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We are delighted to bring the Society for Endocrinology BES back to Harrogate for 2013. Many of us are already familiar with the excellent congress centre and the lovely town, but for those who aren’t, make sure you don’t miss the famous Betty’s Café Tea Rooms for the ultimate indulgence. Try not to stay there too long though, as you might miss some of the best of British and international basic science and translational research, clinical investigation and clinical practice in endocrinology. On the following pages are details of the exciting programme we have lined up for you in 2013.

Harrogate’s cosmopolitan charm and character owe much to its heritage as a popular Victorian spa town. Modern Harrogate is a major conference destination with a lively mixture of fabulous shopping, café culture, fine restaurants and plenty of green open spaces. The conference facilities are excellent, the Harrogate International Centre being one of the largest venues outside London. Harrogate is accessible via York or Leeds by train and can easily be reached by both our northern and our southern colleagues.

We will see 8 plenary lectures, as well as 12 symposia covering a range of translational topics. In addition there will be Meet the Expert sessions and clinical management workshops (this year including a ‘How do I...?’ session), a clinical debate, oral communications, Nurses’ sessions, a Young Endocrinologists’ symposium and, of course, the vibrant poster presentations. This year also sees the addition of an education workshop, which we are excited to introduce to you.

The Society offers a large number of conference grants, not just for Young Endocrinologists, but also for established researchers in endocrinology. Please visit the website for further information: www.endocrinology.org/grants.

The social programme will include all the favourites such as the Welcome Reception and the Young Endocrinologists’ Quiz Night on Monday and the Conference Dinner on Tuesday evening.

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We look forward to seeing you in Harrogate.

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MONDAY 18 MARCH 2013

09.00–11.00 REGISTRATION

11.00–12.30 Symposium 1: IRN DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK: ENDOCRINOLOGY AND IRON
Chairs: D Renshaw (London) & M Zariwala (London)
Introducing the endocrine biology of iron metabolism and disorders of iron excess or insufficiency
11.00 S1 Iron homeostasis: who are the major players?
R Evans (London)
11.30 S1.2 The iron regulatory hormone hepcidin
E Nemeth (Los Angeles, CA, USA)
12.00 S1.3 ‘The Celtic disease’ – haemochromatosis: a disease of iron overload
H Zoller (Innsbruck, Austria)

11.00–12.30 Symposium 2: HORMONES MAKE TH MAN
Chairs: R Sharpe (Edinburgh) & T Tremaine (London)
11.00 S2.1 Anti-Müllerian hormone – a Sertoli cell hormone that can be used as a predictor of male hypogonadism
R Rey (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
11.30 S2.2 The role of the Sertoli cell in driving ‘maleness’
S Nef (Geneva, Switzerland)
12.00 S2.3 Androgens and male fertility – a long way from the black box theory
L Smith (Edinburgh)

11.00–12.30 Symposium 3: NURTURE NOT NATURE: EPIGENETICS AND DISEASE SUSCEPTIBILITY
Chairs: A Clark (London) & TBC
11.00 S3.1 Epigenome-wide association studies for common human diseases
V Rakyan (London)
11.30 S3.2 Nutritional epigenomics of metabolic syndrome
TBC
12.00 S3.3 Epigenetic differences associated with prenatal exposure to famine in humans
L Lumey (Columbia, NY, USA)

11.00–12.30 Symposium 4: NEW BONE BIOLOGY – IS THERE LIFE AFTER RANK LIGAND?
Chairs: E McCloskey (Sheffield) & TBC
13.30 S4.1 New bone biology and cathepsin K inhibitors
R Eastell (Sheffield)
14.00 S4.2 Inhibition of sclerostin in the treatment of osteoporosis
S Papapoulos (Leiden, The Netherlands)
14.30 S4.3 Parathyroid hormone related peptide as a potential treatment for osteoporosis
P Esbrit (Madrid, Spain)
15.00 S4.4 Organic nitrates for the treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis
S Jamal (Toronto, Canada)

