

SCTA News – Summer 2011

Welcome to the third newsletter from SCTA July 2011

Annual Dinner 12th May 2011 The George Hotel Edinburgh

This year's Annual Dinner was held in May for the first time and proved to be a great success with the numbers attending up on the previous year. The venue in The George Hotel is ideal for the event with its central location and catering of a very high standard.



George McNeill, the After Dinner Speaker, was a great success and regaled the audience with stories of his sporting career which spanned the world from Tranent to Australia. The formalities finished in plenty of time for the guests to network.



Building on the success of 2011 and keen to keep the momentum going the Board have decided that there will be a dinner next year in May.

Members please note this date for your 2012 diary:

SCTA Annual Dinner 10th May 2012 **The George Hotel Edinburgh**

With demand expected to be high and a limit on the tickets available it is recommended that you book your requirements as early as possible with the secretary.

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The Board met on 29th June and agreed the following programme for the next 18 months

2011/2012 Diary

Oct 2011 – 6th/7th European Commodity Exchange
Rotterdam

Nov 2011 – Members Forum &
Presentation on the Bourse
Date and Venue to be confirmed

Jan 2012 – Burns Supper
Grassic Gibbon Centre, Laurencekirk

Mar 2012 – Trade Awareness Course

May 2012 – 10th Annual Dinner
The George Hotel, Edinburgh

Jul 2012 – AGM & Mini Conference
Date and venue to be confirmed

Oct 2012 – 4th/5th European Commodity Exchange
Edinburgh

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT LA PETITE FOLIE, 9 RANDOLPH PLACE EDINBURGH ON WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2011 AT 12.30.

Attending:

Finlay Calder, Alex Kellet, Andrew Mackay, David Munroe, Gordon Smith, Allan Macaulay, Drew Cochran

Apologies:

Andrew Lindsay, Keith Golesworthy, Blane Paterson, Nigel Cook

The directors extended their deepest sympathy to Nigel Cook on the death of his mother.

The meeting opened with a general discussion on this year's Annual Dinner which was moved to May for the first time. The consensus was that the dinner had been very successful with numbers up on the previous year and that everyone attending had enjoyed the venue, the meal and the entertainment. The feedback from guests had been positive with many who had come a distance staying on in Edinburgh for a few days. The meeting felt that the change of date would help to attract more foreign visitors who would spend some time in Scotland and May was a much more attractive time of year. After discussion it was agreed that the Annual Dinner would take place on 10th May 2012 in The George Hotel.

Membership

The number of new companies joining the Association was encouraging and the directors were keen to see many more being approached including businesses in transport, ship broking and aquaculture. Drew Cochran would continue to follow up any approaches made by the directors to encourage new companies to join.

European Bourse

Andrew Mackay led a discussion on the SCTA involvement at the Bourse in Edinburgh and how it was an opportunity to showcase Scottish Agriculture and related industries to the world market. It was agreed in principal that there should be a SCTA stand at the Bourse on Friday 5th October in Edinburgh which would be the vehicle that many related

industries could use to promote their involvement in Scottish Agriculture. Some of the associations mentioned were SWA, NFU, Scottish Beef, Scottish Lamb, Agricultural Colleges, AIC Scotland.

It was agreed that Alex Kellet and Drew Cochran would attend this year's Bourse which will be in Rotterdam in October and bring back their views on how best the SCTA could showcase Scotland in 2012.

Accounts

The 2010 Accounts were discussed, in particular the interest earned, and approved.

Proposed by Alex Kellet and seconded by Alan Macaulay

Approved unanimously

New Director

Billy Davidson of Davison Bros (Shotts) Ltd.

Proposed by Andrew Mackay and seconded by Gordon Smith

Approved unanimously

Retiring Directors proposed for re-election

Alex Kellet put his name forward for re-election

Proposed by Finlay Calder and seconded by Alan Macaulay

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Approved unanimously

Andrew Mackay put his name forward for re-election and President of the Association

Proposed by Finlay Calder and seconded by Alex Kellet

Approved unanimously

Programme of Events

After discussion a general programme of events was agreed to cover the next 18 months (see diary on front page)

There being no more business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair at 2.15pm.

In the absence of Nigel Cook the minutes were taken by Drew Cochran.

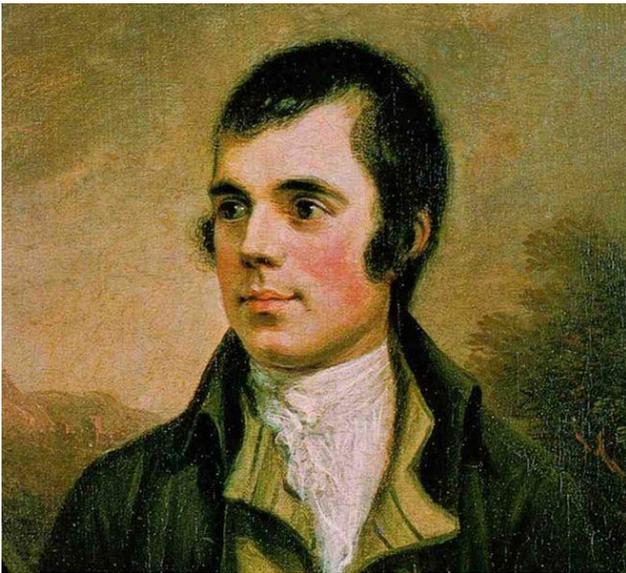
SCTA Burns Supper

Wednesday 25th January 2012

Grassic Gibbon Centre

Laurencekirk

Tickets £35.00 per head



The Grassic Gibbon Centre sits in the very heart of the beautiful Mearns countryside, the spiritual home of **Lewis Grassic Gibbon**.



