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The 3rd EFLM-UEMS Congress

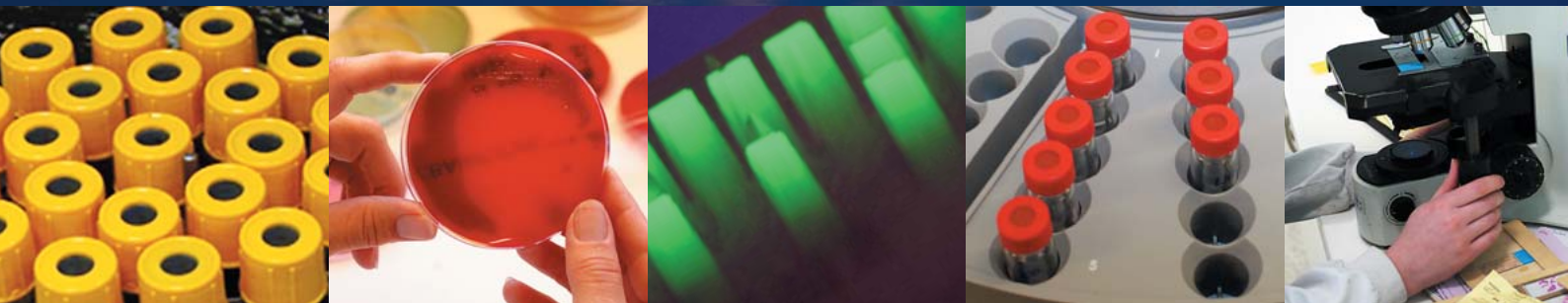
Laboratory Medicine at the Clinical Interface



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Invitation to Participate



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Abstract deadline: 23rd May 2014
Early registration: 1st August 2014

Liverpool, UK • 7-10 October 2014
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Welcome

Welcome to Liverpool, welcome to the third joint conference of the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS) and the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine (EFLM), hosted by the Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine, and incorporating Focus 2014.

Founded in 1958, UEMS is the representative organisation for 1.6 million medical specialists in 34 countries across Europe. Established in 2007, EFLM incorporates EC4 and is the European region of IFCC. Both organisations' objectives are to promote and improve science and education within the field of laboratory medicine, both are dedicated to improving patient outcomes through the highest standards of laboratory medicine practice.

This Invitation to Participate brings together Europe's Specialists in Laboratory Medicine in a scientific programme that focusses on laboratory medicine's practice and contribution to health and healthcare across Europe. Where do we overlap in what we do? Where do we differ? What can we learn from each other? The conference is geared to a programme that reflects our roles at the clinical interface and stimulates us to consider how we can enhance our contribution.

Save the dates! Keep an eye on our web site (www.eurolabfocus2014.org) for the latest updates on the scientific programme, registration information, bursary awards and news breaks as they happen. We look forward to meeting old and new friends in Liverpool in 2014.



Dr Lena Norlund
President, Section of Laboratory Medicine - Biopathology, UEMS



Dr Ian Watson
Chair, Scientific Programme; President, EFLM



Gilbert Wieringa
Chair, Local Organising Committee, ACB

Liverpool

Following Lisbon (2010) and Dubrovnik (2012), Liverpool is proud to be the host city for this congress series. Appointed a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004 as well as The European Capital of Culture in 2008, Liverpool is a thriving, bustling conurbation at the heart of North West England.

We are delighted that Liverpool's BT Convention Centre will act as host venue. Opened in 2008, it is a beautiful waterside location close to the Grade 1 listed Albert Docks (home to Tate Liverpool and The Beatles Story), Liverpool One shopping centre and the famous ferry across the Mersey. The Walker Art Gallery is home to a stunning collection of paintings and sculpture from the 13th century to the present day. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra is the UK's oldest surviving professional symphony orchestra dating from 1840 and gives over 60 concerts each season in its home town under the leadership of Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko.

From time out at a waterfront cafe to wining and dining in the cultural quarter, the choice is endless. With 5,000 rooms in luxury and budget hotels within walking distance of the centre, a good night's sleep is never far away.

