

**63rd IALB | 13th EUFRAS | 10th SEASN Conference 2024**  
**Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh**  
**Conference Schedule**

**Tuesday 10 September 2024**

08.00 – 09.15 (1 hr 15 mins)	Registration and Coffee Stratosphere
09.15 – 09.20 (5 mins)	<b>Welcome to Day 1</b> Andrew Bauer, Conference host Biosphere
09.20 – 09.30 (10 mins)	<b>Welcome from IALB, SEASN and EUFRAS</b> Regine Wiesend, IALB Rui Almeda, EUFRAS Igor Hrovatič, SEASN Biosphere
<b>09.30 – 09.45 (15 mins)</b>	<b>SRUC and the Scottish System</b> Wayne Powell, CEO and Principal, SRUC Biosphere
<b>09.45 – 10.15 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Keynote: The role of advice in supporting European agriculture to thrive</b> Nigel Miller, Co-Chair of Farming for 1.5°C and Moredun Research Institute Board Member
10.15 – 11.00 (45 mins)	Comfort break, coffee and poster session Stratosphere
<b>11.00 – 11.25</b>	<b>Agriculture and agricultural policy in Scotland</b> Professor Steven Thomson, SRUC Biosphere
11.25 – 11.30 (30 mins)	5 minute Q&A
<b>11.30– 11.55</b>	<b>SAC Consulting's mission</b> Mary Thomson, SRUC Biosphere
11.55 – 12.00 (30 mins)	5 minute Q&A
<b>12.00– 12.25</b>	<b>Key programme case study (Scotland's Farm Advisory Service)</b> Chloe McCulloch, SAC Consulting Biosphere
12.25 – 12.30 (30 mins)	5 minute Q&A
12.30 – 13.30 (1 hr)	Lunch Stratosphere
<b>13.30 – 16.00 (2.5 hr)</b>	<b>Workshops (1-9)</b> Includes 30-min comfort break and coffee from 14.30 – 15.00 in Stratosphere <b>*Workshops 3, 8 and 9 in external venues (and coffee provided there)</b>

### Workshop 1

#### **Advisory approaches for climate and resource**

Sarah Erbanova, SAC Consulting  
Annelie Bernhart, FÜAK  
Michael Mayer, FÜAK  
Michael Billensteiner (online), Styrian Chamber of Agriculture  
Ruth Moser, Agridea  
**Biosphere TBC**

### Workshop 2

#### **Agricultural dialogue with society**

Simone Hunziker, Agridea  
Anna Gindl, Chamber of Agriculture of Lower Austria  
Dr. Malt Rubach, FÜAK  
Dr Christian Thalmann, Berner Fachhochschule  
**Room TBC**

### Workshop 3

#### **Young EUFRAS**

Rachel Clancy, Teagasc  
Jack Munro, SAC Consulting  
Bernadette Bennett, Teagasc  
Edgars Dzelme, EUFRAS  
Pablo Asensio, FÜAK  
**Room Holyrood TBC**

### Workshop 4

#### **Diversification, agritourism and consumer trends – adding value to farm businesses**

Claire Sloan, Ardross Farm Shop  
Riddell Graham, Scottish Agritourism  
Calum Johnston, SAC Consulting  
Vicki Miller, Visit Scotland  
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### Workshop 5

#### **New technology & data - tools for advisors**

Mazdak Salavati, SRUC  
Scott Davies, AgreCalc  
Julian Bell, AgreCalc  
Daniel Robinson, Eurofins  
Jim Wilson, Soil Essentials  
**Room TBC**

### Workshop 6

#### **Building resilience in the livestock sector**

Prof Carol-Anne Duthie, SRUC  
Gavin Hill, SAC Consulting  
Dr Markus Rombach, Agridea  
Robert Neil, Upper Nisbet Farm  
**Room TBC**

### Workshop 7

#### **Safeguarding and enhancing our natural resources**

Dr. Lorna Cole, SAC Consulting  
Rory Christie, Dourie Farm and SAOS  
John Farquhar, SAC Consulting  
Christian Werni, Styrian Chamber of Agriculture  
**Room TBC**

### Workshop 8

#### **Importance of cross-visits: preparation and implementation**

Domagoj Gorup, SEASN

Igor Hrovatič, SEASN

Urban Hrovatič, SEASN

Agnes Jakab

Room Holyrood TBC

### Workshop 9

#### **Quantifarm - Advanced Advisory Skills for Farm Advisors in Digital Agriculture Solutions**

Dionysios Solomos, Gaia Epicheirein

Georgios Charvalis, Neuropublic

Room Scottish Poetry Library TBC

16.30 – 19.00 (3hrs)

Retreat time

### Celebratory Dinner

19.00 – 19.30 (30 mins)

#### **Drinks reception**

Stratosphere

19.30 – 21.30

#### **Dinner**

Stratosphere

21.30 – 23.00

#### **Ceilidh**

Biosphere

**[CLOSE OF DAY 1]**

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**Wednesday 11 September 2024 (Field Trip Timings)**

**Field Trip 1: Uplands, Wildlife & SRUC Hill Research**

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- 7.00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

**Field Trip 2: Environmental Initiatives, Organics & Diversified Farming**

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- 7.00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

**Field Trip 3: Arable, Vegetable Production & Regenerative Farming**

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- 7.30pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

**Field Trip 4: Diversification, Tourism & Farm Food Production**

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- 7.30pm Arrive Dynamic Earth

**Field Trip 5: Beef, Sheep, Deer and Dairy**

- 7.30am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- 7:00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

**Field Trip 6: Technology & Improving Livestock Business Performance**

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
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More [information on our field trips](#)

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**Thursday 12 September 2024**

Day 3

<b>09.00 – 09.15 (15 mins)</b>	<b>Welcome to Day 3</b> Andrew Bauer, Conference Host Biosphere
<b>09.15 – 09.45 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Keynote: Scottish seed potatoes: Global challenges and growth</b> Patrick Hughes, SAOS Biosphere
<b>09.45 – 10.00 (15 mins)</b>	<b>2025 Events Update</b> Regine Wiesend, IALB Pablo Asensio, Agridea Biosphere
<b>10.00 – 10.30 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Keynote: Scottish agriculture: Balancing food production, rural livelihoods and sustainability</b> Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture, Scottish Government Biosphere
10.30 – 11.00 (30 mins)	Comfort break and coffee Stratosphere
11.00 – 12.30 (1 hr 30 minutes)	<b>Learnings from our workshops</b> Nominated spokespeople Biosphere
<b>12.30 – 12.45 (15 mins)</b>	<b>Closing and thanks</b> Regine Wiesend, IALB Rui Almeda, EUFRAS Igor Hrovatič, SEASN Andrew Bauer, Conference Host Biosphere
12.45 – 13.45 (1 hr)	Lunch Stratosphere

**[Official Conference Close]**

13:45 - 16:00 (2 hr 15 mins)	Informal networking time and EUFRAS/IALB Meetings
	<b>EUFRAS Meetings</b> Salisbury
	<b>IALB Meetings</b> Ozone

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**Friday 13 September 2024 (Additional Field Trips)**

**Field Trip 1: Loch Lomond, Argyll & Trossachs Loop**

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- 7.00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

**Field Trip 2: Highland Perthshire loop**

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- 7.00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

More [information on our Friday field trips](#)