



INTERNATIONAL FOREST MACHINERY EXHIBITION LTD

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PRESS RELEASE

ACCIDENT AT APF 2016

Yesterday afternoon during the set-up of the show, taking place on the 15/16/17th September at Ragley Estate, Alcester, Warwickshire, one of our staff was involved in an accident. He received immediate 1st Aid treatment by the on-site St John Ambulance staff and was subsequently flown to Birmingham Hospital for further treatment. Tragically, despite the best efforts of the doctors, he died yesterday evening around 9pm.

Police attended the incident and are currently investigating the full causes of the accident and the Health & Safety Executive have been informed. As this is an ongoing investigation we will be unable to comment further at this stage.

The Exhibition is going ahead as planned starting tomorrow and all current arrangements for set-up remain in place.

The APF Demo Team's thoughts are very much with the family at this time and it is their wish that APF 2016 continues

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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. Over 300 Exhibitors and 18 000 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, pest and diseases, 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 Forest Worker Zone with drop-in sessions on subjects affecting the forest worker
The World 'Log to leg' pole lathe turning championships
Extensive traditional woodland crafts area with many have-a-go opportunities
Demonstrations of the five disciplines in the World Logging Championships
Steam driven sawmills
Working vintage machinery
Technical updates & seminars.