The scientific programme

Outlined over pages 4-5, the programme is designed to appeal to individual laboratory medicine disciplines as well as a strong cross-disciplinary theme focussing on the patient's interaction with laboratory medicine. Topics include Patient empowerment, Childhood diabetes, Presenting data for patients, a debate on 'over-the-counter' point of care testing, and Tackling the alcohol epidemic. The programme includes poster rounds, awards for best posters and oral presentations.

A training & continuous education programme

Geared towards emerging topics this two-day package (see page 4) complements the main science programme and has been put together by the ACB Education Committee to appeal to both trainees and those wishing to supplement their continuous professional development in areas that may not be part of their specialist interests. A special participation rate is offered for delegates wishing to participate in both this and the full scientific programme.

Commercial exhibition and industry sponsored workshops

For industry, the conference is the key platform for engaging delegates from laboratory medicine disciplines across Europe. Participation packages include opportunities for wider



involvement and promotion. Liverpool's BT Convention Centre allows easy access to exhibitors wishing to launch their latest advances in technology. The exhibition hall will form an integral part of the scientific programme.

Partners

The organisers are delighted to welcome Beckman Coulter, Randox, Roche Diagnostics and Abbott Diagnostics as our commercial partners. We are also grateful for the early support from the National Health Service, the Royal College of Pathologists, the Institute of Biomedical Science, the British *in vitro* Diagnostics Association (BIVDA) and the European Diagnostics Manufacturers Association (EDMA).

Continuous Professional Development

The conference will be registered with the CPD schemes of the Royal College of Pathologists, the Institute of Biomedical Science and the European Accreditation Council for Continuous Medical Education.

Abstract Submission

Guidelines for poster abstracts

Abstracts should be received on or before **Sunday 23rd May 2014**. All presenting authors must register as delegates for EuroLabFocus 2014. Abstracts are invited for submission via the website www.EuroLabFocus2014.org.

The abstract title must not exceed 20 words and the text should not be more than 300 words. Figures and tables should not be included in the abstract.

Abstracts must:

- state the specific aim of the study
- state methods used, if pertinent
- summarise results obtained
- state conclusions reached
- statements such as 'data will be presented' or 'results will be discussed' will lead to rejection.

The Scientific Programme Committee and the Editor of *Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine* will review all submitted abstracts. Their decision is final. Corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance by 1st July 2014. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in *Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine*.

Oral Presentations

Submitting authors may be invited to present their work during the conference. Authors submitting clinical cases may be invited to present in the Clinical Cases session on Friday 10th October.

Social Programme

Tuesday 7th October

Welcome Reception at the Museum of Liverpool, 1915 – 2100 hours

Opened in 2011, the Museum of Liverpool reflects the city's global significance through its unique geography, history and culture. Visitors can explore how the port, its people, their creative and sporting history have shaped the city. Delegates will have an opportunity to explore the museum during the Welcome Reception. Drinks and a buffet will be served.

The Welcome Reception is included in the registration fee but please tick the box to confirm your attendance. www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

Wednesday 8th October

Exhibition Reception, 1800 – 1930 hours

For delegates and diagnostics industry representatives alike, a chance to relax after the day's events before venturing out to see the sights in and around the conference centre and hotels. Drinks and nibbles will be served.

The Exhibition Reception is included in the registration fee but please tick the box to confirm your attendance.

Focus Fringe

Pan Am Bar, Albert Dock, 2100 hours 'till late

An annual event for Focus conferences pulling together ageing lab rockers and budding singers in a succession of blues and rock bands that never quite made it to the top of the charts but knew how to have a good time. Book early, it's usually a sell-out! If you have musical talent and would like to join a band or sing then please tick the box on the registration form and the organisers will contact you.

www.panambarliverpool.co.uk

Five-a-side football

If you are interested in playing football on Wednesday evening, please tick the box on the registration form and we'll be in touch with more details.

Thursday 9th October

Conference Celebration The Floral Hall, Southport

A stunning venue with magnificently restored art deco features across two levels, the Hall is situated along the coast close to Liverpool. Transport to the venue will be by 'double-decker' buses, evening entertainment to include live music.

