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British Association for Sexual Health & HIV

Scanning the Horizon

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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege as current President of ISSTDR to invite you to join us in London in the summer of 2009 to participate in ISSTDR 2009. ISSTDR was formed in 1977 to strengthen research in sexually transmitted infections. The meetings have been held regularly over the last 30 years, mostly every two years, and have become the most important forum for presentation and discussion of recent findings in this field. The most successful aspect of these meetings has been their ability to attract healthcare scientists from a range of disciplines including clinicians, epidemiologists, microbiologists, and social scientists and to promote networking. ISSTDR has always encouraged young scientists in the field and this will be a particular focus for our meeting.

ISSTDR 2009 in London will be co-organised with BASHH (British Association of Sexual Health and HIV). BASHH is the leading organisation for professionals working in the fields of STIs and HIV in the UK. It delivers education, training and sets and maintains clinical standards. Together we will strive to provide a stimulating and memorable scientific and social environment in the tradition of previous successful meetings. Anne Johnson, my co-chair, and Immy Ahmed, the President of BASHH, and I encourage you to join us and to actively participate by submitting your most recent work for presentation.

We look forward to meeting you all in London.

Cathy Ison
ISSTDR President
Why Attend ISSTDR/BASHH 2009

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV pose tremendous health challenges in the developed and developing world. Infections are increasing in the population, in particular adolescents and men who have sex with men and resistance to treatment is becoming an increasing problem for both STIs and HIV. Primary prevention programmes remain under-resourced but progress has been made. HIV therapy and its dissemination into the developing world has been a huge success. New initiatives such as HPV vaccines and improved laboratory diagnostics offer big improvements in disease prevention and diagnosis.

Opinion leaders, researchers and clinicians from around the world provide leadership in STI/HIV prevention, diagnosis and treatment. The ISSTDR/BASHH 2009 event will bring them together to share their innovation, good practice and expertise.

Congress Objectives

- To provide a forum for the presentation of high quality, original scientific research and clinical practice.
- To promote the exchange of clinical, practical and scientific information and ideas.
- To provide an educational programme appropriate for all those interested in sexually transmitted disease research, and as a continuing medical education (CME) opportunity for specialists.
- To give delegates the opportunity to network with colleagues.
- To strengthen and expand the effectiveness of the society in promoting the above endeavours.
- To allow participants to keep up-to-date with industry research and developments.

Profile of Attendance

An estimated 1,500 participants will attend the 18th ISSTDR/BASHH 2009 Congress. The last four preceding Congresses, Berlin/2001, Ottawa/2003, Amsterdam/2005 and Seattle/2007 also had similar attendance. With a very strong scientific and educational programme combined with the attractiveness and accessibility of London as a venue, we are confident that London will also have an excellent attendance.

The ISSTDR Congress provides an international forum for clinicians, epidemiologists, microbiologists, social scientists and policy makers in the areas of STIs and HIV research and service delivery. The Congress will provide an opportunity for delegates to explore areas such as advances in HIV therapy and its dissemination into the developing world, implementation of HPV vaccine programmes and latest advances in laboratory diagnostics.

Origin of participants at the 17th ISSTDR Congress held in Seattle, USA

USA & Caribbean 53%
Europe 18%
North & South America 10%
Africa 7%
Australasia 4%
Far East 3%
Asia 2%
Others 2%
Middle East 3%
Preliminary Scientific and Professional Programme

The Scientific Committee is co-chaired by Anne Johnson and Graham Hart and is dedicated to the full participation of early career researchers and to promoting international, multi-disciplinary, scientific dialogue and debate. Delegates will have the opportunity to engage in discussions which are at the cutting edge of scientific endeavour; covering the full spectrum of STI biology, detection, treatment and care; transmission dynamics; and population interventions. The Scientific Programme has been designed to appeal to a broad spectrum of delegates working across the full range of subspecialties. Dialogue will be fostered through a range of formats – keynote and plenary lectures, parallel special sessions, all with invited speakers, oral papers, poster sessions and scientific symposia.

The main and special sessions will cover all aspects of Tracks A–D including the latest diagnostic methods, pharmaceutical approaches and novel interventions.

