

43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology

A Joint Meeting with the Renal Association

2 - 5 September 2009, University of Birmingham, UK



Joining Instructions

Thank you for your registration for the 43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology, a joint meeting with the Renal Association, 2-5 September 2009, University of Birmingham, UK.

Please find below some important information relating to your attendance at the meeting.

How to get there

By air: *Birmingham International Airport:*

With more than 50 airlines flying from over 100 destinations Birmingham is easy to get to from all over Europe and beyond. Birmingham International Airport is located eight miles from the city centre.

Air-Rail Link provides a free, fast connection between the airport terminals and Birmingham International Railway Station. Air-Rail Link operates every two minutes (journey time 90 seconds). Birmingham International railway station has frequent services to New Street Station in the city centre (journey time around 15 minutes). Please see instructions below concerning transfer from New Street to University station.

Contact Birmingham International Airport on: Tel: +44 (0) 870 733 5511; website: www.bhx.co.uk

By rail: Most cross-country services to Birmingham arrive at *New Street Station*. A train service runs every 10 minutes between Birmingham New Street Station and the University Station on the university campus. The centre of the main campus is a five-minute walk from *University Station*.

Contact National Rail Enquiries on: Tel: +44 (0) 845 748 4950; website: www.nationalrail.co.uk

By coach: There are frequent express coach services to Birmingham from London's Heathrow and Gatwick Airports, and many UK cities. The long-distance coach station is in Digbeth in the city centre.

Contact National Express on: Tel: +44 (0) 870 580 8080; website: www.nationalexpress.com

By car: Approaching from the North West or South East 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 some underpasses to join the A38 Bristol Road
- The University is on your right, two and a half miles from the city centre

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Approaching from the M42 north:

- Leave at Junction 8 to join the M6 northbound and follow the instructions above
- Approaching from the south west:
- Leave the M5 at Junction 4 signposted Birmingham SW) to join the A38
- The University is approximately eight miles from the motorway

Approaching 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

By bus: The number 44 bus leaves from Birmingham New Street Station and goes to the Vale every 20 minutes.

By taxi: The journey by taxi from the airport to the University takes approximately half an hour. There are taxi ranks at New Street Station and throughout the city centre. The journey to the University takes about ten minutes.

Useful taxi numbers:

A2B Taxi – 0870 803 3271 (UK only) from overseas, please call +44 (0) 121 733 3000

Birmingham Taxi - +44 (0) 121 775 0017

Public transport passes:

For public transport information and to purchase travel passes whilst in Birmingham, please use the following link www.centro.org.uk.

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General Information

Accommodation:

Conference Park, Mason & Shackleton Halls of Residence

Delegates who have booked accommodation on site should note that rooms are basically equipped. Tea and coffee making facilities are available, however rooms do not contain a TV, Mini Bar, Hairdryer or an Iron/ Ironing Board.

Conference Park:

All guests booked into the Conference Park, must collect their keys from the main reception at Lucas House.

Check in – 15:00

Check out – 10:00

Breakfast is served in the dining room of Lucas House, from 07:15 – 09:15.

Dinner – if you would like to make a reservation at either of the dining rooms, you must book beforehand at the reception in Lucas House.

The Conference Park has the following facilities:

- All rooms have an en-suite bathroom with towels, shower gel & shampoo included
- 2 bars
- 2 dining rooms
- Reception in Lucas House open 24hrs a day

Parking is available at the Conference Park and guests who are staying can obtain a parking pass from the main reception.

Wifi internet access is only available in public areas of the Conference Park but it is free of charge. To gain access, please visit the Conference Park reception desk.

Shackleton & Mason

All guests booked into either Shackleton or Mason, must collect their keys from the **main reception in Shackleton building**.

Check in – 15:00

Check out – 10:00

Breakfast is served in Shackleton building only, from 07:15 – 09:15. Guests staying at Mason will need to walk to Shackleton for breakfast (3-4 minute walk).

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Parking is available by both halls at a cost of £1 per day.

Internet is available via wired connection in each room but is not included in the room rate. To gain access, you will need to provide a CAT 5 or 6 cable and a computer. Once you have gained access, you will be asked for payment details. The daily charge for internet is £7.00. Further instructions will be provided on site.

Shackleton building has the following facilities:

- 24 hour concierge
- All rooms have a private bathroom with towels, shower gel & shampoo included
- Bar
- Shops
- Cash machine
- Laundry

Please note that the shuttle bus to the conference venue stops outside Shackleton.

Mason building has the following facilities:

- All rooms have a private bathroom with towels, shower gel & shampoo included

Currency

GBP sterling is the official currency of the UK. The current exchange rate with the Euro is £1 GBP = 1.15 Euro (as of 12 August 2009).

Contacts

For queries on site, please contact:

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Certificates of attendance / Continuing Medical Development

The 43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology has been awarded with CPD accreditation from The Royal College of Physicians. A total of 18 credits will be available for delegates attending the entire conference. Further details will be provided when you arrive at the conference.

Certificates of attendance are only available after the event for those who complete the evaluation forms before departure.

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Electricity

240 volts AC, 50Hz, square three-pin plugs are standard. You are advised to bring your own adaptors with you.

Internet

There is Wifi access available in the following areas in the University campus:

- Arts Faculty
- Aston Webb Building
- Nuffield
- Munrow Sports Centre
- University House

To gain access, please contact the ESPN registration desk in the Aston Webb reception area for log in details.

Leisure Facilities

The University of Birmingham offers extensive leisure facilities at the Munroe Sports Centre.

