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**Annual Conference & Exhibition
of the
Amenity Forum**

To be held on Thursday, October 12th 2017

BURTON ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Pirelli Stadium, Burton on Trent

Welcome to our annual conference brochure for 2017

We believe that we have once again assembled an excellent range of speakers and an exhibition area to interest everyone with an involvement in the amenity sector

There continue to be many challenges facing the amenity sector in terms of its approach to weed, pest and disease control. The impact of legislation linked to such things as the Sustainable Use and Water Framework Directives is significant as are the cost pressures and other technical challenges. The emphasis is very firmly on adopting integrated approaches and making the most effective use of pesticides. Amenity is in the spotlight. It is important that the sector itself shows it can rise to the challenge and get fully behind best practice and driving up standards. It is important that the sector does this itself and it is not imposed by others and it is important that we stand together in our endeavours. It is also vital that we demonstrate the **important** and **essential** nature of weed, pest and disease management in amenity areas. This conference will seek to address the hot issues, investigate the implications, the approaches available and hopefully find ways in which the challenge can become an opportunity.

The Amenity Forum conference and exhibition has become very much the must attend event for all with an interest in this area with key speakers, wide coverage of the sector and great opportunities to network and share ideas. This brochure provides information on the conference programme, our supporters and speakers.

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4 BASIS CPD points are available for attending this event

MORNING PROGRAMME

0845 Registration Opens

0900 EXHIBITIONS OPEN

Refreshments

0945 Welcome & Introduction - Weed, pest & disease management impacts upon us all

John Moverley, Independent Chairman of the Amenity Forum

Policy & Innovation

0955 Responding to policy change

Grant Stark, Chemicals Regulation Division, HSE

1015 Keeping our cities moving – with a particular focus on the role of weed, pest & disease management

John Parker, Transport for London

1035 Innovation in railway weed control

Tony Saunders, JSD Research & Development

1050 Any questions to previous speakers & Introduction to our supporters

1100 REFRESHMENTS, VISIT TO EXHIBITIONS, NETWORKING

Taking a more holistic approach to weed, pest & disease control

1130 Introduction

Ruth Mann, chair of the Forum's Education & Training Committee

1140 A view from the golf course

Andrew Kerr, Course Manager Surbiton Golf Club

1200 Bio Control

David Cary, Executive Director, International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association

1220 The appliance of science

Colin Mumford, Technical Support Manager, Bayer

Research & its application

1240 Biological Control of Himalayan Balsam

Professor Alan Gange, Royal Holloway, University of London

Pride in what we do

1300 Sprayer Operator of the Year Awards – Announcing the winners

1310 Lunch, Visit to Exhibitors and Networking Time

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Pride in what we do

- 1425** The pressures of creating and maintaining high quality football pitches
John Ledwidge, Head Groundsman, Leicester City FC

Weed, pest & disease control – focussing on the facts

- 1445** 2017 Survey of amenity use of pesticides
Dave Garthwaite, FERA
- 1505** Glyphosate – past, present and future
Barrie Hunt, Monsanto

Conclusions

- 1530** What does the future for weed, pest & Disease Management really look like?
Peter Corbett, Consultant and Chemicals Manager Rigby Taylor & Mark De Ath, Operations Director, Headland Amenity
- 1550** Depart

SPEAKERS



JOHN MOVERLEY has worked in the private, public and charitable sectors including some 20 years at CEO level. He has substantial experience of serving in board roles and as a chairman. Aside from the important role as Chairman of the Amenity Forum, he is Chairman of the West Midlands Forestry & Woodlands Advisory Committee, a member of the Severn & Wye Flood and Coastal Committee, chairman of the Advisory Group for Mercia Community Forest and is on the board of the Community Forest Trust.



GRANT STARK has worked in HSE's Chemicals Regulation Division and predecessor organisations for over 20 years. He has worked in a number of policy roles, liaising with industry and other stakeholders and providing advice on a range of pesticide-related matters. His most recent work has focussed on the sustainable use of pesticides. He was part of the UK team that negotiated the EU directive on sustainable pesticide use and plays a key role overseeing its implementation. He has worked closely with the Amenity Forum for a number of years



JOHN PARKER is the Senior Technical Specialist – Arboriculture & Landscape at Transport for London (TfL) and Chair of the London Tree Officers Association (LTOA) since July 2016. John sits on LTOA working parties including the Biosecurity Group and PR & Communications Group. He is a member of the Arboricultural Association and Institute of Chartered Foresters and is the arboricultural and landscape advisor to the Southwark Diocese Advisory Committee. John is a regular conference contributor and has recently spoken at events including the European Forum on Urban Forestry



TONY SAUNDERS is Area manager (Southern) and Professional Head of Environment within the rail sector. He began his career, working on his family's nursery. After leaving the nursery, he worked as a contractor treating municipal and electrical sites across the UK. He joined JSD in 2005. In 2010 Tony gained his BSC Diploma in Environmental Management and has taken the lead for approval of ISO14001, its maintenance and upkeep. He has the role of professional Head of Environment alongside his Area Manager duties. Tony enjoys public speaking, most recently at the International Union of Railways in Paris speaking about railway herbicide treatments in the UK.