Ticket Price: £30 inclusive of VAT

www.southporttheatreandconventioncentre.com/rooms/floral-hall



Training & continuous education programme

Monday 6th October

- 1030 **Registration/coffee**
- 1100 **Principles and clinical applications of mass spectrometry**
Joanne Adaway, Laura Owen, Brian Keevil, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 1215 **The application of MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry in medical microbiology**
Rebecca Gorton, London, United Kingdom
- 1315 **Lunch**
- 1400 **Infection-related gastro-intestinal disorders**
Norovirus detection and typing tools for diagnosis and outbreak tracking
Miren Iturriza-Gómara, Liverpool, United Kingdom
Identification, diagnosis and management of norovirus infection
Derren Ready, London, United Kingdom
- 1445 **Immune-related gastro-intestinal diseases**
Diagnostic testing in Oral Allergy Syndrome, pernicious anaemia, coeliac disease and Crohn's disease
Matthew Helbert, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 1530 **Tea**
- 1600 **Histocompatibility and immunogenetics testing to support transplantation**
Susan Martin, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 1715 **Close**
- 1900 **Dinner**

Tuesday 7th October

- 0900 **Unravelling blood gas disorders**
William Marshall, London, United Kingdom
- 1000 **Understanding electrolyte disorders**
Andrew Day, Bristol, United Kingdom
- 1100 **Coffee**
- 1130 **Clinical applications of immunoglobulin measurements**
Immunoglobulin IgG4 sub-classes
Ross Sadler, Oxford, United Kingdom
Free and Heavy Lite chain measurements
Berne Ferry, Oxford, United Kingdom
- 1245 **Lunch**
- 1330 **Next generation sequencing in diagnostics, stratified medicine and molecular profiling**
Mike Griffiths, Valerie Davison, Birmingham, United Kingdom
- 1445 **Tea**
- 1515 **Clinical cases**
Danielle Freedman, Luton, United Kingdom
- 1630 **Close**

Scientific Programme

Tuesday 7th October

- 1730 **Opening Ceremony** *The Mayor of Liverpool*
- 1800 **Opening Plenary:** (18.45 finish)
Patient outcomes: the effect of the healthcare system
Sir Muir Gray, Oxford, United Kingdom

Wednesday 8th October

- 0845 **Parallel Symposia:**
- Patient empowerment**
Patient monitored renal function after transplantation
Paul van den Boog & Mrs M de Vries, Leiden, The Netherlands
Enabled patient access to their medical records
Amir Hannan, Manchester, United Kingdom
Patient focused laboratory medicine
Wijtze Oosterhuis, Heerlen, The Netherlands
- Assessment of iron status**
Hepcidin
Dorine Swinkels, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
Iron overload
Pierre Brissot, Rennes, France
Functional iron deficiency
Lothar Thomas, Frankfurt, Germany
Soluble transferrin receptor
Kari Punnonen, Kuopio, Finland
- Clinical implications of regulation, or the lack, on implementation**
Failed implementation of IVD Standards - rebuilding the system from scratch
Linda Thienpont, Ghent, Belgium
The industry view of regulation
Jesus Rueda, Brussels, Belgium
Mandation of ISO 15189: why?
Michel Vaubourdolle, Paris, France
- 1045 **Coffee Break, Exhibition**
- 1055 **Industry Sponsored Workshops**
- 1145 **Plenary:**
Stem cell transplantation
Einsele Hermann, Würzburg, Germany
- 12300 **Lunch, Exhibition, Poster Rounds**
- 1400 **Plenary:**
Tackling the Diabetes Epidemic
David Leslie, London, UK
- 1445 **Coffee Break, Exhibition, Posters**
- 1515 **Parallel Symposia:**
- Childhood diabetes**
Childhood diabetes as a worldwide epidemic – but why?
Mikael Knip, Helsinki, Finland
How can we intervene to prevent or cure?
Johnny Ludvigsson, Linköping, Sweden
Management of childhood diabetes – is modern technology the solution?
David Dunger, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Presenting data for patients

Non-numeric data presentation
Craig Webster, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Computer generated interpretation for professionals and patients?

