



Joining Instructions and Guidance for Delegates

Thank you for registering to attend Rheumatology 2013. We hope that the following information will assist you in your enjoyment of the conference and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to greeting you at the event!



Venue

Rheumatology 2013 will be held in the ICC, Broad Street, Birmingham. To view the venue on a map, [click here](#).

Public Transport

The closest rail station is Birmingham New Street (approximately 15 minutes walk). Local bus services are run by [Network West Midlands](#) and [Travel WM](#).

Venue facilities

Onsite facilities at the ICC include a cash point, cloakroom and small stationery shop.

Car Parking

The most convenient car park is at the NIA, [click here](#) for details.

Registration

New for 2013, badges will not be posted to delegates in advance of the event. Badges need to be collected from the registration desk. Please note that during the conference, the registration desk will be busy and you may need to queue. For your convenience registration will be open on Monday before the conference begins.

The registration desk will be open at the following times:

Monday 22 April (Pre-conference)	16.00 – 20.00
Tuesday 23 April	07.30 – 19.30
Wednesday 24 April	07.00 – 18.30
Thursday 25 April	07.00 – 16.30

For security reasons, your name badge will be required for admittance to all sessions, exhibits and social events. Please wear our badge so it can be easily seen at all times. Lost badges should be reported to registration staff immediately.

Please ensure that your badge is scanned at least once each day.

Exhibition

The exhibition will take place in Hall 3 at the ICC and you are invited to visit at the following times:

Tuesday 23 April	08.30 – 17.30
Wednesday 24 April	08.30 – 17.45
Thursday 25 April	08.45 – 15.00

Programme

The Rheumatology 2013 programme can be found [here](#). Please note that this is subject to alterations and while we make every effort to accommodate and plan for expected delegate numbers, due to maximum capacities allowed in each session, spaces may be limited in certain sessions and we cannot guarantee access.

Innovation Theatre Sessions

New for 2013 the BSR are excited to introduce the Innovation Theatre, which will be based within the exhibition hall where concise 30 minute sessions will take place and be hosted by our exhibitors. Sessions will be varied and will include demonstrations. Sessions are free to attend to all registered delegates, subject to capacity.

Posters

Poster tours will happen during the coffee breaks each morning and will cover the following topics:

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
RA clinical RA pathogenesis Case reports	BHPR SLE and antiphospholipid syndrome Education	Epidemiology Connective tissue disease Spondyloarthritis

Spaces on the poster tours are limited. You can sign up for a tour in the registration foyer each morning.

Conference culture

The conference has a friendly and informal culture with a high degree of interactivity and participation. We acknowledge that this is an opportunity to network as much as to learn.

Dresscode

The dress code for the event is business casual. We recommend you bring a jumper or jacket as temperatures in the meeting rooms may vary.

Networking

Alongside the conference in 2013 BSR will be hosting two evening events:

Presidents' Reception - Tuesday, 23 April, 19.00




This event is free to attend for all delegates and will be held at Birmingham Town Hall (approximately 5 minutes walk from the conference venue). Canapés and drinks will be provided.

Conference Dinner – Wednesday 24 April, 19.30

Held at the award winning restaurant, Shimla Pinks (approximately 10 minutes walk from the conference venue). Tickets include a three course gourmet Indian meal, entertainment and drinks. Tickets are available through the conference registration site. A limited number will be available at registration during the conference.

Social networking

Start networking now and stay connected after the conference:

-  @RheumatologyUK #Rheum2013
-  Facebook.com/rheumUK
-  LinkedIn username: BSR Comms, or join our conference group by searching for “Rheumatology 2013”

Accommodation

Our accommodation partners, HG3, have negotiated special rates for delegates at a number of hotels in Birmingham. To access these special rates or to discuss your accommodation needs with HG3 please click [here](#) to be directed to their site or contact them using the details below.

Telephone: 01423 855 990 | **Email:** info@hg3.co.uk

IT Facilities

Cyber Cafe

Sponsored by A. Menarini Pharma UK S.R.L, the Cyber Café will provide several laptops and a printer for delegate use.

Wi-Fi

Wi-fi will be available throughout the venue during the event. Access passwords will be displayed on screens in the venue and at registration.

Charging Station

BSR will provide an area in the exhibition hall for plugging in chargers when your electronics need a boost.

Catering

Details of catering times will be included in your conference programme. If you have any dietary requirements, please ensure that the event staff has been informed in advance of the event. This can be provided during registration or by e-mailing events@rheumatology.org.uk

Smoking policy

All meeting facilities at the ICC are non-smoking areas.

Certificates of attendance

CPD certificates will be enclosed in your conference bag which can be collected at registration.

Accessibility

The ICC Birmingham is accessible to wheelchair users via ramps or lifts. Tactile signage is fitted in the majority of lifts and assistance dogs are welcome. For vehicles displaying blue badges, parking is free of charge at or near the main entrance. Spaces need to be booked in advance so please telephone the venue directly: +44 (0) 121 200 2000.

An induction loop system, which can be linked to visitors' hearing aids, is operated in selected halls at The ICC, please contact the venue directly for details.

Medical emergencies

In event of a medical emergency, please notify a member of security or any member of venue or event staff for assistance.

Lost property

Please report any lost property to the main ICC reception desk, located at the cloakroom area on the ground floor. Please note that BSR nor the venue can accept liability for loss or damage to personal items. Please keep your belongings with you at all time or use the cloakroom provided.

Photography and videotaping

Photographers will be present at the conference. Attendance at Rheumatology 2013 constitutes an agreement by the registrant for BSR & BHPR's use and distribution (both now and in the future) of the registrant's image or voice in photographs or video recordings. Visual reproduction of sessions without prior permission of BSR and the speaker in question is prohibited.

Mobile phones and electronics

As a courtesy to other attendees, we ask that all electronics be switched to silent mode within the exhibition and sessions. Phone conversations are not permitted while in sessions.

Contacts

To contact the BSR events team, please e-mail events@rheumatology.org.uk or call 02078 420900.