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Space will be available for posters/display. Please tick here if you wish to bring material and we will contact you to confirm the availability of space

There is no charge for conference attendance, but delegates are asked to make their own arrangements for travel and accomodation

Any further questions please contact, Stewart Meikle, Conference Organiser on 01463 741836 or email stewart.meikle@btinternet.com

Completed booking forms should be returned no later than Monday 31st October 2005

Biomass Production Energy from Forestry and Agriculture

21st-22nd November 2005
8 Acres Hotel, Elgin,
Morayshire



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Biomass has a potentially significant role in our future energy supply. However the industry in Scotland is currently fragmented and a more integrated approach would help to realise its full potential. Bioenergy provides new opportunities for agriculture and forestry to work together, and this conference aims to stimulate closer cooperation. The event is jointly organised by four biomass development projects and the Highlands & Islands Community Energy Company. The projects are:

Northern WoodHeat: Financed by the Northern Periphery Programme, this project focuses on developing the forestry woodfuel supply chain at the small and medium scales. It is managed by Highland Birchwoods and involves sixteen partners from Scotland, Iceland and Finland.

North Sea Bio Energy: Highland Birchwoods manages the Scottish component of this North Sea Programme funded project on behalf of Forestry Commission Scotland. It is examining small-scale wood pellet production using joinery and sawmill co-products, arboricultural arisings and small dimension roundwood. The Dutch, Belgian and German partners are developing agricultural energy crops and biogas production.

ProBioEnergy is also funded by the North Sea Programme and has partners in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany and England. It aims to replace fossil fuels with the use of local and regional biomass through awareness-raising, dissemination of best practice, new bio-energy plants for small scale district heating and a virtual market place for bioenergy.

Highlands & Islands Woodfuel Development Programme: HIE and FCS jointly fund this initiative which has been working to set up woodfuel clusters and to promote woodfuel throughout the Highlands. It is led by the FCS Highlands & Islands Woodfuel Development Officer.

Highlands and Islands Community Energy Company provides advice and assistance to communities in producing and benefiting from renewable energy.

This conference will be an excellent forum for information exchange, and will provide opportunities to establish a web of international working relationships to further develop the biomass energy industry throughout Europe.

It is also an opportunity to bring together agricultural and forestry interests and lay the foundations for an integrated approach to the development of a rural biomass industry through information exchange between the sectors, and raising awareness of current opportunities to participate in the renewable energy industry.

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Speakers will include provincial and national government officials and technical experts from throughout Europe.

Day One:

Sessions will cover EU and Scottish policy, the potential of bio-energy, information on current projects and the development of inter-sectoral linkages. The day will end with the launch of new biomass energy websites at a reception hosted by the projects.

Day Two:

Will cover strategic planning, the regulatory context for bio-energy and logistics, biomass energy production in agriculture and forestry, and opportunities to integrate these biomass streams.