Paul Trienekens, Breda, The Netherlands

Patient online: patient data, views and thoughts
Imran Rafi, London, United Kingdom

The recognition of professional qualifications across Europe

An overview of EU Directive 2005/36/EC: the recognition of professional qualifications across Europe
Theodoras Koutroubas, Brussels, Belgium

Modernising scientific careers: achieving common training frameworks across laboratory medicine
Sue Hill, London, United Kingdom

The implications of EU Directive 2005/36/EC for specialists in laboratory medicine
Edwin Borman, Shrewsbury, UK

Education and training in laboratory medicine in the United States
Gene Herbek, Nebraska, United States

1730 Debate: (18.30 finish)

Does over-the-counter POCT harm health?
Margaret McCartney, Glasgow, United Kingdom

Over the counter POCT: a patient focus
Caroline Finucane, London, United Kingdom

Thursday 9th October**0845 Parallel Symposia:****The post analytical phase & patient safety**

Communication with Clinicians
Sverre Sandberg, Bergen, Norway

Critical Test Values in Europe
Eva Ajzner, Nyíregyháza, Hungary

Quality assessment of interpretation
William Marshall, London, UK

Transplantation

Monitoring immunosuppression
Teun van Gelder, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Markers of rejection
Christophe Legendre, Paris, France

Tolerance signature
Hans Dieter Volk, Berlin, Germany

Vitamin D: controversies

Vitamin D Assays: what should be used?
Annemieke C Heijboer, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Vitamin D and bone health
Bill Fraser, Norwich, United Kingdom

New aspects of Vitamin D and health
Paul Lips, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1045 Coffee Break, Exhibition**1055 Industry Sponsored Workshops****1145 ACB/AACC Transatlantic lecture
22 and you: the impact of genomics on patient care**
*Gregory J Tsongalis, Lebanon, NH, USA***1230 Lunch, Exhibition, Poster Rounds****1400 Plenary:
Why don't laboratory information systems work like my lap-top?**

Jonathan Kay, Oxford, United Kingdom

1445 Coffee Break, Exhibition, Posters**1515 Parallel Symposia****Impact of innovative practice in Europe**

The Swedish experience
Per Simonsson, Malmö, Sweden

The French experience
Gilbert Faure, Nancy, France

The Czech experience
Tomas Zima, Prague, Czech Republic

Neuroimmunology

Pathophysiology of multiple sclerosis
Lars Fugger, Oxford, United Kingdom

Autoantibody markers in neurobiology
Angela Vincent, Oxford, United Kingdom

Immunotherapy in Neurological Diseases
Hans-Peter Hartung, Duesseldorf, Germany

Future trends in laboratory medicine

Genetic screening in the 21st Century
Martina Cornel, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Handheld lab-on-a-chip
Angel Rios, La Mancha, Spain

Smartphone based personal health diagnostics
Samual Sia, New York, USA

1730 Debate: (18.30 finish)**The role of HbA1c in the diagnosis of diabetes mellitus**

Pro: *Jens Petter Berg, Oslo, Norway*

Con: *Eric Kilpatrick, Hull, United Kingdom*

Friday 10th October**0845–1045 Parallel Symposia:****Biomarkers that matter**

Clinical application of biomarkers of ethanol misuse
Anders Helander, Stockholm, Sweden

Which biomarkers matter in oncology?
Ulf Hakan Stenman, Helsinki, Finland

The latest in cardiac biomarkers
Paul Collinson, London, United Kingdom

Clinical cases

Selected from abstract submissions

Hot topics in microbiology

The growing issue of antibiotic resistance with a focus on multi resistant gram negatives
Patrice Nordmann, Paris, France

Controversies in investigation and management of C difficile
Kate Gould, Newcastle, United Kingdom

Device related infections and biofilms
Andrej Trampuz, Berlin, Germany

Impact of new viral infections eg coronavirus
Maria Zambon, London, United Kingdom

1045 Coffee Break, Exhibition**1055 Industry Sponsored Workshops****1145 Plenary:
Tackling the alcohol epidemic**
*Sir Ian Gilmore, Liverpool, United Kingdom***1230 Closing Ceremony****1300 Lunch** (14.00 finish)

Registration information

All attendees are strongly advised to register in advance of the meeting.

All delegates registered to attend from Tuesday – Friday will receive the following:

- Delegate Pack including the Handbook, Abstract Book and other associated materials
- Name Badge permitting access to all plenary and parallel sessions
- Access to the Exhibition and Industry Sponsored Workshops
- Refreshments throughout the meeting
- Admission to the Welcome Reception
- Admission to the Exhibition Reception

One Day Registrations

One day registrations include:

- Delegate Pack including the Handbook, Abstract Book and other associated materials
- Name Badge permitting access to all sessions on the day attended
- Access to the Exhibition and Industry Sponsored Workshops on the chosen day
- Refreshments on the chosen day

Please note that the Conference Celebration is not included in any of the registration fees.

