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 / *Refreshments*
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	*Buffet Lunch*

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 40th Anniversary
14:55	*Refreshment Break*

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	*Refreshment Break*

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	The Fishouse Restaurant, Old Railway Pier, Oban

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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*