Track A: Biology and Detection
Chair: David Lewis

Topic areas:
- Pathogenesis, genetic variation & molecular epidemiology
- STI/HIV interactions
- Molecular diagnostics
- Vaccines
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Host immune response

Track B: Treatment and Care
Chair: Claudia Estcourt

Topic areas:
- Health systems & policy
- Measuring the impact of health services
- Clinical management
- Patient level interventions to prevent transmission & re-infection
- Communication technologies in sexual health care
- Advances in education

Track C: Transmission Dynamics
Chair: Azra Ghani

Topic Areas:
- Modeling epidemics
- New prevention technologies
- Efficacy, effectiveness & impacts
- Global trends & population mobility
- Multi-level determinants of transmission
- Challenges & threats of emerging infections
- Molecular epidemiology

Track D: Population Interventions
Chair: Helen Weiss

Topic areas:
- STI surveillance, monitoring and evaluation
- Methodological issues and capacity-building in epidemiological and prevention research
- Biomedical interventions to prevent STI/HIV
- Behavioral interventions to prevent STI/HIV
- Prevention policy
- Social and economic contexts

Theme: Emerging issues and Debates
Chair: Jackie Cassell

In addition, we have a cross-cutting theme to address Emerging Issues and Debates. This will be fully participatory, and provides an opportunity for delegates to engage in lively discussion on current controversies in STIs, and to make their views heard. Topics may include:
- Evolving STIs: disappearing and emerging diseases, and the potential for elimination
- When is a disease sexually transmitted?
- How can we target screening of STIs in the wider population – measurement issues in risk characteristics beyond sexual behaviour?
- Communication technologies and tele-healthcare: from PDPT to internet pharmacies.
- Methodological issues in cluster randomised trials and the control of confounding: current debates
- Structural interventions and incentivisation.
- Risk compensation in the field of STIs: does the evidence add up?
- Travel, migration and sexual opportunity.
- The dynamic topology of service development – what are the lessons?
Abstract Submissions

Instructions for Authors

The Scientific Committee invites you to submit abstracts for the 18th ISSTDR, in conjunction with BASHH. Abstracts must be submitted online via the Congress website. Please visit the Congress website at www.isstdrlondon2009.com, where you will be guided through the process. Any abstract submitted on paper or in a format other than specified will be rejected. Submitted abstracts should include unpublished data.

Confirmation of Receipt

On receipt of your abstract you will be sent an email to confirm that your abstract has been received. If you do not receive confirmation within one week of submitting your abstract please contact the Congress Secretariat at abstracts@isstdrlondon2009.com.

Deadline for Submissions

28 January 2009 – Final date for all abstracts

Abstract Presentations

All abstracts will be anonymously reviewed and scored for originality, quality of data, presentation and significance. Full presentation specifications will be available on the Congress website www.isstdrlondon2009.com and will also be forwarded after abstract acceptance.

Presentation Categories

Accepted abstracts will be allocated according to the appropriate presentation category by the review committee: oral scientific presentation or poster. Presenting authors may however indicate what presentation type they prefer.

Oral Scientific Presentations

Presenters will be allocated a total of 15 minutes for their presentation including time for questions. PowerPoint presentation facilities will be provided for speakers. No facilities for slides, video or overhead transparencies will be available at the Congress.

Poster Presentations

Poster presentations will be themed as for the programme sessions. For more information on the format of presenting posters, please see a more detailed description online at www.isstdrlondon2009.com

Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted via the Congress website www.isstdrlondon2009.com - click on the 'Abstract Submission' button and follow the submission instructions carefully and in particular note:

- Authors are NOT given the option to specify presentation format, but may indicate their preference.
- Only registered delegates may present abstracts and submissions should be accompanied by a registration and appropriate registration payment.
- Abstracts will only be considered if submitted in English.

- Abstracts are not edited by the organisers and author corrections will NOT be accepted after final submission. Abstracts should therefore be checked carefully for accuracy prior to submission.
- You should indicate two topics from the list that best suit your paper. The topics are used by the Scientific Committee to place abstracts in the most appropriate sessions.
- Authors’ names should be provided in the format ‘A. Smith’.
- The submitting author should be the presenting author.
- The title should be a maximum of 150 characters, typed in CAPITAL LETTERS.
- The abstract may be a maximum of 2000 characters (approximately 250 words) including spaces.
- The abstract should be structured using the following headings: Objective, Methods, Results and Conclusions
- The abstract should be as informative as possible and:
  - mention statistical methods where appropriate.
  - statements such as “results will be discussed” or “data will be presented” will not be accepted.
  - non-standard abbreviations should be described in full when first mentioned followed by the abbreviation in parentheses,
  - the names of authors, names of hospitals, medical schools, clinics or cities are not to be mentioned in the title or text of the abstract.