Registration

Registration will open on Monday from 1030 – 1700 hours for the training day. Registration for the conference will open from 1500 hours on Tuesday and will continue throughout the meeting, opening from 0800 – 1700 hours daily.



Participants with special needs should contact the Conference Secretariat in advance for assistance.

Registration Fees

To take advantage of the reduced registration rates, all registration forms must be returned by 1st August. The registration fees are listed on the Registration Form on page 7.

Payment

Payment of fees or a purchase order must accompany all Registration Forms. Registration will not be confirmed until payment is received. All payments must be in POUNDS STERLING using one of the following methods:

1. Credit Card/Debit Card (online only)

This is the preferred method of payment. The following credit cards are welcome: Visa, Mastercard. Unfortunately American Express and Diners Cards cannot be accepted.

2. Personal or Company Cheque (drawn on a UK bank)

Payment by personal or company cheque will only be accepted if drawn on a UK bank. Payments should be made to The Association for Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine.

3. Invoice/BACS (accompanied by Institutional Purchase Order Number)

Delegates requiring invoices should provide a purchase order number and invoice department/address if different from the Address for Correspondence on the registration form. Invoices will not be issued before receipt of a purchase order number. See page 7 for bank details

PLEASE NOTE: NO OTHER METHODS OF PAYMENT CAN BE ACCEPTED

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be sent in writing or e-mailed to the Focus Secretariat:

Registration fees:

Cancellations received on or before 1st August 2014 – an administration fee of £50 will be deducted from any refund issued. Cancellations received after 1st August 2014 – no refunds will be issued.

Hotel Accommodation.

Cancellations received on or before 1st August 2014: no charge will be made. Cancellations received after 1st August 2014: hotels will deduct from your credit card an amount up to the value of the duration of the stay booked.

Accommodation

We have secured accommodation at a number of hotels close to the BT Convention Centre.

To secure your accommodation you must provide a credit card number. Card details will be forwarded to the hotel to secure your booking. Please ensure that your card is valid at the time of the meeting or your accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Rates are quoted per room, per night and include breakfast and VAT at the prevailing rate, unless otherwise stated.

Staybridge Suites, Liverpool

Single/Double Occupancy - £108.00

Wi-Fi: Free

Distance to Convention Centre: On-site

Studio suites equipped with kitchen (stove, microwave, fridge and toaster). Breakfast also available in the Hub Kitchen. 24-hour Pantry selling snacks, ready meals, beers and wines.

Jury's Inn, Liverpool

Single Occupancy - £115

Double/Twin Occupancy - £125

Wi-Fi: £5.00 for 1hour/£10.00 for 24 hours

Distance to Convention Centre: On-site

Just a ten minute walk from Liverpool Central Train Station. Albert Dock is also a short walk, offering a range of bars, restaurants and attractions.

Holiday Inn Express, Liverpool

Single/Double Occupancy - £90

Wi-Fi: Free

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.12km

Converted from a red-brick warehouse in Liverpool's iconic Albert Dock. It is a short walk from the ACCL. Complimentary buffet breakfast with hot and continental options.

Ibis, Liverpool

Single Occupancy - £95

Double/Twin Occupancy - £105

Wi-Fi: Free

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.18km

Each bedroom offers satellite TV and the cafe serves light meals 24 hours a day and there is a bar in the hotel. The hotel has a car park.

Hampton by Hilton, Liverpool

Single/Double Occupancy - £114

Wi-Fi: Free

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.24km

Next to the famous King's Dock Mill, this hotel offers outstanding value within walking distance of restaurants, bars, museums and popular attractions. Bar, snack shop and underground car park.

Hilton, Liverpool

Single Occupancy - £145

Double/Twin Occupancy - £155

Wi-Fi: £15.00 for 24 hours, free in public areas

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.3km

A stylish, modern hotel in the heart of the Liverpool One leisure development. Amenities include bar, restaurant and 24 hour fitness suite.

