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2024 AUTUMN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 27 TH & 28 TH NOVEMBER	
RESTORING FORWARDS – BEST PRACTICES FOR RESILIENT NATURE RESTORATION	
SESSION 1. BETTER GOVERNANCE, BETTER OUTCOMES	
Chair: Richard Handley CEcol MCIEEM, CIEEM President	
08:45	Registration & Tea / Coffee
09:30	Welcome and Introduction - Richard Handley CEcol MCIEEM, CIEEM President
09:35	Keynote: International principles and standards for the practice of ecological restoration George Gann CERP, Society for Ecological Restoration and The Institute for Regional Conservation
10:00	Better governance and ways to make decisions about restoration projects Diana Pound CEnv FCIEEM, Dialogue Matters
10.25	Creating successful projects through programmatic action: aligning governance with best practice – a Scottish rainforest case study Julia McCarthy MCIEEM, University of Edinburgh, and Dr Hannah Rudman FBCS FRSA, James Hutton Institute
10:50	Break
SESSION 2. WATER AT THE HEART OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION	
Chair: Jason Reeves CEnv MCIEEM, Head of Policy	
11:20	Recovery and resilience or regression and relapse? The state of Britain's streams and rivers Prof Steve Ormerod CF CEcol FCIEEM FLSW FRSB FRES, Cardiff University Water Research Institute
11:45	Slow, store, filter: water at the heart of climate resilience and nature recovery Dr Stewart Clarke CEcol MCIEEM
12:10	The Wendling Beck Environment Project: involving farmers in nature recovery monitoring Dr Jo Treweek CEnv MCIEEM, eCountability
12.35	Building on breakthroughs: 10 years of practical pond restoration action backed by scientific research. Dr Helen Greaves, University College London / Norfolk Ponds Project

13:00	Lunch
13:15 – 14:00	<p>Drop-in workshop</p> <p>Getting published: a workshop for aspiring ecology authors</p> <p>Phil Dooner, British Ecological Society / Applied Ecology Resources & Dr James Vafidis MCIEEM, Cardiff University</p>
SESSION 3. WORKSHOPS	
14:00	<p><i>Delegates will be asked to choose workshop choices three weeks before the conference. Choose one of four in-person workshops if attending in Cardiff. Online delegates will be able to choose between an online or hybrid workshop. Recordings of online and hybrid sessions will be available after the conference but we are unlikely to be able to record all parallel in-person workshops.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pond restoration workshop Dr Helen Greaves and Prof Carl Sayer, University College London 2. Reflections on Biodiversity Net Gain Dr Justin Byrne MCIEEM, AiDash, and Ellesse Janda, University of Edinburgh 3. Restoring ecologists Dr Kath Allen, Kath Allen Coaching, and Luke Doherty, Mindful Peak Performance 4. Creating a joined-up approach to Invasive Non-Native Species management and Biodiversity Net Gain Daniel Docking, Property Care Association, and Prof Max Wade CEcol CEnv FCIEEM, AECOM 5. Lessons from community-based restoration Chitisha Gunnoo, University of Mauritius, and Gareth Williams, Knepp Wildland Foundation
15:00	Break
SESSION 4. ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TOOLS AND APPROACHES	
Chair: Dr Caroline McParland CEnv MCIEEM, Vice President (Scotland)	
15:30	From sky to insight: revolutionising ecological understanding with remote sensing and AI Lauren Weller MCIEEM, Hannah Williams MCIEEM, and Stephen Marland, AiDash
15:55	Adventures in ecological design and Biodiversity Net Gain - what can be learned from a large-scale green-infrastructure-led housing development? Julian Arthur CEcol MCIEEM, Tyler Grange
16:20	The St Helena Cloud Forest Project Stuart Jennings, RSPB
16:45	Summary and Close Day 1

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SESSION 5: RESTORING NATURE AND PEOPLE

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10:05	Collaborative rewilding: integrating stakeholder interests for optimal ecosystem restoration Cain Blythe, Ecosulis and CreditNature
10:30	Invisible Friends: Can we enhance ecosystem restoration success and human wellbeing through microbial ecology? Dr Jake Robinson, Flinders University
10:55	Good Practice Guidance for Ecological Restoration Dr David Parker CEcol CEnv FCIEEM, and James Hicks CEcol CEnv MBiolSci MCIEEM CIEEM Ecological Restoration Special Interest Group
11:05	Break

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12:35	Lunch
SESSION 7: RESTORING LANDSCAPES	
Chair: Jason Reeves CEnv MCIEEM, Head of Policy	
13:35	Nature recovery or butterfly gardening? Culture clashes on the journey towards landscape scale restoration Richard Barnes MCIEEM and Mathew Frith CEnv MCIEEM, London Wildlife Trust
14:00	The role of brownfield land in nature restoration Alan Carter MRICS FRSA, The Land Trust
14:25	Delivering the gold standard in process-led nature restoration Ivan de Klee, Nattergal
14:50	Break
SESSION 8: RESTORING, REALIGNING, AND REWILDING THE COAST	
Chair: Penny Lewns CEcol CEnv MCIEEM, CIEEM President	
15:20	Wallasea Island: showing why and how to rewild the coast Colin Scott MCIEEM, ABPmer
15:45	The Outstrays to Skeffling Managed Realignment Scheme: delivering landscape-scale intertidal habitat Laura Thomas CEcol MCIEEM, JBA Consulting
16:10	ReMeMaRe – from building foundations to taking practical action for estuarine & coastal habitat restoration Jon Davies, Environment Agency
16:35	Summary and Close