



Biological Recording in Scotland (BRISC)
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BRISC Annual Conference and AGM 2005

Recording and Monitoring the Marine and Coastal Habitat

to be held in Bute Building, St Andrews University St Andrews, Fife
Saturday 9 April 2005

Programme

09.00 - Open doors - registration - coffee/teas – time to set up posters – check excursion lists

10.00 - Welcome Anne-Marie Smout (BRISC chair)

Prof. Peter Maitland to chair the morning

10.10 – “Monitoring marine mammals around the UK” Prof. John Harwood, Sea Mammal Research Unit

10.30 – “Monitoring seabirds in the Forth” Dr Sarah Wanless, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), Banchory

10.50 - "Multi-method monitoring of fish populations in the Forth Estuary" Richard Park, Senior Marine Biologist, Scottish Environment Protection Agency

11.10 - Discussion

11.30 - Comfort break

11.40 - AGM (members)

12.15- Lunch (optional) A buffet lunch will be served in the Bell Pettigrew Museum

Prof. Robert M M Crawford to chair the afternoon

13.10–"The challenge of recording coastal biodiversity". Dr William Penrice, formerly the Recorder for Fife Nature

13.30 – “Seasearch and Basking Shark Watch” Calum Duncan, Marine Conservation Society Scotland

13.50 - 'The supply and demand for local marine data’ Simon Scott, Fife Environmental Recording Network (FERN)

14.10 – Discussion

14.30 - Arrangements for excursions and tea refreshments, draw for raffle

15.10 – Excursions (see below for details)

!!17.00 - All posters and delegates’ belongings must be collected prior to this time. !!

Excursions

There are 3 optional excursions for delegates to join after tea:

Fife Ranger Service have generously agreed to lead two of these, FERN will lead the third:

1) Kinkell Braes (15.15-16.45)

Interest: general biodiversity interest: botanical, geological, zoological – With Tony Wilson and Deirdre Munro, Fife Ranger Service

Please note: Coastal path is rocky and at times steep. Sturdy footwear essential

2) Kinshaldy, Tentsmuir (15.15 – 18.45)

Interest: sand dunes botany, strandline biodiversity, wetland vegetation, possibly waders With Les Hatton (Fife Ranger Service) and Prof. Robert M M Crawford

3) St Andrews Aquarium – (15.15 – 16.45)

Interest: Fish, some of local (North Sea) origin, and occasional orphan seals With Fife Environmental Recording Network (FERN) A party entrance fee will be charged, costs depending on numbers.