

Scotland's Plant Health Conference - 12th March 2020

Novotel Edinburgh Park, 15 Lochside Avenue, EH12 9DJ

- 09:15** [Registration and coffee](#)
- 10:00** **Welcome and Introduction**
Gerry Saddler, Chief Plant Health Officer for Scotland and Head of SASA
- 10:05** **Ministerial Opening of the Event**

Chairperson: Fiona Burnett, PHC Sector Lead (SRUC)
- 10:15** **Plant Health Centre (PHC) Overview**
Ian Toth, Centre Director (James Hutton Institute)
- 10:30** **Biosecurity in Scotland (Presentation with Questions)**
Mariella Marzano, Forest Research
- 10:50** **Sector presentations (TBC)**
Four talks from sector stakeholders: emergent issues, knowledge gaps and future direction
- 11.30** **Key Principles for Plant Health in Scotland (with plenary discussion)**
Pete Hollingsworth, PHC Sector Lead (RBGE) & Chris Quine, PHC Sector Lead (Forest Research)
- 12:00** [Lunch with Poster Session \(Plant Health Centre commissioned projects\)](#)
- 13:20** **Workshops – Opportunities and Challenges to Improve Plant Health Practice**
led by Fiona Burnett, Chris Quine and Pete Hollingsworth (PHC)
- 14.20** **Comfort Break**
- 14:30** **Feedback to Plenary from each workshop**
- 14:50** **Plenary Discussion on Workshops**
- 15:10** **Smarter Rules for Safer Food (New Regulations for Protection Against Plant Pests)**
Debbie Kessell, Scottish Government
- 15:25** **International Year of Plant Health – the year ahead**
Gerry Saddler (CPHOS)
- 15:35** **Closing remarks**
- 15:45** [Depart](#)