

Bone and Tooth Society Annual Meeting

University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham

4-5 July 2005

Information for delegates

Programme

Please refer to the meeting web site for programme updates. The final programme will be posted on the Bone and Tooth Society web site at www.batsoc.org.uk from April 2005.

Abstracts will be published in the *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research* and will be available for delegates to collect on arrival at the meeting.

Venue

The meeting will take place in the **Avon Room, University Centre**, University of Birmingham, A38 Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT (number 29 on the enclosed Visitors' Map).

Accommodation

If you are staying at the University there are two options:

1. If you are arriving on Sunday evening, please go straight to the Halls of Residence. You will need to go to **Shackleton Hall** (no 75 on Visitor Map) and collect your room key from the porter. **You will be staying in Chamberlain Hall** (no 77 on Visitor Map).
 - Breakfast on Monday morning will be at 08.00-09.00 in Shackleton Hall.
 2. If you are arriving on Monday, please go straight to the meeting and register. A bus will be available at the end of the day's sessions to take you to Shackleton Hall, where you can pick up your room key. Once you have picked up your key it is a short walk to Chamberlain Hall, where you will be staying.
 - Breakfast on Tuesday morning will be at 07.15-08.00.
- Luggage storage will be available at the meeting
 - All bedrooms are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, towels and toiletries
 - Iron and ironing boards are available on request
 - A bar in Shackleton Hall will be open on Sunday and Monday evenings
 - All the bedrooms have telephones with the facility to access the internet; you will need to register to use this service - contact details will be in your room
 - Check-in – rooms available after 15.00
 - Check-out – room to be vacated by 10.00. There is a charge of £40 for unreturned keys.
 - Taxi – if you need a taxi, please call TOA Taxis on 0121 427 8888

Bus transfers for residential delegates

Please refer to the enclosed Visitors' Map, which also includes campus plans showing the Halls of Residence and University Centre (numbers 75/77 and 29 on the campus plan).

Bus transfers will be organised as follows:

Monday 4 July

- 18.00 From meeting to Shackleton Hall (key pickup, then short walk to Chamberlain Hall)
- 19.30 From Chamberlain Hall to Botanical Gardens for Annual Dinner
- 22.30 From Botanical Gardens to Chamberlain Hall

Tuesday 5 July

- 08.00 From Chamberlain Hall to meeting

Disabled access

Disabled access is available. It would be helpful if you could let Janet Crompton know in advance if you may require any special assistance during your stay in Birmingham.

Emergencies

- **Fire:** Action to be taken in the event of fire as detailed on the notice in your room. Please read this as soon as possible.
- **Accidents:** If you are involved in an accident of any kind please report to the duty manager or telephone the reception in Shackleton on extension 839 4040 or 0121 257 4040 externally.
- **Emergency Medical Assistance:** Call for an ambulance by dialing 44444 to reach the security office and inform the duty manager.
- **Other Medical Assistance:** Contact the University Health Centre on telephone number 0121 687 3055. The surgery is open from 8.45am – 5pm Monday to Friday, after this time and at weekends a recorded message will give you instructions on how to contact a designated Doctor.

Please inform Reception on arrival of any difficulties you may experience in the unlikely event of an evacuation, (eg hearing or walking difficulties).

Insurance and security

Subject to their statutory rights, neither the Bone and Tooth Society nor the University will accept any responsibility for accidents to delegates while at the meeting, or for damage to, or loss of, their personal property. Delegates are requested to reduce the risk of thefts by not leaving valuables unattended on University premises.

Smoking

There is a no smoking policy within the University.

Contact information

You can contact the meeting secretariat during the meeting at telephone +44 (0)121 415 8400 or fax +44 (0)121 415 8406.

In case of emergencies, messages can also be left for delegates with the hall reception on telephone 0121 257 4040/4050.

Registration

Registration will be in the Avon Coffee Lounge, 1st Floor, University Centre.

The registration desk will be open as follows:

Monday 4 July : 09.30-18.00
Tuesday 5 July: 08.00-17.00

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The meeting is approved for CPD credits. Please be sure to sign the register and collect a certificate if you would like to claim your points.

Bone and Tooth Society Annual Dinner

Monday 4 July 2005

The Bone and Tooth Society Annual Dinner will take place at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. A bus will leave Chamberlain Hall of Residence at 19.30, returning at 23.00.

Parking is available at the venue.

For those making their way by taxi, please ask for the Birmingham Botanical Gardens at Westbourne Road, Edgbaston.

Travel

Please see the Bone and Tooth Society website at www.batsoc.org.uk for full travel information and useful links.

By air

Birmingham is serviced by Birmingham International Airport.

The airport is used by many airlines, but the two main budget ones are Flybe and Ryanair. Flybe has many direct flights to Birmingham including those from Belfast, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

By train

There are regular train services to Birmingham from all parts of the country and from continental Europe via the EuroTunnel.

By road

Birmingham is centrally located to the M1, the M5, the M6 and the M40. Journey time approximately 2 hours from London.

Approaching from the NW or SE along the M6, leave at Junction 6 (signposted Birmingham Central) to join the A38 (M). At the end of the motorway keep to the right, go over a flyover, then through three underpasses to join the A38 Bristol Road. The University is on your right two and a half miles from the City centre.

Approaching from the M42 North, leave at Junction 8 to join the M6 northbound and follow the instructions above.

Approaching from the SW, leave the M5 at Junction 4 (signposted Birmingham SW) to join the A38. The University is on the left of the A38 Bristol Road approximately eight miles from the motorway.

The approach to the University through the southern suburbs can be confusing. From the M40, it is easier to turn south on the M42 and leave at Junction 1, heading north on the A38 Bristol Road. The University is approximately eight miles from the motorway.

Car parking

Parking on campus will cost £0.80 per day, pay and display, with access to the South Car Park being via the East Gate. Both the South Car Park and the East Gate are marked on the [map](#). Free parking is available at Chamberlain Hall for those staying on campus.

For more detailed travel information please see the enclosed Visitors' Map.

Oxford bone meetings

Finally, if there is sufficient interest, we will be organising transport at the end of the meeting to take delegates to Oxford for the Workshop on Advances in Molecular Pharmacology (6-7 July) and International Symposium on Paget's Disease (8-9 July) – see details on the web at www.paget.org.uk. Please could you let me know if you are interested?

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