

UK - Belize Association (UKBA)

15th Annual Meeting
28 September 2012

Lecture Theatre
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)

Provisional Programme

- 11.00** **Arrival and registration (Coffee)**
- 11.30 Introduction and Welcome – Chris Minty, RBGE
- 11.45 Opening Address - HE Ms Perla Perdoma, Belize High Commissioner, London.
- 12.15 Upper Raspaculo Reunion Expedition 2011 – Jim Hamersley, JSURRE
- 12.30 The Savanna Environments of Belize - Some Preliminary Ideas on Priority Areas for Conservation. Dr Neil Stuart & Prof Peter Furley, University of Edinburgh
- 13.15** **Buffet Lunch – walk around gardens**
- 14.00 Live Update from Las Cuevas and the Chiquibul Forest – Rafael Manzanero, FCD & Chris Minty, RBGE
- 14.15 The Demise of the Cayo West Special Development Area – Dr Mick Day, University of Wisconsin
- 14.45 The Super Bond Issue – Prof Victor Bulmer Thomas,
- 15.15** **Coffee**
- 15.30 Belize's forests: a carbon source? Insights from the permanent plot network - Percival Cho, Belize Forest Department & University of Lancaster
- 15.50 The Development of Freshwater Monitoring and Assessment in Belize' Rachael Carrie
- 16.10 Wick High School Expedition 2013 – Irene Bews & Ally Sangster, Adventura Scotland
- 16.30 Reflections on the changing face of Belize. – Prof Stephen Blackmore, RBGE
- 17.00 UK-Belize Association Business

Everyone is invited to an informal beer followed by another informal one and so on until sundown or sunset whichever you choose. Details of venue will be announced on the day.

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11.00 Tour of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh by a team of RBGE hosts