13.30–15.30 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

13.30–15.30 Symposium 5: SEX IN THE BRAIN
SUPPORTED BY ENDOCRINE CONNECTIONS
Chairs: S Lightman (Bristol) & TBC
Origins and consequences of sex differences in brain
16.00 S5.1 Foetal testosterone in mind
S Baron-Cohen (Cambridge)
16.30 S5.2 Importance of genomic imprinting in the evolution and development of the maternal brain
E Keverne (Cambridge)
17.00 S5.3 Neuronal circuits underlying sex specific social behaviour
C Dulac (Cambridge, MA, USA)
17.30 S5.4 Hormone-dependent chromatin modifications regulating sexually differentiated animal behaviour
D Pfaff (New York, NY, USA)

Chairs: S Lightman (Bristol) & T Han (London)
13.30 APW11 Digital copies: exploiting numerical models of biological systems
G Leng (Edinburgh)
14.00 APW12 Distinguishing normal, depressive and PTSD cortisol dynamics in humans through mathematical modelling
M Rodriguez-Fernandez (Santa Barbara, CA, USA)
14.30 APW13 Analysis and visualisation of biological networks
T Freeman (Edinburgh)
15.00 APW14 Modelling the circulating renin-angiotensin system and its effects on blood pressure
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16.00–18.00 Clinical Management Workshop 1: MANAGEMENT CONTROVERSIES IN PARATHYROID DISEASE SUPPORTED BY CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY Chairs: A Abbas (Doncaster) & TBC
16.00 CMW1.1 Hyperparathyroidism in MENI M Brandi (Florence, Italy)
16.30 CMW1.2 Parathyroid hormone, vitamin D and chronic kidney disease W Fraser (Norwich)
17.00 CMW1.3 ‘Mild hyperparathyroidism’ – what determines clinical outcome? G Leese (Dundee)
17.30 CMW1.4 Medical management of parathyroid disease D Hosking (Nottingham)
16.00–18.00 EDUCATION WORKSHOP Chairs: J Davis (Manchester) & B Jose (Wolverhampton) To highlight approaches used in the undergraduate and postgraduate delivery of endocrine teaching in the UK
16.00 EW1.1 Undergraduate research participation: going beyond ‘students as producers’ R Fowkes (London)
16.30 EW1.2 Clinical skills delivery D Wood (Cambridge)
17.00 EW1.3 Recommended standards for undergraduate medical education M Levy (Leicester)
17.30 EW1.4 Postgraduate clinical training in endocrinology and diabetes – developing the curriculum and assessments P Selby (Manchester)
18.00–19.00 YOUNG ENDOCRINOLOGISTS’ PRIZE LECTURES Chairs: J Franklyn (Birmingham) & TBC
19.10 onwards WELCOME RECEPTION
19.45 onwards YOUNG ENDOCRINOLOGISTS’ QUIZ NIGHT

TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013
07.15–08.00 Meet the Expert 1: TURNER SYNDROME/PREGNANCY/ CARDIAC RISK SUPPORTED BY CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY Expert: G Conway (London) Chair: TBC
07.15 MTE1 07.15–08.00 Meet the Expert 2: DIABETES MELLITUS, ENDOCRINOLOGY AND THE IMPACT OF GP COMMISSIONING SUPPORTED BY CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY Expert: G Tan (Nottingham) Chair: J Wass (Oxford)
07.15 MTE2 07.15–08.00 Meet the Expert 3: INVESTIGATION OF PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED MINERALOCORTICOID HYPERTENSION SUPPORTED BY CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY Expert: J Connell (Dundee) Chair: P Stewart (Birmingham)
07.15 MTE3 08.15–10.15 Symposium 6: MAKING THE GLUCOCORTICOID CLOCK RUN SMOOTHLY Chairs: M Debono (Sheffield) & TBC
08.15 S6.1 Glucocorticoids and circadian clock control: lessons from zebrafish T Dickmeis (Karlsruhe, Germany)
08.45 S6.2 Molecular dynamics of ultradian glucocorticoid receptor action TBC
09.15 S6.3 Diurnal cortisol delivery: a novel tool for adrenal insufficiency R Ross (Sheffield)
09.45 S6.4 Retraining the HPA axis: how to cure adrenal insufficiency S Pearce (Newcastle upon Tyne)
08.15–10.15 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
08.15–10.15 Clinical Management Workshop 2: HOW DO I DO IT? SUPPORTED BY CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY Chairs: S Howell (Preston) & C Sze (London)
08.15 CMW2.1 How do I manage testosterone replacement after prostate cancer therapy? TBC
08.35 CMW2.2 How do I investigate and manage hypomagnesaemia? J Ayuk (Birmingham)
08.55 CMW2.3 How do I monitor and follow up transgender patients using hormonal therapies? L Seal (London)
09.15 CMW2.4 How do I manage the pregnant patient with a prolactinoma? J Bevan (Aberdeen)
09.35 CMW2.5 How and when do I induce puberty in males? I Banerjee (Manchester)
09.55 CMW2.6 How do I - and how should I - induce puberty in females? M Donaldson (Glasgow)
10.15–10.40 TEA & COFFEE
10.40–11.20 SOCIETY FOR ENDOCRINOLOGY DALE MEDAL LECTURE
10.40 PL1 Nuclear receptors and AMPK: can exercise mimetics cure diabetes? R Evans (La Jolla, CA, USA) Chair: D Ray (Manchester)
11.20–12.00 SOCIETY FOR ENDOCRINOLOGY HOFFENBERG INTERNATIONAL MEDAL LECTURE
11.20 PL2 Title TBC F Labrie (Quebec, Canada) Chair: G Williams (London)
12.00–14.00 LUNCH & POSTER VIEWING
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**LATE EFFECTS**  
*Chairs: I Middleton (London) & J Lynch (Leeds)*  
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N2.1 Pituitary late effects  
*TBC*  
14.25  
N2.2 Thyroid late effects  
*TBC*  
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N2.3 Gonadal late effects  
*M Druce (London)*  
13.45–15.45  Symposium 11:  
**GUTS, BRAINS AND BARIATRIC SURGERY**  
*Chairs: R Stimson (Edinburgh) & TBC*  
How bariatric surgery works  
13.45  
S11.1 How does bariatric surgery cure obesity?  
*C Le Roux (London)*  
14.15  
S11.2 Gut-brain communication – ghrelin  
*TBC*  
14.45  
S11.3 Targeting gut hormone release to treat obesity  
*F Gribble (Cambridge)*  
15.15  
S11.4 Gut hormones; a cure for obesity  
*S Bloom (London)*  
13.45–15.45  Symposium 12:  
**THYMIC FUNCTION AND AUTOIMMUNE ENDOCRINE DISEASE**  
*Chairs: D Renshaw (London) & M Simmonds (Oxford)*  
Defects in central tolerance of T cells in the thymus predispose to autoimmunity  
13.45  
S12.1 The role of thymic hormones on thymopoiesis  
*G Anderson (Birmingham)*  
14.15  
S12.2 The role of androgens and glucocorticoids on T cell development  
*TBC*  
14.45  
S12.3 Attacking the endocrine system: what is AIRE doing?  
*TBC*  
15.15  
S12.4 Regulatory T cells, CTLA-4 and autoimmune disease  
*D Sansom (Birmingham)*  
13.45–14.30  
Meet the Expert 8:  
**LIVE CELL IMAGING**  
*Expert: R Duncan (Edinburgh)*  
Chair: J Davis (Manchester)  
15.00–15.45  
Meet the Expert 9:  
**MR SPECTROSCOPY FOR IN VIVO METABOLITE ANALYSIS**  
*Expert: TBC*  
Chair: TBC  
16.15–16.45  
AWARDS CEREMONY  
16.45–17.15  
BRITISH THYROID ASSOCIATION PITT-RIVERS LECTURE  
*SUPPORTED BY THE CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY TRUST*  
16.45  
PL5 Regulation of tissue-specific regulation of thyroid hormone action  
*A Blanco (Miami, FL, USA)*  
Chair: G Williams (London)  
17.15–17.45  
SOCIETY FOR ENDOCRINOLOGY MEDAL LECTURE  
17.15  
PL6 Genes and giants  
*M Korbanits (London)*  
Chair: A Grossman (Oxford)
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Supported by the Clinical Endocrinology Trust  
PL7 The dynamics of hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal activity  
S Lightman (Bristol)  
Chair: J Bevan (Aberdeen) |
| 09.00–09.30 | **Clinical Endocrinology Trust Visiting Professor Lecture**  
Supported by the Clinical Endocrinology Trust  
PL8 Evaluation of the adrenal cortex: future possibilities  
L Nieman (Bethesda, MD, USA)  
Chair: TBC |
| 09.30–10.00 | **Clinical Guidelines**  
Chair: TBC  
CG1.1 Consequences of cancer therapy  
TBC  
CG1.2 Adults with CAH  
TBC |
| 10.00–10.30 | **Tea & Coffee**                                                        |
| 10.30–12.30 | **Senior Endocrinologists’ Session**  
CMW3.1 Consensus on women’s health aspects of PCOS  
A Balen (Leeds)  
Chair: TBC  
CMW3.2 Treatment of PCOS in non-obese adolescents  
L Ibáñez (Barcelona, Spain)  
CMW3.3 Is there a place for metformin in PCOS?  
R Legro (Hershey, PA, USA)  
CMW3.4 Diagnosis and management of hirsutism  
H Escobar-Morreale (Madrid, Spain)  
CMW4.1 Hypoglycaemia in diabetes – effects on cerebral and autonomic function  
S Amiel (London)  
CMW4.2 Insulinoma – new developments in localisation and therapy  
J Service (Rochester, MN, USA)  
CMW4.3 Hypoglycaemia in neonates and children  
K Hussain (London)  
CMW4.4 Autoimmune hypoglycaemia – when and how to look for anti-insulin and anti-insulin receptor antibodies  
R Semple (Cambridge) |
| 12.30–13.15 | Meet the Expert 1 and 2 (repeat)                                       |
| 13.15–14.00 | Meet the Expert 6 and 7 (repeat)                                       |