It celebrates the life, work and times of James Leslie Mitchell, the novelist of the Mearns, better known by his pen name Lewis Grassic Gibbon.

The Board are indebted to Jim Brown of W. N. Lindsay for putting together a fantastic programme of entertainers to make this inaugural event so special.

This is an opportunity for members to bring along wives, partners and guests for an evening of fun and fellowship while celebrating Robert Burns on Burns Night.

The maximum number the hall can accommodate is 100 and as there is already a keen demand for tickets please place your orders now.

There are no set tables as we will be sitting long tables which means you can purchase a few tickets as required.

Ticket Orders:

Drew Cochran

Milleur House, 11 Strathearn Road, North Berwick, EH39 5BZ.

Tel: 01620894689

E-mail: drew@milleur.demon.co.uk

There are local hotels in Stonehaven, Montrose and Edzell if you require accommodation.



The Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association (The Committee) has been granted the honour of organizing and hosting the 51st European Commodity Exchange 2011 in the Port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

The Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association would like to thank the sponsors, the organizing task force and Port of Rotterdam for all contributions.

Main Sponsors

Already a group of sponsors has taken the lead as main sponsors of the 51st European Commodity Exchange Rotterdam 2011.

These companies are:

Cargill B.V.

Cefetra B.V.

Nidera Handelscompagnie B.V.

Peterson Control Union Group

Schutter Rotterdam B.V.

SGS Nederland B.V.

Alfred C. Toepfer International

Programme

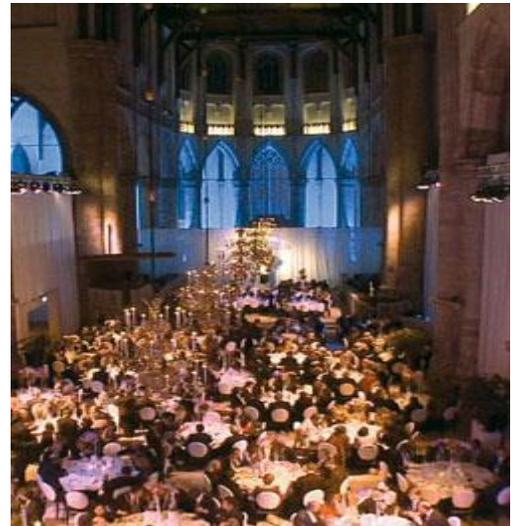
Thursday 6 October 2011

15:00- 19:00 h.	Registration desks open
19:00- 24:00 h.	Cocktail and Gala Dinner Laurens Church

Friday 7 October 2011 Exchange Day

09:00 - 17:00 h.	Social Programme
09:00 - 11:00 h.	Pre Registered and prepaid Participants: Hand out of documents, entry vouchers, etc. New registrations
12:30 - 14:00 h.	Lunch organized within AHOY-complex
09:00 - 18:00 h.	AHOY - Rotterdam Exchange Venue

Gala Dinner



Gala dinner on 6th of October in Laurens Church, catered by Maison van den Boer

The Saint Laurens Church has been the most important church of Rotterdam. Built between 1449 en 1525, the Laurens Church is the only remaining late gothic church from medieval Rotterdam. The Laurens is a symbol for the history of Rotterdam. In the past, one could buy citizenship by payment of 3000 stones for the construction of the tower. The pictures of the church, which was ruined in the Second World War, with the tower still standing, followed by its full reconstruction, became symbolic for what happened to the city and inhabitants. The Laurens is still an impressive representative of history in the midst of the modern architecture of 'Manhattan at the river Maas'.

Table bookings: Companies wishing to entertain customers at this excellent Gala Dinner are advised to book tables of at least 10 persons. Purchase and payment for 10 places is required, which is equivalent to a table.

Social Programme

Apart from its harbour, Rotterdam has many interesting things to offer and during ECE/Rotterdam 2011 on the 7th of October Holland Tour Guides will be your Guides!

09.00 h Join the bus at the collection point and enjoy! The collection point is planned for Hilton Hotel, to be confirmed. The following time schedule is indicative.

9.15 - 10.15 h. Coffee and pie



The Netherlands are known for their windmills and you will visit these in the romantic setting of Kinderdijk!

10.30 - 14.00 h. Boat tour and lunch

It is time to board the lounge boat. Your HTG guide will lead you through the lovely old industrial properties. While cruising on the Nieuwe Maas and the Lek, you will hear about the worthwhile sites you will come across on our way. You will moor at Kinderdijk after about an hour. There are no less than 19 mills, proclaimed World Culture Monuments by Unesco. These mills are still inhabited and we will of course look at one up close. When cruising back you will see the imposing skyline of Rotterdam! The lunch will be served on the boat!