RUTH MANN manages the Research Department at STRI including the Soils and Pathology laboratories and all research on pests, weeds, diseases and associated disorders, including integrated management programmes (IPM), grass cultivar testing, product testing, such as plant protection products, fertilisers and wetting agents, turf maintenance machinery and application technology testing; surface performance and playability of all sports surfaces. Ruth also provides onsite advice and development of bespoke pest, weed or disease management plans detailing all aspects of control. Ruth is an Approved Trainer for BASIS Amenity Horticulture.



ANDREW KERR was brought up in Co Antrim. Weekends spent on his grandfather's farm instilled in Andrew a love of the land and machinery. Greenkeeping became the preferred profession and led to the past 20 years working on golf courses in N Ireland and England. Andrew is now Head Greenkeeper of Surbiton Golf Course in Surrey. Over the years Andrew has added to his qualifications, more recently completing his Basis after winning Sprayer of the Year in 2015. The final stage of master Greenkeeper is next on his list of qualifications.



DAVID CAREY is the Executive Director of a dynamic global trade association with a strong European focus. His career has focused on IPM, resistance management, implementation of biocontrol techniques, and systems based control of pests and diseases. He is passionate about reducing the reliance on traditional pesticides through finding, developing, registering and bringing to market new solutions whilst respecting biodiversity, the environment and protecting human health. He was a key player in the formation of BPG (BioProtection Global) and works closely with international bodies including OECD, FAO and EPPO



COLIN MUMFORD began his career as an assistant greenkeeper gaining industry qualifications and progressing to the role of head greenkeeper. Aged 30, he decided to leave his job to pursue further qualifications and became a mature student, achieving graduate and post graduate qualifications in the amenity and sports turf sector. Colin is currently the technical support manager for Bayer. Colin has a role that is largely focussed on advising industry professionals with general management, best practice advice.



PROFESSOR ALAN GANGE works at Royal Holloway, University of London. Alan has over 30 years experience of applied microbiological research in a wide variety of situations. His research focuses on how the microbial community within the soil and within plants can be used to provide more sustainable forms of pest and disease management, manifest in various forms of biological control. He has published over 140 peer-reviewed papers and has edited two books on plant microbial ecology.



JOHN LEDWIDGE began his career in turf care aged 16 and has worked at both ends of the spectrum from league one Coventry city to Premier League and Champions league football at Leicester City. John has experienced turf maintenance on a budget and at the highest level including football and rugby internationals. Managing a team of 14, John oversees The King power Stadium, the clubs 24 acre training ground, local county FA and OH Leuven FC in Belgium. John is also on the project delivery team for the clubs new training ground.



DAVID GARTHWAITE joined the pesticide usage survey team in 1986 following a 10 year career at Rothamsted. He has worked as a pesticide usage surveyor, database manager and now manages the pesticide usage survey team. The team collects data on pesticide usage for the whole range of agricultural and horticultural crops. Data are primarily collected for the Expert Committee on Pesticides although they regularly answer queries from other Government departments, academia, agrochemical and horticultural industry and the general public.



BARRIE HUNT is the Technical Development Manager for Monsanto covering the UK, Ireland, Nordics and Baltics. Responsible for Crop Protection, Barrie's focus is on glyphosate, a herbicide with which he has been involved for much of his 30 year career in the industry. Besides working in the UK and Europe he has worked in weed ecology and herbicide development across the world including places as diverse as Australia, India, Brazil and North America. He is a member of the Crop Protection Association's Amenity Group and is chairman of the BCPC Expert Group on Weeds. Barrie is a keen birdwatcher and naturalist and lives in south Lincolnshire.



MARK DE ATH is Operations Director for Headland Amenity Limited, a leading company within the amenity market. He has been involved in the Amenity market for the last 34 years. He has held posts within the industry in field trials, technical services, sales and marketing. Mark has been involved in the Amenity Forum for the last 10 years and was Chairman of the Communications Project Group.