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**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME**

**18 - 21 March 2013**
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: 15 NOVEMBER 2012

Please submit your abstract online at www.endocrinology.org/meetings/2013/sfebes2013/abstracts.aspx.

All abstracts should be submitted no later than 15 November 2012. Any abstracts received after this date will not be considered.

The abstract should be no longer than 300 words (including numbers and symbols). You must select one category for your abstract from the following list, and indicate this category clearly on your submission:

- Bone
- Clinical biochemistry
- Clinical practice, governance and case reports
- Cytokines and growth factors
- Growth and development
- Neoplasia, cancer and late effects
- Nursing practice
- Obesity, diabetes, metabolism and cardiovascular
- Pituitary
- Reproduction
- Steroids
- Thyroid

Please note that case reports will only be accepted if they illustrate something significantly new or especially unusual in the clinical case load of the submitting endocrine unit. We encourage trainees to submit representative, routine cases of clinical endocrinology to the Society’s Clinical Update meetings.

Accepted abstracts will be published in Endocrine Abstracts, both in print and on the web, and are accepted on the understanding that the work has not been published or presented elsewhere in substantially the same form. Authors must not submit the same research (or substantially similar material) concurrently to any other journal or primary publication, or do so until the outcome of their submission to Endocrine Abstracts is known.

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Abstracts are also accepted on the understanding that they will be presented at the meeting either as a poster or as an oral presentation. Any author failing to present an accepted abstract at this meeting will automatically be excluded from submitting any future abstracts.

The Programme Committee reserves the right of the final decision regarding acceptance of abstracts and the form of presentation. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to authors in January 2013. Detailed instructions concerning oral presentations and poster sessions will be emailed to qualifying authors with notification of acceptance.

Please note, abstracts that are accepted as poster presentations will need to be displayed on 2x1 metre PORTRAIT poster boards.

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Should your abstract be accepted for poster presentation, we are pleased to offer an electronic poster service (e-poster), in addition to presentation of your poster in the traditional format. You will be invited and encouraged to upload your poster presentation (in PDF format) for viewing during Society for Endocrinology BES 2013 and after the meeting. Please note, this does not replace the printed version that you are required to bring to the meeting to display.

We hope that this will enhance delegates’ educational experience and increase exposure of the work you present. Further information will be made available on the website.

