

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)	Welcome to Day 1 Andrew Bauer, Conference host Biosphere
09.20 – 09.30 (10 mins)	Welcome from IALB, SEASN and EUFRAS Regine Wiesend, IALB Rui Almeida, EUFRAS Igor Hrovatič, SEASN Biosphere
09.30 – 09.45 (15 mins)	SRUC and the Scottish System Wayne Powell, CEO and Principal, SRUC Biosphere
09.45 – 10.15 (30 mins)	Keynote: The role of advice in supporting European agriculture to thrive 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
11.00 – 11.25	Agriculture and agricultural policy in Scotland Professor Steven Thomson, SRUC Biosphere
<i>11.25 – 11.30 (30 mins)</i>	<i>5 minute Q&A</i>
11.30– 11.55	SAC Consulting's mission Mary Thomson, SRUC Biosphere
<i>11.55 – 12.00 (30 mins)</i>	<i>5 minute Q&A</i>
12.00– 12.25	Key programme case study (Scotland's Farm Advisory Service) Chloe McCulloch, SAC Consulting Biosphere
<i>12.25 – 12.30 (30 mins)</i>	<i>5 minute Q&A</i>
12.30 – 13.30 (1 hr)	Lunch Stratosphere
13.30 – 16.00 (2.5 hr)	Workshops (1-6) Includes 30-min comfort break and coffee from 14.30 – 15.00 in Stratosphere

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 Green

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
Salisbury

Workshop 3

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
Biosphere Blue

Workshop 4

New technology & data - tools for advisors

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

Workshop 5

Building resilience in the livestock sector

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

Workshop 6

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
Boardroom

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

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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
- 7:00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

More [information on our field trips](#)

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Thursday 12 September 2024

Day 3

08.30 – 09.00 (30 mins)	Coffee Stratosphere
09.00 – 09.15 (15 mins)	Welcome to Day 3 Andrew Bauer, Conference Host Biosphere
09.15 – 09.45 (30 mins)	Keynote: Scottish seed potatoes: Global challenges and growth Patrick Hughes, SAOS Biosphere
09.45 – 10.00 (15 mins)	2025 Events Update Regine Wiesend, IALB Pablo Asensio, FÜAK Beate Formowitz, LLH Biosphere
10.00 – 10.30 (30 mins)	Keynote: Scottish agriculture: Balancing food production, rural livelihoods and sustainability 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)	Learnings from our workshops Nominated spokespeople Biosphere
12.30 – 12.45 (15 mins)	Closing and thanks Florian Herzog, IALB Rui Almeida, EUFRAS Igor Hrovatič, SEASN Andrew Bauer, Conference Host Biosphere
12.45 – 13.45 (1 hr)	Lunch Stratosphere

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13:45 - 16:00 (2 hr 15 mins)	Informal networking time and additional meetings EUFRAS Meetings Salisbury
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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](#)