

The RIVER RESTORATION CENTRE'S 7th ANNUAL NETWORK CONFERENCE

**Ecological River Restoration: Combining Ecology and
Engineering**

Wednesday 26th - Thursday 27th APRIL 2006

Plus site visit to the River Tummel on Friday 28th April 2006

Edinburgh Conference Centre
Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton Campus
Edinburgh, Scotland

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PROGRAMME

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Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

Day 1: Wednesday 26th April 2006

9.10 – 10.40	REGISTRATION & TEA/COFFEE (Main Hall)	
10.40	RRC: Introduction	5 mins
10.45	WELCOME & CHAIR: Andrew Pepper (<i>ATPEC River Engineering Consultancy & RRC Chairman</i>)	15 mins
11.00	Main Address: Chris Spray (<i>Director of Environmental Science, SEPA</i>)	15 mins
11.15	Keynote Speaker: Steve Ormerod (<i>Professor of Ecology, Cardiff University</i>) Seeking Ecological Outcomes from River Restoration.	25 mins
11.40	Discussion	10 mins
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Session 1		
CHAIR Phil Boon (<i>Principal Freshwater Advisor SNH</i>)		
11.50	Alasdair Smith (<i>Aberdeenshire Council</i>) Sustainable Flood Management Linking Engineering and Ecology.	15 mins
12.05	Kieran Conlan, Trevor Wade and Steve Dangerfield (<i>Cascade Consulting</i>) Broad Scale Ecosystem Assessment (BSEA) in Scotland.	15 mins
12.20	Duncan Huggett (<i>Environment Agency</i>) The Legal Basis for Restoring Rivers in England and Wales: an Environment Agency Perspective.	15 mins
12.35	Andrew Gill (<i>Cranfield University</i>) et al. Combining Ecological and Engineering Requirements for River Restoration within a National Nature Reserve: the Case of the Afon Teifi.	15 mins
12.50	Discussion	30 mins
13.20	<hr/> LUNCH <hr/>	1 hr

Session 2 commences 14. 30 (parallel sessions – see next page of programme)

Please allow sufficient time to get to chosen session

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Day 1 Continued

Session 2	A - Flood Risk and Ecology	B - Channel Maintenance & Habitat Value	
CHAIR	Andrew Brookes (<i>Jacobs UK Ltd</i>)	Jim Martin (<i>Rivers Agency - Northern Ireland</i>)	
	<i>Auditorium</i>	<i>Carnegie Room</i>	
14.30	Kevin Skinner & Nick Haycock (<i>Haycock Associates Limited</i>) 'Making Space for Water' – The Boscastle Experience.	Valerie Bain & Roger Bettess (<i>HR Wallingford</i>) River Sediments and Habitats and the Impact of Capital Works and Maintenance.	15 mins
14.45	Zoltan Karacsonyi (<i>Centre for Environmental Management and Policy, University of Debrecen, Hungary</i>) Flood Management and Fisheries Habitat Enhancement - Side Effect or Efficient Co-operation?	Jimmy King, Fiona Kelly (<i>Central Fisheries Board, ROI</i>) & Bridget Lehane (<i>Bord Iascaigh Mhara</i>) Managing Berms in Channel Maintenance: Making Room for Flood Flow and Biota.	15 mins
15.00	David Brown (<i>Environment Agency</i>) Balancing Ecology and Flood Risk: Investigating the Flood Risks Associated with Gravel Build up on the River Kent at Kendal.	Marcus McAuley (<i>DCAL Inland Fisheries Branch, NI</i>) Consultation Procedures for the Protection and Enhancement of Fisheries in Watercourses Designated for Drainage Maintenance in Northern Ireland.	15 mins
15.15	Discussion	Discussion	15 mins
Session 3	POSTERS & TEA/COFFEE (Main Hall)		40 mins
15.30			

Session 4 commences 16.10 (parallel sessions – see next page of programme)