- Fitness suite with extensive cardiovascular, resistance and free weights equipment
- 25M Indoor Pool
- Squash Courts
- Tennis Courts

Opening times:

Monday – Friday – 07:00-22:00

Saturday & Sunday – 08:00 – 20:00

Contact:

University of Birmingham Sport

Munroe Sports Centre

University of Birmingham

Edgbaston

Birmingham B15

Telephone: +44 (0) 121 414 4117

Email: munrow@bham.ac.uk

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Exhibition Opening Times

Location – University Centre: Avon Lounge

Please note the following opening times:

Wednesday 2 September	18:30 – 21:30
Thursday 3 September	08:00 – 18:15
Friday 4 September	08:00 – 18:30
Saturday 5 September	08:00 – 15:30

Poster Sessions

Poster Boards will be located in the Avon Lecture Theatre, University Centre. Due to the number of posters, each presentation has been allocated **one day** to display their poster – this information was sent to presenters prior to the conference. Please contact the conference secretariat if you require this information again. A full poster plan listing the location of each poster will be available in the programme & abstract booklet (which can be collected at the registration desk).

Information on set-up / take down times for each day is listed below

Poster display date	Set up from	Take down from	Take down by
Thursday 3 September	Wednesday 2 Sep 17:30	Thursday 3 Sep 17:00	Thursday 3 Sep 18:30
Friday 4 September	Friday 4 Sep 08:00	Friday 4 Sep 16:00	Friday 4 Sep 19:00
Saturday 5 September	Saturday 5 Sep 08:00	Saturday 5 Sep 17:00	Saturday 5 Sep 18:15

Posters not removed by the take down deadline will be removed and disposed of.

Poster Boards

Poster boards are 200cm high x 100cm wide (2m x 1m) and are Velcro receptive. A limited supply of Velcro will be available for presenters.

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Moderated Poster Sessions

Some of the posters have been selected for moderated poster viewing – poster presenters who have been selected have received information on the moderated session for their presentation – a summary of all moderated sessions are listed below.

Date	Moderated poster session 1	Moderated poster session 2
Thursday 3 September	13:30 – 14:15	
Friday 4 September	13:00 – 13:45	13:45 – 14:30
Saturday 5 September	13:00 – 13:45	13:45 – 14:30

Poster presenters should ensure that they stand by their poster during their session – Presenters will be invited to give a 1-2 minute summary of the major findings described in the poster. After the presentation the moderator will lead the discussion with other participants who will congregate around your poster.

Registration

The main registration desk will be located in the **Aston Webb** Reception area, in front of the Great Hall and will be open as follows. Delegates can pick up their badge and delegate bag from the registration desk. You must ensure that badges are worn at all times when at the conference.

Wednesday 2 September	10:00 – 21:00
Thursday 3 September	07:45 – 18:00
Friday 4 September	07:45 – 18:00
Saturday 5 September	07:45 – 18:00

For delegates registering for the Young Nephrologists' Symposium on Wednesday 2 September, registration will also be in the **Aston Webb** reception area.

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Shuttle Bus On Campus

A shuttle bus marked with the ESPN logo will run between University Train Station, the University Centre (for the conference), Conference Park and Vale (for Mason & Shackleton Halls) at certain times during the congress. Buses will operate on a ½ **hourly** basis between the first and last coaches.

**All times are approximate*

Date	First Coach				Last Coach			
	Station	University Centre	Conf Park	The Vale	Station	University Centre	Conf Park	The Vale
Wed 2 September	15:00	15:05*	15:10*	15:20*	21:30	21:35*	21:40*	21:50*
	First Coach				Last Coach			
Thursday 3 September (am)	07:50*	07:55*	07:30	07:40*	09:50*	09:55*	09:30	09:40*
Thursday 3 September (pm)	17:10*	16:45	16:50*	17:00*	19:10*	18:45	18:50*	19:00*
	First Coach				Last Coach			
Friday 4 September (am)	07:20*	07:25*	07:00	07:10*	09:20*	09:25*	09:00	09:10*
Friday 4 September (pm)	17:40*	17:15	17:20*	17:30*	19:40*	19:15	19:20*	19:30*
	First Coach				Last Coach			
Saturday 5 September (am)	07:20*	07:25*	07:00	07:10*	09:20*	09:25*	09:00	09:10*
Saturday 5 September (pm)	15:40*	15:15	15:20*	15:30*	17:40*	17:15	17:20*	17:30*

Social Events

Welcome Reception:

The ESPN 2009 Official Opening Lecture will take place on the evening of Wednesday 2 September 2009 in the Great Hall at the University of Birmingham. All delegates are welcome to attend. After the official Opening Lecture delegates are invited to join the Welcome Reception, which will take place in the Noble Room, Staff House.

Opening lecture: Great Hall
18:30 – 19:45

Welcome Reception: University Centre
20:00 – 21:30

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Tours

City tour - Friday 4 September only (please note the tour on 5 September has been cancelled).

Departing from the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at - 18:30

Returning to the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at -19:45

At the end of the tour, the coach will be returning to The Barber Institute of Fine Arts, however it will be stopping in the city centre for anyone not wanting to return to the University immediately.

Time

GMT + 1

Weather

The UK is subject to changeable weather. September can be a warm and sunny month, but is also subject to windy, sometimes cold and wet conditions. You are advised to bring some warm and waterproof clothing, **especially an umbrella.**

Average temperature in September: 65° F 17° C. Average rainfall in September: 1.5 inches

Young Nephrologists' Symposium Course

Wednesday 2 September

Registration will be in the **Aston Webb** reception area on Wednesday 2 September from 10:00.

If you have registered for this course, separate information will be sent directly to you.

Contacts

Conference Secretariat

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