



The Arboricultural Association's  
53rd Annual Amenity Arboriculture Conference

**8-11 September 2019**  
**University of Exeter, UK**

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Crown and canopy management – *working with nature*

Our 2019 Conference is based around the theme of tree crown and canopy management. This is a very broad subject area and touches on our daily working lives at every level in our profession.

We invite submission of papers on this central theme to explore one or more of the following:

### Natural function

- Anatomy
- Architecture
- Physiology / Biomechanics
- Biology
- Phenology
- Decay / colonisation
- Latent organisms
- Stem defence
- Pathogens / pests / diseases
- Root to shoot ratio
- Ecosystem services

### Pruning methodologies

- Formative
- Reduction
- Thinning
- Crown lift
- Retrenchment
- Pollarding
- Coppicing
- Natural pruning
- Drop crotch
- Bonsai

### Governance, guidance and application

- Purpose, aims, outcomes
- British Standards
- International standards
- Technical guidance
- Tree access
- Climbing techniques
- Work positioning
- MEWPs
- Tools
- Techniques
- Measurement and evaluation

### Challenging current practice

- Why do we prune?
- Storm damage
- Veteranisation
- Stubs
- Response
- Species differential
- Epicormic and adventitious growth
- Utility arboriculture
- Root pruning
- Propping and bracing

AA Members, partners, national and international colleagues are invited to submit papers and ideas under these themes, for presentation at the conference. Most presentations will last no longer than 30 minutes, but longer practical demonstrations and workshop sessions will also be welcomed. Research posters will also be accepted.

Proposals should be sent to [events@trees.org.uk](mailto:events@trees.org.uk) and include the following information:

1. Name
2. Job title and organisation (if relevant)
3. Brief biography (no more than 100 words)
4. Title of session
5. Subject area
6. Abstract – a summary of content of up to 300 words
7. Proposed presentation type (e.g. **Lecture theatre:** PowerPoint, video, audio only; **Outside:** Practical workshop, demonstration, tour, etc, **Poster session**)