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Session 4		A - Rehabilitation Tools	B - Muddy Waters	
CHAIR		Kieran Conlan (<i>Cascade Consulting</i>)	Stuart Downward (<i>School of Earth Sciences and Geography</i>)	
		<i>Auditorium</i>	<i>Carnegie Room</i>	
16.10		Andrew Brookes (<i>Jacobs Babbie</i>) Stream Power - a Practical Tool for River Restoration and Management with Specific Examples from the UK.	Lian Scholes (<i>Urban Pollution Research Centre</i>) The Challenge of Sediment Quality Management in Urban River Restoration: a UK Perspective.	15 mins
16.25		Karen Fisher (<i>KR Fisher Consultancy Ltd</i>), Martin Janes & Jenny Mant (<i>the River Restoration Centre</i>) Overview and Demonstration of the 'River Rehabilitation Guidance for Eastern England Rivers'.	Robert Bray (<i>Robert Bray Associates Ltd</i>) Integrating Sustainable Drainage Systems into River Restoration – Managing Urban Runoff to Create Controlled and Clean Headwaters for Urban Watercourses.	15 mins
16.40		Sally German (<i>Gifford and Partners Ltd</i>) & Robin Chase (<i>Cain Consultancy</i>) A Management Tool for Developing a Strategy for Catchment Based River Restoration Using Geomorphological and Ecological Principles.	Peter Worrall (<i>Penny Anderson Associates Ltd</i>) Linking Remediation with Restoration.	15 mins
16.55		Discussion	Discussion	15 mins
Session 5		Controlled Activity Regulations		
CHAIR		Roger Bettess (<i>HR Wallingford Ltd</i>)		
		<i>Auditorium</i>		
17.15		Roy Richardson (<i>SEPA</i>) New Controls on River Engineering in Scotland.		15 mins
17.30		Stuart Greig (<i>SEPA</i>) A Morphological Impact Assessment Tool to Support WFD Implementation.		15 mins
17.45		Questions		10 mins
17.55		Open Discussion with Panel		30 mins
18.25		Close		5 mins
18.30		End of Day 1		
19.45		CONFERENCE DINNER JAMES WATT CENTRE II (Main Dining Hall)		
		7.30 for 7.45pm		
		Bar extension until 1.00am		

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Day 2: Thursday 27th April 2006

8.50 – 9.00	REGISTRATION	
CHAIR	Karen Fisher (<i>KR Fisher Consultancy Ltd</i>)	
9.00	Welcome & Introduction to Day 2: Andrew Pepper (<i>ATPEC River Engineering Consultancy & RRC Chairman</i>)	10 mins
9.10	Keynote Speaker: Ronnie Falconer (<i>Senior Consultant Flood Risk and River Basin Management, Jacobs Babié</i>) Sustainable Flood Management: an Engineer's Viewpoint - Preaching What We've Always Practiced?	15 mins
9.25	Discussion	10 mins
Session 6	Gravel Bed Rivers	
	<i>Auditorium</i>	
9.35	David Gilvear & Nigel Willby (<i>University of Stirling</i>) The River Tummel: a Site with Present-Day High Ecological Status Following Recovery from Historical River Engineering.	15 mins
9.50	Matthew Hardwick, Wendy Johnston (<i>Royal Haskoning</i>) & Colin Thorne (<i>University of Nottingham</i>) Application of Sediment Impact Assessment and Adaptive Management Techniques to Develop Sustainable Flood Management Solutions.	15 mins
10.05	Christian Moritz (<i>LIFE Programme Coordinator 'Wild river landscape Tyrolean Lech'</i>) River Restoration and Engineering at the River Lech (Tyrol, Austria) in the Context of a LIFE-Project.	15 mins
10.20	Discussion	15 mins
10.35	TEA & COFFEE	30 mins
11.05	Session 7 A,B,C – Parallel Sessions	1.05 hrs
12.15	LUNCH	1.10 hrs
13.25	Session 8 A,B,C – Parallel Sessions	1.10 hrs
14.40	Move to Workshops	
14.50	Workshops	1.15 hrs
15.10	TEA & COFFEE (during workshops)	
16.05	Final Words and Close	15 mins
16.20	END OF CONFERENCE	

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Delegates staying for the site visit have the evening free to explore Edinburgh.