PRIZES & AWARDS

Please indicate on the abstract submission form if you wish to be considered for any of the awards listed on page 9.

MEET THE EXPERT SESSIONS

If you wish to suggest scientific issues or clinical cases for discussion during the Meet the Expert sessions at Society for Endocrinology BES 2013, these must also be submitted by 15 November 2012. See page 9 for further details.
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Young Endocrinologists’ Prizes*
The two top-scoring oral communications by Young Endocrinologists* will each receive £500, with £100 for any that are highly commended. The 40 highest scoring posters by Young Endocrinologists* will be judged at the meeting to give a shortlist of 10. The top-scoring basic science and clinical posters from the shortlist will each receive £500, with £100 for each of the remaining 8 highly commended posters.

*Young Endocrinologists: those who have not yet achieved PhD, are less than 10 years post-doctorate or have not yet been awarded a certificate of completion of training (CCT).

Clinical Endocrinology Trust Prizes
The Trust utilises profits from the publication of Clinical Endocrinology to support the development of endocrinology and the education of students and specialists. It is generously funding two £500 prizes for the best clinical and basic science abstracts and one £100 prize for the best ‘Nursing practice’ abstract, where the nurse is the first author.

British Thyroid Association Award
The British Thyroid Association will present an award for a high-scoring abstract in the ‘Thyroid’ category, where the first author is under 35.

AMEND Young Investigator Award
This £300 honorarium, certificate and medal will be awarded to the first author of the top-scoring abstract on ‘Neoplasia, cancer and late effects’. Applicants must be 35 years of age or less, be studying for (or within 3 years of completing) a higher degree, and be a UK citizen, or have conducted the research primarily in the UK. The abstract must address the combined or individual conditions associated with MEN1, MEN2a, MEN2b or FIPA and Carney complex.

Annette Louise Seal Memorial Award
The Addison’s Disease Self Help Group will present this £500 award for the ‘Nursing practice’ abstract which best advances the clinical management of adrenal insufficiency, where the first author is a nurse. Abstracts may cover any aspect of emergency prevention and treatment, the management and monitoring of replacement therapy or associated patient education.

MEET THE EXPERT: INVITATION FOR ISSUES/CASES
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: 15 November 2012
If you are attending the meeting and wish to submit a specific basic science research issue or clinical case for discussion at one of the Meet the Expert sessions, please send a synopsis (no more than 300 words) as an email attachment in Word format to conferences@bioscientifica.com. Please note the further details regarding basic science and clinical Meet the Expert sessions below.

Basic science research
The sessions will be relatively informal, with discussions based around new scientific research technologies. If your specific issue is selected, you will be asked to present it, after which the expert will comment and open discussions. A number of interesting submissions will be selected for each of the sessions below:

Induced pluripotent stem cells as an endocrine tool
Expert TBC
Live cell imaging R Duncan (Edinburgh)
MR spectroscopy for in vivo metabolite analysis
Expert TBC

Clinical cases
Authors of selected cases will present them for 5 minutes, after which the expert will comment and open the discussion. Cases should not be rare or exotic but, rather, should focus on practical aspects of research, clinical diagnosis and/or management. They must also be presented in the repeat sessions. A number of interesting or controversial cases will be selected for each of the following topics:

Turner syndrome/pregnancy/cardiac risk
G Conway (London)
Diabetes mellitus, endocrinology and the impact of GP commissioning
G Tan (Nottingham)
Investigation of patients with suspected mineralocorticoid hypertension
J Connell (Dundee)
Challenges in managing hyperthyroidism in young people
T Cheetham (Newcastle upon Tyne)
Malignant phaeochromocytoma
A Grossman (Oxford)
Hormone misuse in sport and leisure
R Holt (Southampton)
Please register for the meeting online at www.endocrinology.org/meetings/2013/sfebes2013/registration.aspx.

Early-bird deadline: 11 February 2013

A confirmation of receipt will be sent via email from Worldpay upon registration, along with a detailed booking confirmation. Registration for social events must be booked in advance at the time of registration in order to secure a place.

There is no deadline for registration, but please note that a surcharge will be made for registrations received after Monday 11 February 2013. No refunds will be made after this date – refund requests received before will be subject to an administrative charge of £15.

