

ASSG Conference 2026 – Corran Halls, Oban

“Scottish Cultivated Shellfish – The Growth Agenda”

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Presentations Programme (Timings are approximate and speakers may change without prior notification)

October 21st

10:30 – 12:00	Delegate Registration / <i>Refreshments</i>
12:00	Conference Welcome – Nick Lake
12:15	ASSG – Forty Years of Shellfish Growth – David Jarrad
12:40	“Best Scottish Shellfish” – Judging begins – Nicki Holmyard together with Michael Leathley, Tim Bean, Eleanor Adamson and David Jarrad
12:50	<i>Buffet Lunch</i>

The International Perspective

14:00	Prospects for Bivalves in Iceland – Julius B. Kristinsson
14:25	Developments in New Zealand – Julien Vignier (Webinar)
14:50	Marking the ASSG 40 th Anniversary
14:55	<i>Refreshment Break</i>

Production Innovation

15:40	The GSF Hatchery – Josie Chandler / Tom Hollingsworth
16:05	Native Oyster & Genetic Selection – Tom Ashton
16:30	Science and Bivalves – Lewis le Vay
16:55	<i>Refreshment Break</i>

Assisting Commerce

17:15	The OysterGro Experience – Steen Gunderson
17:25	OCCAMS & Environmental Data Reporting – Keith Davidson
17:35	What’s Under Your Lines? – Christian Berger
17:45	Mussel Spat Data Collection – Gregg Arthur

ASSG 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Awards

19:00	Rockfield Centre, Oban PA34 5DQ
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08:30 *Refreshments*

09:00 Conference Welcome – **Nick Lake**

Future Growth Prospects

09:15 Marine Trees Regenerating the Environment – **Jon Dickson**

09:40 Phytoplankton, HABs and Bivalves – **Matthew Holland**

10:05 Promoting the Farming Sector – **Kelly Wright**

10:30 *Refreshment Break*

Early Career Researchers Workshop - Update

11:00 Bivalves and Climate Change Resilience – **Roslin Inst. Team**

Getting the Message Across

11:15 Oystering! – **Bobby Groves**

11:25 Monetisation of Oyster Ecosystem Services – **Carmel MacDougall /
Stephen Martinelli**

11:50 Fulfilling Consumer Demands – **Amy McMath / Katie Carslaw**

12:15 **The RNLI Prize Draw**

12:30 Conference Closing Remarks – **Nick Lake**

12:45 *Buffet Lunch*