Marriott, Liverpool

Single Occupancy - £115

Double/Twin Occupancy - £125

Wi-Fi: £15 for 24 hours, free in the bar area

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.48km

Set in the art and cultural district overlooking vibrant Queen Square. Recently refurbished, with a leisure club and indoor pool.

Thistle, Liverpool

Single Occupancy - £120

Double/Twin Occupancy - £130

Wi-Fi: Free

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.48km

Thistle Liverpool, Atlantic Tower is located on the edge of the historic Albert Dock. Newly refurbished.

Doubletree by Hilton, Liverpool

Single Occupancy - £130

Double/Twin Occupancy - £140

Wi-Fi: Free

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.6km

A luxury four-star hotel opened in 2013, featuring a luxurious spa, swimming pool and relaxation zone, as well as a restaurant, residents' lounge and a bar. Free shuttle services to the BT Convention Centre.

Radisson BLU, Liverpool

Single Occupancy - £125

Double/Twin Occupancy - £135

Wi-Fi: Free

Distance to Convention Centre: c. 0.7km

With striking interiors and rooms with modern amenities. Try the Italian infused cuisine at Filini restaurant and relaxing drinks at White Bar. Also features the ARK Health and Fitness centre.

Registration Form

Please register on-line at: www.eurolabfocus2014.uk

Alternatively, please complete this form using BLOCK CAPITALS and return with payment to:

EuroLabFocus 2014, c/o Meeting Makers, Block 4, Unit 4, Kelvin Campus, West of Scotland Science Park, 2317 Maryhill Road, Glasgow G20 0SP, UK

Tel: +44 (0) 141 945 6880 Fax: +44 (0) 141 945 6899

Email: eurolabfocus@meetingmakers.co.uk

(There is a link to a currency exchange web site through the EuroLabFocus web site)

Personal details

Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other

First name

Family name

Job title

Organisation

Address for correspondence

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City

Post Code Country

Tel

Email

Twitter

Personal Requirements

(please give details of any dietary requirements or concerns relating to visual or hearing difficulties, access or allergies, etc.):

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Registration Fees (per person)

Training/CPD Programme Fees (6th–7th October)

- Early registration (prior to 1st August) £240
 Registration (after 1st August) £280
 On site registration £350

Combined Registration Fees – Training/CPD Programme and Conference (6th–10th October)

- Early registration (prior to 1st August) £550
 Registration (after 1st August) £600
 On site registration £750

Conference Fees (7th (evening only) and 8th-10th October)

- Early registration (prior to 1st August) £370
 Registration (after 1st August) £410
 On site registration £480

One Day Fees (8th, 9th, or 10th October)

- Early registration (prior to 1st August) £140
 Registration (after 1st August) £175
 On site registration £190

One Day Registrations only – please tick which day you are attending:

- Wed 8th October Thurs 9th October Fri 10th October

Parallel Symposia (cost included in registration fees)

Please indicate which parallel symposia you are likely to attend (this does not commit you to these sessions):

Wednesday am

- Patient empowerment
 Assessment of iron status
 Clinical implications of regulation, or the lack, on implementation

Wednesday pm

- Childhood Diabetes
 Presenting data for patients
 The recognition of professional qualifications across Europe

Thursday am

- The Post analytical phase & patient safety
 Transplantation
 Vitamin D: controversies

Thursday pm

- Impact of innovative practice in Europe
 Neuroimmunology
 Future trends in laboratory medicine

Friday am

- Biomarkers that matter
 Clinical cases
 Hot topics in microbiology

Sub-Total Registration Fees

£.....

Social Events

All delegates must book for social events they wish to attend. There is a £30 supplement (inclusive of VAT) for the Conference Celebration. There is no supplement for the other events.

Please tick the events you would like to attend

- Trainees' Dinner (included in Training Day Registration Fee)
 Welcome Reception Tuesday 7th October (No supplement)
 Exhibition Reception Wednesday 8th October (No supplement)
 EuroLabFocus Fringe Wednesday 8th October (No supplement)
 Five-a-side Football Wednesday 8th October (No supplement)
 Conference Celebration Thursday 9th October (£30 per ticket)

Sub-Total Social Events

£.....

TOTAL FEES

£.....