Registration fees for participants include: access to all sessions, tea and coffee, lunches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and access to the commercial exhibition and Welcome Reception. Printed programmes and abstract books are also included.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Reduced registration fees are available for members of the Society for Endocrinology. If you are not a member of the Society for Endocrinology and would like to apply for membership, please go to www.endocrinology.org/membership. If you wish to join the Society in order to take advantage of the member registration rate, please apply no later than Wednesday 9 January 2013.

**Members of the Society for Endocrinology**

£310 (£370 after 11 February 2013)

**Non-members**

£490 (£560 after 11 February 2013)

**Concessionaries***

£185 (£250 after 11 February 2013)

Please note: to book a concessionary rate, download the application form from the website.

*Clinically and non-clinically qualified research students, postdoctoral fellows and nurses who have no access to funding.

Day delegate rates may sometimes be made available, but there will be a limited number on offer. If you wish to be considered please email your request and reasoning to conferences@bioscientifica.com.

**FREE REGISTRATION**

**Senior and Honorary Members**

All Senior and Honorary Members of the Society for Endocrinology are entitled to free registration at this meeting. If you wish to register as a Senior or Honorary Member please download the application form from www.endocrinology.org/meetings/2013/sfebes2013/registration.aspx.

**Other free places**

The Society is pleased to announce a limited number of free places for trainee scientists, clinicians and nurses. Successful applicants will receive a complimentary meeting package, which includes registration fees, accommodation for the duration of the meeting, reimbursement of economy-class travel expenses and reasonable subsistence upon submission of receipts after the event. Successful applicants will each receive a certificate. This is a fantastic package worth up to a maximum of £750.

Applications will only be accepted from Full Members on behalf of promising trainees who have not yet chosen endocrinology as their specialty. To apply, please complete the form available at www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant_sfebesFreePlaces.html.

Applications for free places will be welcomed between Friday 2 November and Monday 3 December 2012 and will be reviewed by the Grants Panel. Applications received before the opening date will not be accepted.

With the exception of Student Members, members of the Society are not eligible for a free place as they are deemed to have already chosen endocrinology as their specialty. However, members may apply for a conference grant (see below).

**CONFERENCE GRANTS**

In addition to any travel grants offered by other societies, funding for travel is available from the Society for Endocrinology for members, subject to terms. The deadline for applications is Saturday 15 December 2012. Full details and online application forms are available at www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant_sfeoverseas.html.
CATERING
Complimentary tea and coffee will be available during scheduled breaks throughout the meeting. Lunch is included in the cost of registration for Monday 18, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 March. Delegates are requested to indicate any special dietary requirements in advance using the online registration form.

ACCOMMODATION
There is a wide variety of accommodation in Harrogate, ranging from comfortable budget-conscious options through to luxury hotels. The conference headquarters hotel is the Holiday Inn. A full list of accommodation is available online. Please book your accommodation through Reservation Highway online at www.endocrinology.org/meetings/2013/sfbes2013/accommodation.aspx. Book early to ensure the accommodation of your choice.

PROGRAMME BOOKS
Programme books can be collected upon registration at the meeting.

ABSTRACT BOOKS
Abstracts from the meeting will be published in the journal Endocrine Abstracts, which will be in the conference bags distributed at the meeting. The journal is available to those not registering for the meeting at a cost of £35 plus postage. Abstracts will also be displayed electronically before the meeting on the conference website.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION
The exhibition will be open from Monday 18 March through to Thursday 21 March. Delegates will have the opportunity to meet representatives from a number of publishers, patient support groups and pharmaceutical, diagnostic and equipment companies at their stands to discuss new developments and receive up-to-date product information.

RAISE FUNDS FOR SOCIETY FOR ENDOCRINOLOGY
If you would like to raise money to go towards the Society’s activities in research and education, visit www.justgiving.com/endocrinology where you can create a fund-raising page for people to donate to your event at the click of a button.

CPD APPROVAL
This event is in the process of gaining CPD approval.

