Registration Form

The registration fee is €80 and includes morning and interval refreshments, lunch and conference booklet. Cheques to Technical Director, Society of Irish Foresters, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

Name

Company/organisation (if relevant)

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Please enclose cheque €80, to be made payable to Society of Irish Foresters and forwarded to Technical Director, Society of Irish Foresters, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow or by electronic payment as follows:

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An appraisal of the silvicultural and marketing potential of alternative conifer species.

Johnstown House Hotel
Enfield, Co. Meath
Wednesday 31 May 2017
This year’s National Conference assesses the future role of minor conifer species in Irish forestry. The term ‘minor conifer’ refers to alternatives to Sitka spruce and includes the following species that have adapted well to Irish soil and climatic conditions: Norway spruce, Douglas fir, Scots pine, larch species, western red cedar, western hemlock and Monterey pine. Sitka spruce continues to be a major species in Irish forestry in terms of yield, site adaptability and market benefits. Its success is the main reason why the Irish forestry and forest products industry now has an annual value of €2.2 billion.

However, overreliance on one species has led to a one-dimensional forestry sector which could place the industry at risk especially in relation to possible future disease damage. Ireland doesn’t have an alternative commercial species – hardwood or conifer – to Sitka spruce. Having addressed hardwoods in a previous conference, the organisers believe it is timely to explore the potential of alternative conifer species.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

The conference is aimed at forest owners, producer groups, foresters and forestry companies, researchers, State agencies, timber processors and end users.

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