Accommodation Booking Procedure

Your credit card details will be forwarded to the hotel to secure your booking. Please ensure that your credit card is valid at the time of the meeting, otherwise your accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

Availability of accommodation and the price of rooms cannot be guaranteed after 1 August 2014. Please see the cancellation policy on the registration information page.

Accommodation Preference

Name of Hotel

Arrival date Departure date No of nights

Room type:

- Single occupancy Double occupancy Twin occupancy

To secure your accommodation you must provide a credit card number. A link will be sent to you to enter your credit card details securely.

Payment

Payment by Credit/Debit Card

If you wish to pay by credit card please tick the box and you will be sent a link to enter your credit card details into the on-line system.

Payment by Personal or Company Cheque

Please complete all cheques in Pounds Sterling made payable to 'The Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine'.

Payment by Bank Transfer

Swift (BCI) Code : MIDL GB21 05W

IBAN : GB07MIDL 400212 70116211

Bank Sort Code : 40-02-12

Bank Account Number : 7011 6211

Bank Account Name : Association for Clinical Biochemistry

Bankers : HSBC Bank, 281 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4HJ

Please ensure we receive the full amount **without any** loss for exchange or bank charges which you must accept, to allow us to process your booking. Also please quote your name in full as the bank reference.



Getting there

By air

- **Liverpool John Lennon Airport** is 7 miles from the city centre and offers flights with Easyjet, Flybe, Ryanair and Wizz Air.
- **Manchester Airport** is the main airport for the North West and offers a wider range of airlines and routes (including Air France, British Airways, KLM, Lufthansa, easyjet, SAS, Alitalia and Ryanair). There is a direct rail link from Manchester Airport to Liverpool city centre – the journey takes one hour.
- Liverpool is just two hours from London city centre by train so you may also consider **Heathrow** or **Gatwick Airports**. It is also two hours by train from **Birmingham Airport**.

By rail, taxi, bus, ferry

- London to Liverpool rail service 18 times per day, journey time 2 hours 18 minutes
- Rail connections from all major UK cities with Liverpool Lime Street, a 15 minute walk from the venue
- Black cab taxis and frequent bus services to and from the venue
- Ferry passenger services from Belfast, Dublin, Isle of Man

By car

- Local motorway networks
- Extensive car parking facilities surrounding the venue

Accessibility

- All venues are Disability Discrimination Act compliant

Things to do and see

For those with time to spare there are a number of interesting places to visit within walking distance of the BT Convention Centre.

The Albert Docks

Situated in the largest group of Grade I listed buildings in the UK, the Albert Dock is showcased in a World Heritage, water front setting, the most popular free tourist attraction in the Northwest and is home to the Tate Liverpool, The Beatles Story, The Slavery Museum and The Maritime Museum. www.albertdock.com

Tate Liverpool

Home of the National Collection of Modern Art in the North of England, and the most visited gallery of modern and contemporary art outside London. Tate Liverpool is housed in a beautiful converted warehouse in the Albert Dock. www.tate.org.uk/liverpool

International Maritime Museum

Discover the story of the Titanic, learn about the Battle of the Atlantic and marvel at Liverpool's maritime past. www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime

The Walker Art Gallery

Home to a stunning collection of paintings and sculpture from the 13th century to the present day. www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker

Liverpool's cathedrals

Both the Catholic and the Anglican cathedral are buildings of outstanding beauty open to visitors during the day and sometimes in the evening for specials events and concerts. www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk
www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

The International Slavery Museum

The only national museum in the world dedicated to the history of the transatlantic slave trade and its legacy, addressing issues such as freedom, identity, human rights, racial discrimination and cultural change. www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/slavery

Magical Mystery Tour

For the best Beatles tour of Liverpool step aboard the colourful Magical Mystery Tour bus for a fun and fascinating two hour tour of Beatles' Liverpool. www.visitliverpool.com/buy-tickets

The Williamson Tunnels

The Williamson Tunnels Heritage Centre is dedicated to 19th Century philanthropist Joseph Williamson, one of Liverpool's most eccentric characters. Visitors can take a guided tour through a section of the network of tunnels and view exhibits and displays which depict his life and times. www.williamsontunnels.co.uk

Beyond Liverpool

If you are planning a holiday around the conference, we suggest that you visit www.visitbritain.com.

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