MOBILE APPLICATION
BioScientifica Ltd has created an application for delegates to access conference information via handheld devices (iPad, iPhone, iPod, Blackberry or Android). This features:
• Access to the most up-to-date programme and session information, including the abstracts and list of presenters
• ‘At a glance’ programme summary
• Exhibition floor plan and list of exhibitors
• Social networking – access the list of participants, exchange messages with them, and follow the Twitter feed
• Additional information about the venue, Corporate Supporters, city highlights etc.

Instructions for downloading the application will be available online and in your delegate bag.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
At the Society for Endocrinology we are committed to ‘going green’ – and you can help us.

Travel
We encourage the use of public transport for your journey to the Harrogate International Centre. Harrogate is an easy town to get around. The town is compact and much of it is pedestrianised. If you are arriving by train, the Harrogate International Centre is a mere 10 minutes’ walk from Harrogate railway station.

Carbon offsetting
Meeting face to face, connecting and sharing our knowledge is an invaluable experience. At the same time, travel and lodging have an impact on the environment. In planning the event, great care was taken to consider the sustainability issues associated with the conference’s various activities. We also encourage delegates to offset their travel-related carbon impacts. For a list of carbon offset providers, we suggest you visit www.carboncatalog.org.

Venue
The Harrogate International Centre operates numerous environmental initiatives. For further information visit www.harrogateinternationalcentre.co.uk.
THE TOWN
Harrogate is a pleasant spa town to the south east of the Yorkshire Dales, famous for its tea shops, flower shows, Turkish baths and antique shops. The town is also famous for its association with the great English crime novelist Agatha Christie, who ‘disappeared’ here for a few days in the 1930s!

THE CONFERENCE VENUE
Within walking distance of the town centre, the Harrogate International Centre is a versatile conference and exhibition space and is the second largest venue outside London. The conference auditorium seats 2000 and there are many breakout rooms and exhibition areas.

TRANSPORT LINKS TO HARROGATE
By train
Mainline services are to Leeds and York, then regional railways run to Harrogate. The conference centre is a 10-minute walk from the station. A taxi fare is approximately £4.00.

By car
From London: M1 and then A1(M), exit at Wetherby (Harrogate is 9 miles from this exit).
From the north: A1(M), take the Knaresborough exit (8 miles to Harrogate) or turn off at Wetherby.
From the east: M62 and A1(M), exit at Wetherby.
From the west: M62 and A1(M), exit at Wetherby.

By air
Leeds Bradford International Airport is a 20-minute drive from Harrogate. Alternatively, Manchester International Airport is a 75-minute drive.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME
Monday 18 March
Welcome Reception
19.10 – Harrogate International Centre
Join your fellow delegates for drinks and snacks in Hall H. This is a great introduction to the meeting.

Young Endocrinologists’ Quiz Night*
19.45 – Harrogate International Centre
Join your fellow Young Endocrinologists* for an evening of fun and trivia. This will be a light-hearted evening, where you can enjoy a drink and a buffet menu whilst testing your general knowledge.

Tuesday 19 March
Conference Dinner
19.30 – Royal Hall, Harrogate International Centre
Tickets £55.00 (Young Endocrinologists* £35.00)
The Society for Endocrinology BES dinner is a great way to socialise and network in relaxed surroundings. It will take place in Harrogate’s Royal Hall, a stunning Edwardian Theatre built in 1903. The evening includes a reception with entertainment, followed by a three-course dinner with drinks. After dinner, you can dance to a live band – or simply catch up with friends in the lounge area.

*Young Endocrinologists: those who have not yet achieved PhD, are less than 10 years post-doctorate or have not yet been awarded a certificate of completion of training (CCT).

DEADLINES
Young Endocrinologists’ Prize Lecture call for abstracts:
Monday 15 October 2012
Applications for free places:
From Friday 2 November to Monday 3 December 2012
Submission of abstracts:
Thursday 15 November 2012
Meet the Expert call for issues/cases:
Thursday 15 November 2012
Society for Endocrinology conference grant applications:
Saturday 15 December 2012
Membership applications in order to benefit from reduced rate registration:
Wednesday 9 January 2013
Early bird deadline:
Monday 11 February 2013
Registration cancellations:
Monday 11 February 2013