



## **INTERNATIONAL FOREST MACHINERY EXHIBITION LTD**

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### **Press Release**

## **Husqvarna World 25m Poleclimbing Championships has record prize fund**

The Husqvarna World 25m poleclimbing Championships will take place as part of APF 2016, the UK's largest and most exciting forestry, woodland, trees and timber show at Ragley Estate, Alcester, Warwickshire on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September.

50 of the world's top climbers will compete for the coveted trophy. The 2014 world champion Patrick Hayes will seek to defend his crown against world holder and 2012 champion Grant Gallier. Grant lost his world title to Patrick in 2014 by just 0.2 seconds and will be keen for revenge. With such a high quality field Grant's world record of 9.07 seconds is at risk.

There is a fantastic total prize fund of £3000 cash and £3000 of Husqvarna goods on offer and there are classes for Expert, Tree Surgeon, Ladies and Veterans.

Entry forms and rules of the competition are now available on the Competition & Events page on the APF website or direct from the APF Exhibition Office.

Full details of the exhibition, and the other exciting competitions and events taking place during APF 2016 including the European Chainsaw Carving Championships are also on the website. Email: [info@apfexhibition.co.uk](mailto:info@apfexhibition.co.uk), website: [www.apfexhibition.co.uk](http://www.apfexhibition.co.uk), Tel: 01737 245081. You can also follow APF 2016 on Facebook [www.facebook.com/APFExhibition](http://www.facebook.com/APFExhibition) and on Twitter @APFExhibition

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## **Editors Notes:**

APF 2016 is a biannual event. This will be the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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 the largest display of traditional but still used woodland crafts found anywhere in the UK and displays of 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.

## **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](http://www.apfexhibition.co.uk) For more information on any of the above please contact the Exhibition Secretary, Ian Millward