



CONGRESS Invitation to Participate

# Congress 2017

21st – 24th March 2017

# iat 2017



Animal Technology – underpinning scientific knowledge

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# Congress 2016

A full and varied Scientific Programme took place at Congress 2016 with 10 Papers being presented. Platform presentations included the winning Andrew Blake Tribute Award Paper 'Litters in trouble - can they be helped?' by Joanna Malton. Other Papers included updates from the ASRU and the Open Labs school science week. Representatives from the NC3Rs and the RSPCA also gave presentations, along with the First Time Presenters.

The Kevin Dolan Memorial Lecture was presented by Robert (Bob) Dauchy entitled 'The influence of light on human and laboratory animal health and wellbeing'. A very interesting Paper which certainly got delegates thinking about 'light contamination' during the night. Bob was also the joint USA winner of the AAALAC International Fellowship Award and had spent the previous week, along with Donna Goldsteen, co-recipient, visiting various facilities in the UK, culminating in attending the IAT Congress.

This year there was a total of 30 Posters on display. There was a good cross section of topics covered and a high standard achieved across the board. Sanjay Jani from King's College London won the Best Poster award for his Poster entitled 'Survival of the fittest: Zebrafish larval nutrition' which was felt to reflect animal welfare, the 3Rs and was very well formatted.

A new structure was trialled for Congress 2016 with an increase in the number of Workshops that were on offer. There were some issues around bookings for these Workshops but this has been addressed for 2017. Ten Workshops were held over the three days at Congress 2016 and all were fully attended. There was a range of topics covered including 'Preparing for RAnTech', 'Aseptic technique in action!', 'Nice to meet you ... so what do you do for a living?' and 'Taking animal research into the classroom'.

*A full report appeared in the June 2016 (52.6) issue of the IAT Bulletin.*

# Congress 2017

Congress 2017 will be held in the West of the UK and we will be using a single venue for the conference and accommodation.

Following Congress 2015, a feedback survey was sent out to all delegates. Comments and criticisms were taken on board and we hope that many of the issues were addressed for 2016. Whilst it is not always possible to find a venue which can accommodate all delegates under one roof, the venue for 2017 is one which can. This is reflected in the fact that prices have had to return to those charged in 2015 but we hope that you will agree the venue is worth it.

A feedback survey was again sent out following Congress 2016 and the predominant issue was that of Workshops being over booked and delegates not being able to attend. Workshop presenters were very amenable and took extra delegates or ran extra Workshops. *For Congress 2017, we will introduce a pre-booking system for Workshop attendance to alleviate this issue and details will be available on the IAT website.*

If you have never been to a major annual meeting, or have not attended Congress for a few years, we would encourage you to come along and experience the largest conference of its type in the UK. You will find the science both stimulating and rewarding and the social events are an excellent opportunity to network and exchange views and ideas.

Attendance at all aspects of Congress by attending Papers, Workshops or viewing Posters, can be recorded as part of your annual CPD.

Congress 2017 will begin with the IAT Annual General Meeting starting at 18.00 hrs on Tuesday evening (21st March).

*Come along and find out what your Institute is doing and how you can get involved.*



Registration opens 12th September 2016

# Scientific Programme

A Provisional Scientific Programme will be published on the IAT dedicated website in December. We plan to follow the same format as 2016 with Workshops offered on the Tuesday afternoon and all day on Wednesday. We will ensure that Workshops are repeated so that as many delegates as possible have the chance to attend. We are introducing online booking with paper confirmation 'ticket' collection at the Reception Desk. Paper presentations will again be reduced on Wednesday with a full day of Paper presentations taking place on Thursday leading up to the Kevin Dolan Memorial Lecture prior to the close of Congress.

Workshops will be on a variety of subjects and details will appear on the dedicated link - <http://www.iat.org.uk/#!congressc16th>

Paper presentations will include updates from the Home Office and the winning Andrew Blake Tribute Award. Full details on how to apply for the 2017 Award can be found on the IAT website. The closing date is Friday 14th October 2016.

## Provisional timings:

### Tuesday afternoon:

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| 15.00 – 17.00 hrs | Workshops  |
| 16.00 hrs         | Familiarisation tour and Ice Breaker session           |
| 18.00 hrs         | AGM  |
| 19.00 hrs         | Opening of Trade Exhibition, wine reception and buffet |

**Wednesday all day:** Workshops, Papers and Posters plus Trade Exhibition

**Wednesday evening:** Dinner, Quiz, Disco

**Thursday all day:** Paper presentations, Poster displays and presentations plus Trade Exhibition (closing at 14.30 hrs)

**Thursday evening:** Gala Dinner

# Trade Exhibition

The Trade Exhibition will officially open on Tuesday evening. The Trade Hall for Congress 2017 will not accommodate all buffet stations for lunches but we will serve some lunches in the Exhibition Hall, with the remainder located in the Foyer adjacent to the Hall. Tea and coffee breaks on Wednesday and Thursday mornings will all be served in the Hall.

The Trade Exhibition will open on Tuesday evening from 19.00 – 22.30 hrs, from 09.30 – 17.00 hrs on Wednesday and from 09.30 – 14.30 hrs on Thursday.

# Entertainment

The IAT offer a full delegate experience from arrival on Tuesday afternoon through to departure on Friday morning. This includes various social events. On Tuesday afternoon, prior to the AGM, there will be an 'Ice Breaker' session. This will begin with a brief tour of the venue - to ensure everyone knows where they are going and what is taking place where. There will then be a chance to get to know fellow delegates in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Everyone is welcome - not just first timers - although the Ice Breaker is a very good way to meet people.

