th and 27th May 2010 at Loughgall, Co. Armagh

The meeting will be held at the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) at Loughgall, Co. Armagh in Northern Ireland, and hosted by Dr Jim McAdam

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The plans for the meeting is as follows:

Wednesday 26th May 26th

Members arrive during morning to Loughgall. AFBI will arrange co-ordinated transport from both airports as required. Buffet lunch available at the station. Rooms will available for species group meetings throughout the rest of the day, if required.

At 3:30 p.m. the Management Committee meeting will begin

Accommodation in Armagh. You are responsible for booking your own accommodation. Ideally AFBI would like everyone to stay in the **Armagh City hotel** (2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR) -it is good, large, modern has a bar and will do a dinner etc. Their current rate is £70 per night for single occupancy B&B but if most people are willing to stay there and some wish to share we can negotiate a lower rate. Other options in the city are:

De Averell Guest House, 47, Upper English Street, Armagh (£ 45)

Hillview Lodge, 33 Newtownhamilton Road, Armagh,(£ 38)

Thursday 27th May

Visits as follows;

1. Gosford Forest. Original collecting site of some of the sycamore scions for the BIHIP. Background to and viewing of the collection of vegetative material and current status regarding the work on sycamore.

2.AFBI Loughgall. Presentation on work of the Station.

- A. View BIHIP multivariety Cherry trial (part of all-Irish, 30 clone trial)-Gerry Douglas and Rodrigo Olave to give background to trial, performance at other 2 sites, and results from the first year of this site.
- B. View original silvopastoral Network site -ash and sycamore- planted in 1998.
- C. Nearby is a small trial on potential trees for energy cropping-*Eucalyptus*, poplar, *Paulownia*, planted last year.
- D. On this part of the estate there is also a silvoarable trial with poplar (planted in 1996) which can be seen in passing.

Buffet Lunch on the Station

- E. View trial comparing root-pruned, bare root and roottrainer grown oak. Planted in 2001 and now managed for either agroforestry or as a tree seed area.

The order of these may vary depending on peoples' interests. There will also be the opportunity to view some of the Station's work on SRC for biomass production if anyone wishes.

This may seem a lot, but all stops are close and we can tailor to individual requirements if necessary.

We aim to finish with tea/coffee around 3:00 to 3:30 and have transport to deliver people to airports as required.

An early indication of numbers would be appreciated and helpful: please let Jo.Clark (jo.clark@northmoortrust.co.uk) or Jim McAdam (Jim.McAdam@afbini.gov.uk) know if you intend to come as soon as possible.