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Speaker Biographies and Abstracts

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Alistair M Speedie, Conference Chair Timber Transport Forum Chairman

Alistair Speedie is Group Manager Strategic Planning and Transportation with Dumfries and Galloway Council. His portfolio of responsibilities include Planning and Environmental Planning Policy, Transportation including Public Transport, Strategic Waste Policy and overview of the Council's Waste Management PFI Contract, the Council's Infrastructure Assets including Roads, Structures, Coastline, Harbours, Flood Prevention and Contaminated land.

Alistair is also currently Chair of the Dumfries and Galloway Timber Transport Group and has been Chair of the Timber Transport Forum for the past 4 years. Alistair works closely with CoSLA (the Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities) on Timber Transport matters and was a key player in securing the implementation of the Strategic Timber Transport Scheme and Fund in 2004. Alistair is also Lead Officer of the new South West of Scotland Transport Partnership which is a statutory transport authority formed under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.

Alan McKinnon Logistics Research Centre

Professor Alan McKinnon is Director of the Logistics Research Centre at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. A graduate of the universities of Aberdeen, British Columbia and London, he has been researching and teaching in freight transport and logistics for thirty years and has published extensively in journals, magazines and books.

Alan has undertaken research and consultancy studies for numerous public and private sector organisations in the UK and overseas and been an adviser to several UK government departments, UK parliamentary committees, the European Commission, European Conference of Ministers of Transport, International Energy Agency and OECD.

Much of his research has focused on the environmental impact of logistics. He undertook the cost-benefit analysis of the increase in maximum lorry weights in the UK in 2001, pioneered the development of the UK government's road transport KPI programme and has recently been involved in government studies of CO2 emissions from freight, the case for allowing longer and heavier lorries onto UK roads and ways of cutting the external costs of food distribution. He is currently engaged in a major four-year research project entitled Green Logistics involving six UK universities and numerous companies and government agencies. This project is examining the ways of reducing the environmental footprint of logistical activities.

In 2003 Alan received the Sir Robert Lawrence Award, the highest distinction of the UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport for making a 'major contribution to transport and logistics over a sustained period'.

Alan McKinnon...cont

Presentation: Freight expectations – future opportunities and threats for the logistics sector. >>

The presentation begins by reviewing recent trends in the movement of timber products and then focuses on the five Cs: consumption of fuel, carbon abatement, congested roads, capacity of vehicles and collaboration. High fuel duty in the UK puts our timber sector at a competitive disadvantage especially as transport costs represent such a high proportion of product value. What are the prospects of the current fuel duty anomaly being corrected? The measurement and management of carbon emissions from supply chains is attracting increasing attention. The economics of carbon abatement are currently confusing and uncertain, however. Another topical issue is worsening traffic congestion and the government's efforts in the post-Eddington era to address the issue, possibly through the introduction of road pricing. The government has also commissioned research into the possibility of allowing longer and heavier trucks onto UK roads, a development potentially very beneficial to the timber sector. The issue will be briefly reviewed. Finally, consideration will be given to the growth of interest in supply chain collaboration and its relevance to timber logistics.

Jeremy Callard Atkins

Jeremy Callard is currently employed by Atkins consultants as a senior managing consultant in the Cardiff office. His workload includes direction of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Freight Strategy, transport strategies for Taunton and Gloucester and the development of a package of transport measures for the Olympics in Weymouth. Prior to rejoining Atkins in 2006 Jeremy was employed by Somerset County Council where his role included that of lead freight officer and coordinator for the Somerset Freight Quality Partnership. Whilst working for Somerset Jeremy set up and led the South West Regional Freight Forum which successfully developed a road freight map for the South West which represents an agreed hierarchy of routes for road freight in the region. This map is proving invaluable in negotiations with the mapping and satellite navigation industries.

Jeremy is a Chartered Civil Engineer and Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Presentation: Local transport policy processes and the haulage industry – getting the message right >>

The key themes of Jeremy's presentation will be –

- Local / regional transport plans – what are they, what do they do and how can we use them to our advantage?
 - Prioritisation and constraints in LTPs – which schemes and interventions come first?
 - LTP consultation – just an exercise?
 - Next round of LTPs – themes and opportunities
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Andrew Hemmings

Welsh Assembly Government

Andrew has worked in Transport Wales in the Welsh Assembly Government since 2001. His present responsibilities include Freight, Ports and Shipping, Air Services and Legislation. His interests are railways, rugby, walking and classical and industrial archaeology. He has three children.

