

IAKS UK seminar and facility tour

BALANCING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITY, ELITE AND UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

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PROGRAMME

BALANCING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITY,
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The 1,5-day seminar will showcase recently developed facilities of regional and national significance in Edinburgh including the new Meadowbank Sports Centre and Oriam, Scotland's National Performance Centre for Sport. It will also explore the Scottish sporting environment and future issues affecting delivery of sports projects.

The event will focus on the design development and delivery of these two major sporting facilities as well exploring issues in managing the operation of these, and other sports facilities in Scotland, including the challenges of balancing the needs of community, elite sport and universities. It will be an opportunity to hear directly from the teams that have developed, delivered, and are operating these and other similar facilities.

As with all IAKS events, it provides a great networking opportunity for exchange of knowledge and ideas on the development of leading sports facilities.

HOSTS



Jo Mathieson

Head of Facilities
Management,
Edinburgh Leisure



Ross Campbell

Executive Director,
Oriam



Shaun Dawson

Chair, IAKS UK

PANELLISTS



Alan Affleck

RSP Engineering



Ian Cooney

Holmes Miller



Graham Croucher

City of Edinburgh
Council



Jonny Curley

Alliance Leisure



Graham Finnie

Sport Scotland



Jim Grimley

Reiach & Hall Architects



Mark Munro

Edinburgh University



Mark Palmer

Max Fordhams



Nathan Wheatley

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WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, MEADOWBANK SPORTS CENTRE

- 3.00 pm **Arrival teas and coffees**
- 3.10 - 3.15 pm **Welcome from IAKS UK and introduction**
Shaun Dawson
- 3.15 - 3.45 pm **Background and context to the Meadowbank project**
Jo Mathieson, Graham Croucher
- 3.45 - 4.15 pm **Meadowbank design overview**
Ian Cooney, Alan Affleck
- 4.15 - 4.30 pm **Q & A**
- 4.30 - 5.15 pm **Guided tour of Meadowbank Sports Centre**
- 5.15 pm **Close and depart**
- 7.30 pm **Evening drinks and dinner (optional)**

THURSDAY, 18 APRIL, ORIAM, HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY

- 10.00 am **Arrival teas and coffees**
- 10.15 - 10.30 pm **Welcome and Introduction to IAKS and the day**
Shaun Dawson
- 10.30 - 11.00 pm **Oriam project background and overview**
Ross Campbell
- 11.00 - 11.30 pm **Context of Scottish elite sporting facilities**
Graham Finnie
- 11.30 - 12.30 pm **Oriam design overview**
Jim Grimley, Nathan Wheatley, Mark Palmer
- 12.30 - 2.00 pm **Lunch and guided tour of Oriam**
- 2.00 - 3.00 pm **Presentation - Showcasing recent Scottish sports facility projects**
Jim Grimley, Ian Cooney
- 3.00 - 4.00 pm **Panel Discussion – The Scottish sporting environment, future challenges and opportunities affecting delivery of projects and operation of facilities**
Ian Cooney, Graham Finnie, Jo Mathieson, Jonny Curley, Mark Munro
- 4.00 pm **Closing remarks and depart**
Shaun Dawson
- 4.30 - 6.30 pm **Drinks / Networking**

For delegates who would like to extend their networking, we recommend continuing your discussions over a drink at the Marriott Hotel Heriot-Watt University after the formal close of the event at 4.30pm.

KEY INFORMATION

BALANCING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITY,
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HOW TO GET THERE

Meadowbank Sports Centre

London Rd, Edinburgh, EH7 6AE

Oriam

Heriot-Watt University
Edinburgh, EH14 4AS

BY AIR

Edinburgh Airport

BY TRAIN

Waverley train station, Central Edinburgh

PARKING

There is limited public parking at both venues and delegates are recommended to use public transport options, where possible.

OTHER TRANSPORT OPTIONS

Oriam is located circa 30-40 minutes' drive from central Edinburgh, close to Edinburgh Airport.

There are various bus routes or taxis available from the city centre. (Bus 25 from city centre to "Heriot Watt Campus". Bus 34 and 35 from city centre to "The Avenue")

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are kindly requested to make their own hotel arrangements to suit their requirements.

DELEGATES

Public and private operators, sports organisations, universities, architects, building contractors and other consultants.

REGISTRATION FEES*

IAKS members:	EUR 120 (GBP 99)
Public sector:	EUR 140 (GBP 120)
Non members:	EUR 175 (GBP 150)

* Cancellations are free of charge until two weeks before the seminar, after which a cancellation fee of 50% will be charged.

ORGANISER

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