



# Invitation to a *Phytophthora ramorum* awareness training session

An outbreak of the tree disease caused by *Phytophthora ramorum* (P. ramorum) was confirmed in Welsh Assembly Government woodlands in south Wales in late May 2010. P. ramorum is a fungus-like pathogen that kills most trees that it infects. It was found on Japanese larch trees in south west England last year. The outbreak in woodlands in the Afan Valley, near Port Talbot, Garw Valley, near Bridgend, and the Vale of Glamorgan is the first time it has been encountered on larch elsewhere in Great Britain.

In order to raise awareness within the forestry sector, Forestry Commission Wales and FERA (Food and Environment Research Agency) are organising three training sessions to be held at:

St Asaph, Denbighshire  
Newtown, Powys  
Garwnant, Merthyr Tydfil

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

The sessions will be held in the morning and will last approximately 3 hours and may include a site visit. We would encourage all woodland managers to attend and help us to identify and control the spread of the disease which is now infecting a significant area of larch stands in south Wales.

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