Presentation: [Freight in Wales – challenges, changes and initiatives >>](#)

The Wales Freight Strategy is designed to encourage a more efficient and sustainable industry. It was drafted under the auspices of the Wales Freight Group, which brings together representatives of freight operators, transport planners and public authorities. It is consistent with the emerging Wales Transport Strategy with its proposed economic, environmental and social outcomes. The speaker will describe progress on these strategies and their relevance to Timber Transport.

Phil Bowers

University of Edinburgh, Management School

Philip Bowers recently retired from Director of the MBA programme at the University of Edinburgh and continues to teach economics there. A degree in Regional Economics and Planning led to the Ministry of Transport, and studies of the environmental effects of roads. Moved to the University of Edinburgh in 1974, initially to Urban Design and Regional Planning and then to Management School. Interests in transport privatisation, management in the health service, pensions and the ageing population, economics of strategy and the field of pricing and cost management.

Presentation: [Is there money on the Table? >>](#)

Lean production approaches aim to strip out waste by cutting away anything that does not provide consumer value, and so provide more profitable solutions. However, it relies on designing a more efficient system, which might increase rigidity in the face of change. Markets are Darwinian structures with the strong motive of profit driving to greater efficiency.

Market competition might lead to solutions being overlooked when they require cooperation between companies. For a lean market, looking at solutions by cooperation looks to be the profitable area to search.

Paul Dean

Iggesund AB

Paul is the Logistics Manager for Iggesund, based at the paperboard mill in Workington, Cumbria. He joined Iggesund in 2006 and as part of the Central Logistics Team has been engaged in a review of their supply chain activities, with a particular focus on terminal operations and transport solutions.

This is Paul's first venture into the forest products industry. His specialism is logistics and he has held various roles in operational and strategic positions in industries as diverse as food, soft drinks, third party logistics and the automotive sector.

Presentation: [Supply chain collaboration – some practical examples >>](#)

- An introduction to Iggesund - who we are, what we manufacture and product categories and our key markets
 - Our current supply chain with a focus on collaboration with competitors and other industries
 - to include our shared vessel solutions in the Baltic and North Sea
 - shared warehousing
 - shared delivery solutions - UK and Europe
 - Maintaining the relationships, monitoring cost and improving service
 - Challenges for the immediate future and broadening our horizons
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David Murray

JG Russell

David is a materials engineer by qualification and training that specialised in the manufacture of heavy clay products and mineral extraction. During the mid to late 90's David moved into a commercial role with responsibilities for creating a clear long-term transport strategy. He also developed a road and rail strategy for the movement of circa 400,000t's of product annually from Scotland to: predominantly Yorkshire but also Ayrshire and other locations throughout the UK. Since 2000 David has carried out a number of roles in road and rail freight and is the Rail Contracts Manager for John G Russell (Transport) Ltd a Scottish owned transport and logistics company.

Presentation: [Third party logistics – does it have a future in the timber industry >>](#)

David will discuss the origins and definitions of logistics, 3PL and 4PL type of providers, spoke-hub models, cross docking, asset utilisation, types of companies using 3PL's, who should consider using 3PL's and a summary.

Dave Attoe

Colas Rail

Dave Attoe is the New Business Manager for Colas Rail Limited (formerly Amec Spie Rail up to June last year). He joined Amec from the Oil & Gas Industry in March 1998, primarily to project manage the supply of 32 Multi-Purpose Vehicles, commonly known as the MPV's, out of Germany and France, for delivery to Railtrack and subsequently Network Rail. His successful management and delivery of this project, has been continually endorsed ever since, by the high performances of these vehicles throughout the UK on the Annual Rail Head Treatment programmes, for Network Rail.

Before joining Amec, Dave worked for over 20 years in the Oil & Gas industry, mainly on the Design, Build, and Hook up & Commissioning of offshore platforms, and land based installations, throughout Europe, Scandinavia, the Far East, the States, Canada, and of course, last but not least, Scotland.

Presentation: [The practical outlook for timber on rail >>](#)

Dave's presentation will show that Colas Rail, a flexible and innovative company, has moved forward in freight, particularly in the successful hauling of round timber out of the West Highlands, and the NW of England, down to North Wales, over the last 12 months. It will also demonstrate the companies great aspirations to expand its freight capabilities, throughout the Scotland, and the rest of UK, and abroad, whilst passing on to the local communities, the economic, social, and environmental benefits, associated with the transport of freight by rail.