The opening of the Trade Exhibition will take place on Tuesday evening with a wine reception and a buffet will be served in the Trade Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to meet our wonderfully supportive Trade Exhibitors and see the latest innovations and equipment, as well as take part in various competitions to win some fabulous prizes.

By popular demand we will once again be holding a 'Quiz Evening' with a difference. Some of you may remember we tested your knowledge on Wine and Cheese in Blackpool - well 2017 will see a similar theme! For those non-quizzers amongst you though, there will be alternative entertainment from a local DJ.

The Social Programme will culminate in the Gala Dinner on Thursday evening, giving you the opportunity to dress up and dance until the early hours of Friday!

A Provisional Programme and Workshop pre-booking details will be available in December via <http://www.iat.org.uk/#!/congressc16th>

We look forward to seeing you at Congress 2017!

and special rates for Under 25s – see information under Packages

# 2017 Packages

**Registrations for Congress will be available online only.** The booking system will be open to delegates from **Monday 12th September 2016**.

Register at <http://www.iat.org.uk/#!congressc16th>

Prices and details are set out on the opposite page.

Please ensure that you register by **Sunday 18th December 2016** in order to qualify for the early bird booking discount. Bookings received after this date will be charged at the higher rate.

The closing date for all Registrations is **Friday 3rd March 2017**.

Please note that the Programme and timings are subject to confirmation. Check the IAT website for the latest information - <http://www.iat.org.uk/#!congressc16th>

## Discounts:

There are several discounts available on packages (subject to confirmation by the Congress Committee).

- Paper presenters: free attendance at Congress.
- First Time paper Presenters: free attendance at Congress.
- Workshop presenters: free attendance at Congress.  
*(Please note: this applies to one presenter per Workshop ONLY.)*
- Poster submission: a discount of £75 will be deducted from the full delegate package.
- Poster presentation: a further discount of £75 will be deducted from the poster submission fee paid.
- Under 25 years of age? The first 25 registrations received from delegates under 25 years of age will receive a £100 discount off the full delegate price (this applies to IAT members only).

# Packages

Please ensure that any discounted prices claimed have been authorised by the Paper/Poster Secretaries. Member applies to current members of the IAT.

<b>Delegate Package</b> (ALL prices EXCLUDE VAT at relevant rate)	<b>Total for Payment</b> On or before 18/12/16	<b>Total for payment</b> On or after 19/12/16
<b>Full Delegate Package</b>		
Package A – Member	£765.00	£865.00
Package A – Non-member	£865.00	£965.00
<b>One Day Attendance – Wednesday 22nd March</b>		
Package C – Member	£160.00	£210.00
Package C – Non-member	£210.00	£260.00
<b>One Day Attendance – Thursday 23rd March</b>		
Package C – Member	£160.00	£210.00
Package C – Non-member	£210.00	£280.00
<b>B&amp;B Monday night – Trade delegates</b>	£150.00	£150.00
<b>Discounts</b>		
Paper Presenters – Free – Must be confirmed by Registrar	FOC	FOC
Workshop Presenters – Free – Must be confirmed by Registrar	FOC	FOC
First 25 Members under 25 – Must be confirmed by Registrar – Members only	£665.00	£765.00
Poster Display – must be confirmed by Poster Secretary – Member	£690.00	£790.00
Non-member	£790.00	£890.00
Poster Presentation – must be confirmed by Poster Secretary – Member	£615.00	£715.00
Non-member	£715.00	£815.00

Due to booking restrictions we are not able to offer as wide a range of packages as in previous years.

**EACH delegate MUST complete a separate form.**

**Be sure to get your booking forms in by SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2016 in order to take full advantage of the early booking discount.**

**The closing date for Congress bookings will be FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2017.**

Discount costs close on Sunday 18th December 2016

# Packages

## Included in package:

- Scientific Programme, Posters and Workshops.
- Access to one of the largest UK Trade Exhibitions - the official opening will take place prior to dinner on the evening of Tuesday 21st March and will close at 14.30 hrs on Thursday 23rd March.
- Day delegate options are available.
- Delegate pack - including name badge, handbook and other associated materials.
- Accommodation and meals for the duration of Congress and refreshments served during morning and afternoon breaks in the Trade Exhibition.
- Social Programme - culminating in the Congress Gala Dinner.

## Discount Benefits include:

- Under 25 years of age? The first 25 registrants under 25 will receive an additional £100 discount on top of the advanced booking discount - saving £200 on the full delegate package price (for IAT members only)\*.
- Give a Paper presentation as part of the Scientific Programme and receive a free Congress\*.
- First Time Presenter - monetary award for the best First Time Presenter at Congress.
- Submit a Poster - receive reduced registration fee\*.
- Give a presentation to accompany your Poster and receive a further discount\*.
- A monetary prize is awarded for the Best Poster.
- Run a Workshop and receive a free Congress\*.

Registration should be submitted online via <http://www.iat.org.uk/#!/congressc16th> and following the link to the Delegate Registration Booking form.

Online registration will open on 12th September 2016.

For further information, or if you are having problems regarding online registration, please contact us at: [congress@iat.org.uk](mailto:congress@iat.org.uk)

\*Subject to confirmation by the Congress Committee

Closing Date to Register - Friday 3rd March 2017