PETER CORBETT is Consultant and Chemicals Manager Rigby Taylor. He has had a highly successful career in the pesticide industry, including running the crop protection division for the largest distributor in the UK. Today he is responsible for managing and developing the pesticide business for Rigby Taylor in the Amenity sector. He also runs his own consultancy business advising pesticide suppliers in the UK and Europe. In the UK he is acting as a consultant for BASIS supporting initiatives in the Amenity sector to develop continuing professional development (CPD).

FORUM PARTNERS & EXHIBITORS

BASIS

BASIS is an independent organisation set up at the suggestion of the UK Government in 1978 to establish and assess standards in the pesticide industry relating to storage, transport and competence of staff. It offers a wide range of examinations and recognised qualifications for all working in the pesticides, fertiliser and related sectors. It operates an annual inspection scheme for pesticide stores, manages the professional registers for qualified pesticide and fertiliser advisers, and operates BACCS and the Amenity Assured standard.



Bayer is a global leader in providing innovative solutions to pest, weed and plant disease problems in the professional non-crop markets. The turf and amenity team at Bayer offers a comprehensive and innovative range of products for greenkeepers, groundsman and other professionals in the turf and amenity industry. The company's product portfolio consists of turf fungicides and a range of herbicides. Key brands include Interface[®], Chipco[®] Green, Longbow[®], Pistol[®] and Exteris Stressgard[®] the first new fungicide AI for ten years in the turf sector.



Bionema is a leading biopesticide product testing and technology development company, specialising in chemical-free, organic crop protection. Research is focused on the development of natural products to protect crops from insect damage, reducing the use of synthetic pesticides, enhancing food security and increasing crop yields. Bionema supplies specialist bio-control products to the horticulture, turf and amenity and forestry sectors, providing training aimed at increasing the product efficacy.



City & Guilds, as the leading awarding organisation and provider of pesticide application membership services, are delighted to continue their support of the Amenity Forum Conference. We will be pleased to answer any questions and discuss our extensive range of centre-based, work-based and certificate of competence qualifications for the land-based sector.



In order to meet the public's high level of expectation for open space maintenance, a timely programme of carefully considered herbicide application needs to be planned and executed. Complete Weed Control has the experience and local teams to assist you in this process. With qualified staff and access to the Weed-IT spot spraying technology, weed control can be achieved legally and economically. Our comprehensive health & safety package, coupled with our commitment to responsible herbicide application, will assist in you in achieving your environmental targets and responsibilities.



ICL is a leading player in the ornamental horticulture, turf and amenity, and specialty agricultural sectors. Working in partnership with customers and hand in hand with nature, the company is passionate about optimizing plant and turf performance. In addition to grass seed and market-leading fertiliser brands, ICL supplies a comprehensive range of plant protection and control products for use in turf and amenity situations. These are available through a network of distributors across the UK and Ireland.



Headland's product portfolio includes over 40 fertiliser formulations, encompassing conventional, slow and controlled release technology in both solid and liquid forms, as well as a growing range of pesticides and growth management products. Customers include the largest and smallest of Golf Clubs, Cricket and Bowling Clubs, Racecourses, Landscapers, Local Authorities, Lawn care and Contractors, as well as many others.



Hozelock-Exel is part of Exel Industries, a group of companies which have become the world leader in precision spraying techniques for Plant Protection and is now ranked third worldwide for Materials Protection. Hozelock Exel produces the Cooper Pegler and Berthoud brands, which have been the sprayer of choice for the professional operator for over 100 years. Robust and reliable, the spraying equipment is distinguished by diaphragm technology and offers supreme levels of comfort & efficiency.



The Invasive Non-Native Specialists Association (INNSA) is the industry body for companies involved in controlling and eradicating invasive non-native species in the UK. All INNSA members subscribe to the Invasives Code, regulated by the independent body, the Property Codes Compliance Board (PCCB). Our activities include providing advice, services and support to our members and influencing the EU and UK policy agenda and guidance on non-native invasive species. Our aim is improve the business climate in which the industry operates, as well as promoting and protecting the interests of our members through contact with government, other industry and non-industry organisations, media and the general public.



Japanese Knotweed Control (JKC) offers the most comprehensive, cost effective and ecologically sound solutions for eradicating Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Himalayan Balsam and many other non-native invasive plants. As the market leader we are able to provide a comprehensive choice of eradication treatments including excavation, dig and dump, on-site burial and our own innovative stem injection process, widely considered the most effective and environmentally friendly treatment method. A founder member and part of the steering group of INNSA, JKC are at the forefront of pioneering new processes to combat invasive weeds and raise standards within the industry.