14.00 - 15.15 h Rotterdam bus tour

When back from the boat, Holland Tour Guides invite you to an impressive bus tour through the Maas city. The bus takes you along imposing pre war specimens such as the glasses of Van Nellefabriek and Huis Sonneveld (the "New Build") and the top architecture dating from after the war such as the Kunsthal, the Erasmus Bridge, the Groothandelsgebouw, the well-known Kubus houses and the New Luxor Theatre.

15.15 - 15.45 h. Drink and typical Dutch snack

15.45 - 16.00 h. Continue the tour with a visit to the Euromast



16.00 - 17.00 h. Visit Euromast

The Euromast is an absolute landmark with over 50 years of history. The Euromast Sky Tower is the height pride of Rotterdam and is visible from almost anywhere within the city. Who doesn't want to visit 328 ft. (100 meters) height tower with a spectacular 360 degree view on one of Europe's largest harbours, the city of Rotterdam and the Maas river bridges including Willemsbrug and Erasmusbrug? You can enjoy an incredible sight in the Euroscope.

17.00 - 17.30 h. Transfer

Unfortunately the cultural day has come to an end.

Price € 90 (excluding Dutch VAT 19%) and including:

- Professional English speaking tour guide
- Bus transfer (pick up / drop off 1 hotel in Rotterdam)
- Coffee & pie
- Boat trip
- Lunch buffet
- City tour of Rotterdam by bus
- Drink and snack
- Visit Euromast

Registration

The online registration will be closed on the 3rd of October 2011. You will receive an 'early bird' visitor registration price of €175,-- until the 30th June 2011.

After this date you will pay € 195,-- excluding Dutch VAT (19%).

Booking

Electronic booking of special offers like lunch, social programme and gala dinner are subject to capacity or will end on the 16th of September 2011 at the latest. You are invited to make reservations for the attractive lunch offer to ensure enough capacity.

You will have to register as participant/visitor through a special portal which requires identification of yourself and the company to which you belong. After this identification process you will receive a personal ID code. This will enable you to book the various offers like subscription as visitor, the booking of stands, catering, gala dinner and /or social programme. Having your company logo in the catalogue and advertisements can also be booked. Each booking will automatically be followed by an invoice, to be paid within 14 days after issuing date. With the ID code you can add further bookings at later stage, but no modifications will be accepted automatically.

Cancellation

In the event of cancellations: a refund of the registration fees less an administrative fee of € 50,-- will be issued if a written cancellation is received prior to the 31st of July 2011. Thereafter no refunds can be issued. All cancellations or changes must be forwarded in writing to The Committee. Once you have confirmed your registrations and various purchases, this portal will not support cancellation options, only additional purchases can be edited/ordered through the web portal. Any cancellation is subject to The Committee acceptance.

Further details on the layout, furniture and other arrangements regarding a stand or table, as well as sponsorship or a company table at the gala dinner will be exchanged and confirmed by separate e-mail correspondence with the organisation (The Committee).

Payments

All bookings will be invoiced and payment by bank transfer requested. Invoices will be sent by electronic mail for all bookings made using the portal. For other services you will receive tailor-made invoices, based on the portal personal registration data. If payments are not received by the 3rd of October 2011 you will have to pay in cash or by credit card during registration in Rotterdam on the 6th or 7th of October 2011. You will be charged an additional administration fee of € 25,--. In the unfortunate event of double payment, the excess sum will be refunded after the events.

Publishing you contact details

If you register before the 9th of September 2011, your contact details will be included in the directory of participants. Thereafter no further registrations can be considered for the official directory of participants (catalogue). With registrations between the 9th of September 2011 and 3rd of October 2011 your contact details will only be listed in the special newspaper edition distributed at the ECE venue. If you requested to have your logo published in the list of participants, this logo must be provided to the Committee before the 9th of September 2011. No logos can be included in the special newspaper edition. Please read about the various options for advertisement in the catalogue or newspaper in [‘Sponsoring & Publicity’](#)

If you have any questions regarding your registration please contact via e-mail at info@ece-rotterdam2011.nl or read the manual for registration in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#) or [Spanish](#) .

The Committee will be glad to welcome you and to provide you with further information.

On-site registration will take place at WTC, Rotterdam on Thursday the 6th of October 2011 15.00 h – 19.00 h and Friday 7th October 2011 from 8.00 h. at the Ahoy Convention Centre. Please expect delays for onsite registration. We accept the following payments: Credit Cards, Dutch PIN and cash in €.

Registration Fees:

‘Early bird’ Registration Fee (until the 30th June 2011)

€175,-- (excl.19% Dutch VAT)

Late Registration Fee (from 1st July, 2010)

€195,-- (excl. 19% Dutch VAT)

Gala Dinner

€150,-- incl. VAT

Exchange lunch

€ 60,-- incl. VAT

Social Programme

€ 90,--(excl 19% Dutch VAT)

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