



GATE - International Opening Conference **Building new opportunities for timber**

Aberystwyth, Wales - 21 April 2005

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Presentations

- 9.30 am Coffee and registration
- 10.00 **Introduction & Welcome**
- 10.20 **Introduction to GATE and GATE regions** - Anne Roberts (GATE project manager)
- 10.40 **Welsh Assembly Government policies towards timber and sustainable construction** - Ian Layzell, (WAG official with responsibility for construction policy and procurement advice)
- 11.15-11.45 Coffee break & browsing displays.
- 11.45 **What can timber do?** - Dr Vahik Enjily - (Director of Centre for Timber Technology & Construction at the Buildings Research Establishment)
- 12.30 **Open Forum** - Questions for speakers from the morning sessions.
- 12.45 - 1.45 Networking lunch
- ## **Discussion workshops**
- 2pm Feedback from site visit participants and introduction to workshop sessions.
- 2.30 **Workshops.** 4 parallel workshops looking at the themes of the project - perception, policy, technical and economic issues which affect the use of wood in construction. Your opportunity to influence ideas and topics, future exchanges and site visits through GATE for the next 3 years.
- 4.15 **Closing session**
- 4.45-5.45 **Optional town tour**, guided walk looking at some of the Aberystwyth Timber Trail sites, with Nigel Petts, Coed Cymru.