Phil Flanders

Road Haulage Association

Phil was born in Dunkeld and educated at Perth Academy. His first gainful employment was as receptionist in a commercial vehicle workshop in Perth. Following this he had a five year stint in the Royal Air Force as an assistant air traffic controller. From the late 70's he has been involved in the haulage industry starting as a trainee transport manager and, after experience with three other haulage companies, became a director with a medium sized international haulage company in Dundee.

During the early part of 1994, prior to the opening of the Channel Tunnel, Phil took up a position with Eurotunnel with direct involvement with the haulage industries in Scotland, Northern and Southern Ireland. During this time he gained a good knowledge of the ferry industry as part of his remit. Phil's latest career change came in November 1998 when he became the RHA's Regional Director for Scotland & Northern Ireland, now known as the Scotland & Northern Ireland Director. During these early memorable years which included the "Fair Play on Fuel" campaign, the Foot and Mouth outbreak, to name but two, the RHA has been to the forefront in support of their members, led by Phil Flanders. The invaluable international experience gained with Eurotunnel PLC, and the grounding in the industry from a very early stage has empowered Phil Flanders to lead from a position of knowledge.

Presentation: [Dealing with CPC >>](#)

Chris Campbell

Skills for Logistics

Over the last 38 years Chris Campbell has gained experience in all aspects of road freight operations and management. Having worked in the professional haulage, own account and transport trade association fields his knowledge and experience is extensive and diverse.

Some of the qualifications which reflect this vocational experience include:

- Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Transport (FCILT)
- Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (MCIPD)
- Assessor and External Verifier, Scottish Qualifications Authority
- LGV license and International 'O' License holder
- DfT Approved ADR dangerous goods instructor

As National Manager Scotland, Skills for Logistics, Chris is currently utilising his knowledge and experience in the areas of freight transport staff training, assessment and skills development.

Presentation: Professional drivers shortages >>

Chris will discuss professional lorry driver shortages, illustrate some statistical data and suggest some methods that may be considered to help retain staff and attract new entrants to the freight logistics function.

Mike Braithwaite

Traffic Law Consultant

When Mike Braithwaite retired from the police force 12 years ago, he had been there for 31 years, 25 of them lecturing on traffic legislation. In 1985 he specialised in three areas, one being legislation affecting the movement of agricultural vehicles on the road. It was at this time he wrote the first edition of his book on the subject. On his retirement, Mike set himself up as a traffic law consultant, with particular focus on legislation affecting agricultural vehicles. Now he tours the country lecturing on the subject. Mike is a consultant for a number of organisations and manufacturers including NFU, NFU (Scotland), JCB, and the NAAC as well as writing articles for various periodicals including Farmers Weekly, Forestry and Timber News, etc. He runs courses for the haulage industry on tachographs and drivers hours, and is transport manager for a number of small companies.

Presentation: Timber transport and the law – current issues >>

Mikes presentation will cover the following topics:

- Requirements of taking wide and long vehicles down the road
- Lighting
- Marking of projections
- Security of loads
- Memorandum of Agreement - the latest with regard to red and white diesel

Ron Munro

ROADEX III

Ron Munro is a chartered civil engineer with over 30 years experience in the design, construction and maintenance of public roads, mostly in the Highland area. From 1991 to 2005 he was the operations manager for the Sutherland Area of the Highland Council before leaving to set up his own consulting company Munroconsult Ltd.

He has been involved with the ROADEX project since its inception in 1998 and was Project Manager for the ROADEX III Project as a sub-consultant to Roadscanners Oy of Finland."

Presentation: ROADEX - practical road management and maintenance. New solutions to old problems >>

The presentation will give a brief summary of the latest developments from the EU ROADEX Project, including updates on tyre pressure control, vibration in heavy haulage vehicles, and forest road condition management.

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Dean Anderson

Forests NSW (Australia)

Dean Anderson is a Regional Manager for Forests NSW (Australia); responsible for over 65,000ha of Pinus radiata plantation in the Central Tablelands of New South Wales with sales of up to 1.3 million tonnes per annum.

Presentation: Nobody likes Log Trucks no matter where you come from – lessons from, and for, the Antipodes >>

Using his region as the focus of his presentation, Dean will provide an outline of how our antipodean colleagues are managing timber haulage and the associated road network. Dean will also be looking for any lessons that may go in either direction.

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