



INTERNATIONAL FOREST MACHINERY EXHIBITION LTD

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Press Release

Only 9 months to go until APF 2016

There is only 9 months to go until APF 2016, the UK's largest forestry, woodland, aboricultural, trees and timber show opens its gates on the 15/16/17th September. Being staged once again at Ragley Estate, Alcester Warwickshire, the exhibition is on course to be even bigger than in 2014.

Exhibition Secretary, Ian Millward commented "Returning to the same site at Ragley allowed us to open up for bookings earlier than normal and we gave priority to exhibitors who had been with us in 2014. Already over 170 have taken up the offer and re-booked for 2016. I urge new exhibitors to act quickly as over 85% of our static display area is already booked"

Over 270 exhibitors and 17000 visitors are expected to attend. The next site meeting for prospective exhibitors is Wednesday 10th February at 11am at The Kings Court Hotel, Alcester. Further site meetings will be held at the same venue and time on the 13th April and 22nd June

Ian went to say " We will be once again be staging the Husqvarna World 25m pole-climbing championships and the A W Jenkinson and Tilhill Forestry European Chain-saw Carving Championships and we thank our other sponsors to date Euroforest and Forestry Journal for their continuing support. Look out for other new events and exciting new product launches soon to be announced. Our online advanced ticket sales page on our website is now open"

Some high profile sponsorship opportunities are still available and anyone interested in raising their company's profile or exhibiting at the exhibition should contact Ian. Full details of the exhibition, maps, booking forms and a list of exhibitors booked to date are on the exhibitor section of the website. Email: info@apfexhibition.co.uk, website: www.apfexhibition.co.uk, Tel: 01737 245081. You can also follow APF 2016 on Facebook www.facebook.com/APFExhibition and on Twitter @APFExhibition

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Editors Notes:

APF 2016 is a biannual event. This will be the 21st Exhibition. The first Exhibition was held at Longleat Estate in 1976. It is returning to Ragley Estate after being staged there in 2004, 2006, 2012 and 2014

The Exhibition is the largest such event in the UK and the 3rd largest in Europe. It is the leading exhibition for the forestry, woodland, arboriculture, wood fuel and utility sectors in the UK. 270 Exhibitors and 17 000 visitors are expected over the three days of the show. 90% of visitors are trade professionals working in the industry.

It showcases the very latest machines and technology being used in the industry as well as traditional but still used woodland crafts and horse logging.

The seminar programme features leading figures in the industry speaking on topical issues of the day including plant health, technology, safety and training, marketing, wood fuel and wood processing. It covers everything that is trees or timber related.

Over 2000 exhibitor staff and thousands of visitors will bring more than £1million pounds into the local economy during the course of the Exhibition in terms of hotel bookings and meals.

It features a 2040m demonstration circuit where machines are shown working in a realistic setting. With exhibitors on both sides of the circuit that is over 2½ miles of working machinery. An estimated £30 million pounds of machinery will be on show.

The following events and competitions will take place at APF 2016;

The Husqvarna World 25m Pole Climbing Championships
The Tilhill Forestry and A W Jenkinson European Chainsaw Carving Competition
UK Forwarder Driving Competition sponsored by Komatsu
Horse Logging
Bio Security, Bio energy, wood fuel and tree health seminars
Seminars and advice on forestry education, training and careers
The World 'Log to leg' pole lathe turning championship
Extensive traditional woodland crafts area with many have-a-go opportunities
Demonstrations of the five disciplines in the World Logging Championships
Lumberjack sports
Steam driven sawmills
Working vintage machinery
Technical updates & seminars.

Images & Press Passes

Photographs of all the events, maps, exhibitor details etc. are available in electronic format if required. Please apply to the above office for press passes. Ian Millward, Exhibition Secretary, is the media contact for any queries or interviews.

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More details are on the web site www.apfexhibition.co.uk For more information on any of the above please contact the Exhibition Secretary, Ian Millward