

The Society of Anaesthetists



of the South Western Region

Autumn Meeting 2010

Brasserie Blanc, Bakers & Cutlers Halls

Cabot Circus, BRISTOL

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th November 2010

August 2010

Dear Colleague

The summer is nearly over and the time has come to register for the Autumn meeting of the Society.

This year's offering, organised by the Southmead department of Anaesthetics, promises to be a fantastic meeting with a wide variety of speakers and topics set within the medieval banqueting halls in Raymond Blanc's Brasserie in Bristol.

Please submit your study leave and registration form NOW **to arrive with Kate Prys-Roberts by 4th October** as we need to have fairly accurate numbers for our suppliers. (Applications after that are welcome but will require a lot more work at our end – so please send your form in promptly!)

Meeting Venue

The academic meeting will take place from Thursday morning until Friday teatime in the Cutlers Hall, next to Brasserie Blanc in the Quakers, Bristol. Registration and coffee will take place in the Bakers Hall (part of the same complex) across a small courtyard. Both halls and the Brasserie itself were built in the 13th and 14th century as a monastery and have been renovated into beautiful halls. You may have passed them as they are just a hundred yards or so from the new 'Cabot's Circus' shopping centre at the bottom of the M32.

Further travel details are given below.

Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved at two hotels in the city. The Future Inn is a short walk from the venue; the Hotel du Vin is slightly further away but offers a certain luxury, particularly if you plan to extend your trip to Bristol. These rooms will be held until 4th October. Thereafter you *may* be able to obtain accommodation but will need to take your chance with the hotels.

Hotel Du Vin

Hotel du Vin & Bistro

The Sugar House, Narrow Lewins Mead

Bristol BS1 2NU

T: +44 (0)117 925 5577

F: +44 (0)117 925 1199

www.hotelduvin.com

SASWR has reserved 10 **discounted** rooms for the Wednesday and Thursday nights at the luxury boutique Hotel du Vin in Bristol; a magnificently restored former Sugar house. The rate is £155 per bed and breakfast double room. If you wish to stay on in Bristol for the weekend, a discounted Friday (£155) and Saturday night (£215) rate is available subject to availability.

This hotel is a 10 minute walk from the conference venue and 5 minutes from Cabot Circus. Directions and map can be found on the hotel website.

There is limited parking on site, but there is an NCP car park on Rupert Street just across the road from the hotel.

Please book directly with the hotel stating “Bristol Anaesthetic Conference” and state which days you would like the room for. Please leave your credit card details to hold the room and take note of their cancellation policy.

Future Inn Cabot Circus

Bond Street South
Bristol BS1 3EN
0845 094 5588

www.futureinns.co.uk

We have reserved 20 double rooms for the Wednesday and Thursday nights at the flexible rates below:

Wednesday 3rd November £92 bed and breakfast (£74 room only) and Thursday 4th November £87 bed and breakfast (£69 room only). Discounts may be available for single occupancy – please check with the hotel. This hotel is 5 minutes from the conference centre. Directions and map are available on the website, and car parking is available in the large Cabot Circus car park nearby.

Again, please **book directly** with the hotel stating “Bristol Anaesthetic Conference” and state which days you would like the room for. Please leave your credit card details to hold the room and take note of their cancellation policy.

There are many other hotels in the area and members may wish to make their own arrangements should the above hotels be full.

Academic Programme

The programme for the meeting is enclosed.

The department at Southmead Hospital have prepared an excellent programme with talks on quality improvement, the new “hot off the press” Resuscitation UK guidelines, CPEX, pain and placebos, simulation training, the trainee prize competition, and sessions on ‘airways in animals’ and ‘human airway replacement’ (you may have seen our speaker Prof Martin Birchall in the press recently).

The final session of the meeting has been designed to appeal to members and their guests alike – “Adventures in English” by distinguished retired local consultant anaesthetist and grammatarian Dr Neville Goodman, and a talk by Dr Ed Coats who shot to fame when he was picked to accompany James Cracknell and Ben Fogle in their televised race to the South Pole in early 2009.

The meeting fee remains unchanged this year and once again we are offering the chance to register for just one day of the conference to encourage as many members as possible to come.

Travel

The conference venue address is: Cutlers and Bakers Halls, The Friary Building, Cabot Circus, Bristol, BS1 3DF. Directions are available by visiting the website at <http://www.brasserieblanc.com/locations/bristol.html>. The venue is less than a mile from the Rail and Coach stations in Bristol.

Trade Exhibition

Trade stands and coffee will be in the Bakers Hall at the times noted in the programme. Please visit the Trade stands and let them know their continued support is appreciated. Once again we will be holding our popular ‘Stand and Deliver’ scheme in which delegates are entitled to a free bottle of wine when they have visited the four trade stands that interest them most.

Lunches

For those who request it (see booking form), lunch will be available on the Thursday and Friday. Guests of members are encouraged to join us for lunch on Friday before the afternoon talks, which have been chosen with a general audience in mind.

Society Dinner and President's Reception

The **President's Reception** will take place from **19.30** in the Bakers Hall @ Raymond Blanc's, Thursday 4th November with music from local jazz trio Shuffle Truffle.

The Society Dinner will be held in the Cutlers Hall at **20.00**. Dress will be black tie. If as a group of members you would like to organise your own table, or if you have a group of people you would specifically like to be seated with, please liaise with Kate Prys-Roberts by email (K.Prys-Roberts@bristol.ac.uk) or on the registration form. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

If you have special dietary requests for dinner or for the lunches please specify these on the registration form.

After dinner the local organisers have arranged the services of a recommended local DJ who will play tunes to appeal to a wide audience. However, there will be a room downstairs with seating for those who would like to have some quiet time. A bar will be available in the Cutlers Hall.

Partners' Programme

With the venue of Brasserie Blanc focussing on fine dining, the local organising committee have continued with this theme and arranged for the Thursday a heavily discounted cookery class at one of the local leading restaurants and cookery schools (please see social programme for details). The Italian cookery class should prove very popular so please book early as we have limited numbers. However, for those not interested in cooking, the conference venue is in the heart of Bristol's new shopping area Cabot Circus, so there should be plenty to do, see, eat and drink!

Full details are enclosed in the meeting booklet.

On Friday, a trip to the local Bristol Blue Glass factory has been planned. Full details are in the accompanying booklet. Please note; the Friday Blue Glass trip has been arranged to allow partners to be back in time to join us for lunch and the afternoon lectures. We do hope that guests will be able to get the most out of both the social programme and the more general talks.

I do hope that you will be able to join us in for the Autumn meeting. **Please could I ask once again that all registration forms be returned as soon as possible and no later than Monday 4th October.** This promises to be a splendid meeting academically, socially, and in terms of catering and we look forward to seeing you there!

With very best wishes

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