JSD Rail work hard to keep Britain's railways clear of weeds and safe to use. We recognise that an integrated approach to management of vegetation is key to sustainability. We believe that an overall management package that includes ballast renewal, ballast cleaning and cutting & clearing of lineside vegetation to prevent the deposit of leaves on the track with subsequent build-up of detritus rotting down to form a seed bed is vital. We are conscious however that herbicide plays an essential part in maintaining clean clear track. So with careful forward planning, regular calibration of equipment, good quality training for staff we can ensure that the public, the environment and co-workers are not put at risk or effected by our activities.



Languard VM have delivered cost effective, safety conscious and environmentally responsible vegetation management solutions to the Industrial & Amenity sectors for over 30 years. We are the largest provider of urban weed control services in the UK, a leading specialist vegetation management business servicing the UK Highways Network and also have substantial business in invasive weed control, industrial sector vegetation management and sports turf management. We are focused on meeting the needs of our customers, offering nationwide coverage from our regional offices and depots.



Lantra Awards is a nationally recognised Awarding Organisation specialising in the Landbased and Environmental sectors. We offer a wide range of recognised training and qualification products through a network of approved training providers. Lantra has products for the Amenity sector including Health & Safety and the Safe Use of Pesticides, Brushcutters, Trimmers and Hand Held tools.



Nomix Enviro is a leading supplier of safe, effective and innovative herbicides and technical support services for amenity, rail, industrial and forestry weed control. Nomix Total Droplet Control (TDC) combines easy to use, targeted application technology, with ready to use, low volume herbicides. TDC minimises the risk of run-off and spray drift and there is no mixing, which virtually eliminates the risk of spillage. We are also national distributors for the major agrochemical companies. This allows us the unique position of offering a sustainable solution for every situation. Visit www.nomix.co.uk for more information or call 01264 388056



NSTS is the National Sprayer Testing Scheme for the UK. The scheme has been part of UK agriculture since 2003 and a main pillar of the Voluntary Initiative. NSTS tested sprayers are now a requirement in many amenity situations and NSTS satisfies the sprayer testing requirements of the Sustainable Use Directive. The NSTS was devised by the UK sprayer industry with input from the sector, the chemical industry and contractors. All types of pesticide application machinery can be tested by NSTS through its nationwide network of test centres and qualified machine examiners.



The Property Codes Compliance Board (PCCB) is the independent regulator for the Invasives Code. The PCCB also regulates the Search Code which is the established quality standard for the private sector search industry. For the Invasives Code, the PCCB both maintains the register of subscriber organisations, committed to operating in accordance with the code and monitors compliance encouraging non-subscribing organisations to sign-up to promote increased consumer protection. The PCCB is committed to delivering an agreed standard of service and will abide by any ruling of The Property Ombudsman scheme that exists to provide consumers with the appropriate redress in case of any unresolved complaint.



Progreen supply & advise on fertilisers, amenity/horticultural herbicides (professional & non-professional), moss control solutions, grass seed & application equipment, nationwide. These products are all supported by BASIS and FACTS qualified staff offering free technical advice; as well as having PA1, PA2, PA4 and PA6 qualified staff with landscaping experience. Training courses such as NPTC (e.g. PA1, PA6) & BASIS certification are run by Progreen in purpose-built training facilities at their head office and throughout the country and are available either for individuals or tailored to specific company requirements.



Rigby Taylor is the UK's leading supplier of products for the improvement, maintenance and construction of sports, amenity and landscape areas, including Grass Seed, Fertilizers, Herbicides, Fungicides, Top Dressings, Soil and Turf Improvers. Product development is at the forefront of the Company's philosophy. Working with a number of key research based specialist suppliers, and dedicated to a policy of Continuous Improvement in all its activities.



Vale Engineering manufacture winter maintenance equipment and weed control spraying equipment including chemical storage solutions for the municipal and amenity sectors. The PKL Spraying System is the premier system used by Local Authorities for weed control. The salt spreading range includes trailed and mounted models for use behind tractors and 4x4 vehicles. Vale Engineering also owns Riverlynx, the specialist CDA Controlled Droplet Application Sprayer producer. Its range of lances can be used in conjunction with its own Ecomark carrier.



Weedfree Limited, celebrating 50 years in business this year, is a market leader providing Environmental Support Services throughout the UK. In addition to the provision of conventional weed control and vegetation management our specialist services now include non-chemical alternatives including hot water. For further information call 0800 2949333 and ask to speak to a member of the team.