Day 2 - PARALLEL SESSION PROGRAMME

	<i>Auditorium</i>	<i>Carnegie Room</i>	<i>Wardlaw Room</i>	
Session 7	7A – Community/Biodiversity	7B - Case Studies	7C – Wetting up Floodplains	
CHAIR	Linda Mathieson (<i>Aberdeenshire Council</i>)	Jim Walker (<i>Environment Agency - Head Office</i>)	Jeremy Biggs (<i>The Ponds Conservation Trust: Policy & Research</i>)	
11.10	Marina Curran - Colthart (<i>Argyll & Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership</i>) Catchment Management - Community Demonstration Project Proposal Based on the River Euchar Catchment, South of Oban.	Alfons Oberhofer (<i>Architect and Landscape Planner, Vienna</i>) The New Wien River Project – the Urban Reach from Auhof to the Danube Canal.	Joe Morris (<i>Cranfield University</i>) Joining up Flood Defence, Biodiversity and Rural Livelihoods in Washlands in England.	15 mins
11.25	Luke Engleback (<i>Studio Engleback</i>) & Gary Grant (<i>Ecoschemes Ltd</i>) Ecourbanism: The Aesthetics of Restoring Green Heritage in the Built Environment – Redhill Housing Project.	Tim Smith (<i>Department of Natural Resources, New South Wales</i>) The Tumut River: An Australian Approach To Regulated River Management.	Ute Menke (<i>Institute for Inland Water Management & Waste Water Treatment, RIZA, NL</i>) The River Rhine - Safety Measures Meet Ecology and Vice Versa.	15 mins
11.40	Rebecca Wade (<i>University of Abertay Dundee</i>) & Bruce Rhoads (<i>University of Illinois Urbana Champaign USA</i>) Stream Naturalisation in Illinois, USA: Integrating Geomorphology, Technology and Local Communities to Improve Physical and Ecological Habitats in Illinois Streams.	Ileana Schipani & Andrea Nardini (<i>Italian Centre for River Restoration (CIRF)</i>) The Restoration of the Channelized Sangro River (Abruzzo, Italy): Tackling the Challenge of Providing ‘Less Hydraulic Risk, More Environment’.	Philip Brewin (<i>Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium</i>) Achieving Favourable Condition on the Somerset Levels and Moors.	15 mins
11.55	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	20 mins
Lunch (12.15-13.25)				

Session 8	8A – Project Appraisal	8B – Tools	8C – Fisheries & Habitats	
CHAIR	Jenny Mant (<i>River Restoration Centre</i>)	Martin Janes (<i>River Restoration Centre</i>)	John Shillcock (<i>RRC Board Member</i>)	
13.30	Kathy Dale (<i>Northern Ecological Services</i>) Laeca Burn Diversion – Making the Best of a Bad Job!	Hugh Ellis (<i>Maccaferri</i>) Environmentally Sensitive Intervention vs Engineering Risk - The Conflict can be Resolved on Your Scheme.	Martin O’Grady (<i>Central Fisheries Board, ROI</i>) River Restoration in Ireland - Our Experiences Over Two Decades.	15 mins
13.45	Oliver Harmar (<i>Halcrow</i>) et al. Experiences from a Seven-Year Programme of River Restoration Management Research: the Case of the River Cole Restoration, near Birmingham, UK.	Mike Wells (<i>Biodiversity by Design Ltd</i>) & Steve Colclough (<i>Environment Agency</i>) Ecologically Designed Intertidal Flood Defences in a Key Area of Urban Regeneration; Multiple Benefits and Lessons Learned.	Mark Horton (<i>Ballinderry Fish Hatchery</i>) Restoring habitat and biodiversity on the Ballinderry River, Co. Tyrone	15 mins
14.00	Jeremy Biggs (<i>Pond Conservation Trust</i>) et al. Does River Restoration Enhance Lotic Biodiversity? Evidence from Southern England.	Jane Brookhouse (<i>RSPB</i>) The Goosemoor Regulated Tidal Exchange (RTE) Project, Exe Estuary.	Marq Redeker (<i>Ruhr River Association (Ruhrverband), Germany</i>) Fish Passage Restoration by Means of Nature-Like Constructions - Ecological Requirements Versus Construction Stability.	15 mins
14.15	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	25 mins
14.40	Move to Workshops to begin at 14.50			

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