Reproduction of Accepted Abstracts

Abstracts that have been accepted for presentation will be published in the final programme which will be available to all delegates onsite.

Notification of Accepted Abstracts

You will be notified whether your abstract has been accepted at the end of March 2009. At that time you will be given full details of the timing of your presentation.

Registration

Abstracts CANNOT be published or included in the programme unless the appropriate registration fee has been received. Registrations which are unpaid at the time of programme compilation 25 May 2009 will be withdrawn. Similarly poster presentations which remain unpaid at the advance print deadline of 29 April 2009 will be withdrawn without further notice. A discounted registration fee is available on or before the 22 April 2009 and is available to any authors who submit abstracts. After 22 April 2009, the standard registration fees will apply. Authors requiring abstract acceptance to attend the meeting should note that registration fees are refundable in case of abstract rejection minus a small administration fee of 20% of the registration fee. If you have any questions relating to your abstract submission, please e-mail abstracts@isstdrlondon2009.com

Audiovisual

PowerPoint presentation facilities will be provided for speakers. No facilities for slides, video or overhead transparencies will be available at the Congress.
General Information

Climate and Clothing
The UK is renowned for its changeable weather, so you never quite know what you are going to get but generally in June, July it is sunny and the evenings a bit chilly.

Passport and Visas
A valid passport is required for entry into the United Kingdom (UK). Citizens of Canada, the USA, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and certain Commonwealth countries, do not require a visa to holiday in the UK. However, you will need to fill in forms to apply for entry clearance on arrival, and may not stay for longer than six months. Citizens of these countries must apply for a visa to work in the UK.

Citizens of the European Economic Area and Swiss nationals do not require visas to enter, live and work in the UK. The European Economic Area covers the countries of the EU, plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Visa regulations are frequently revised. Please visit: www.fco.gov.uk and www.ukvisas.gov.uk or check with your local British Embassy or other diplomatic representative before you travel.

Letters of Invitation
Participants requiring a letter of invitation in order to attend the Congress may write to the Congress Secretariat specifying the necessary details. Please note that this procedure aims to assist participants who need to obtain visa or permission to attend the Congress. It is not an official invitation covering fees and other expenses, nor does imply any financial support for your attendance to the Congress.

Travel
London is one of the world’s best-connected cities. With five international airports serving 273 destinations, high-speed rail links to continental Europe and an extensive public transport network, London is capable of dealing efficiently with large numbers of travellers no matter how they choose to get here.

London’s main Airports
Heathrow
London Heathrow Airport (LHR) is one of the world’s busiest airports, handling more international passengers than any other. The airport is located 32 km (20 miles) west of London and has excellent public transport connections. Express trains connect passengers to central London in 15 minutes. Heathrow Connect is a slightly slower but cheaper alternative.

Gatwick
London Gatwick (LGW) is the second largest airport in the UK after Heathrow. Gatwick is located 45km (28 miles) south of London. Rail connections into central London take around 30 minutes.

Getting to London by International Rail
Eurostar operates frequent daily high-speed services connecting Paris and Brussels to London. Journey times range from 2 hours 15 minutes from Paris or 1 hour and 51 minutes from Brussels. Trains arrive at St Pancras International station in central London.

Getting to London by National Rail
London is the hub of the UK’s rail network, with frequent services to all regions from the city’s centrally-located mainline railway stations. Rail services in the UK are run by a number of private train operating companies.

Commercial Exhibition
A commercial exhibition of pharmaceutical and equipment suppliers will be held in conjunction with the Congress and will be open from the evening of Sunday 28 June until Wednesday 1 July 2008. The commercial exhibition will take place in the Benjamin Britten and Mountbatten Lounges of the QEII, which will form the hub of the Congress. This provides an excellent opportunity for delegates to interact with the companies and to familiarise themselves with the latest advances technology and therapeutics - please take some time to visit the exhibits and meet with our industry partners. In addition to the commercial exhibits, lunch and tea and coffee will be served in these areas.

Provisional Exhibition Opening Hours

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Social Programme

Opening Ceremony / Welcome Reception
Sunday 28 June 2009
18:00 – 21:30
QEII Conference Centre

The Welcome Reception is included in the delegate and accompanying persons fee. Please indicate your attendance on the registration form.

The registered participants are invited to the Opening Ceremony that will take place in the QEII Conference Centre and will be followed by a reception, which is a great opportunity to meet with old friends and colleagues from around the world.

Congress Dinner/Dance
Tuesday 30 June 2009
19:30 – 23:00
The New Connaught Rooms
Price: £50 per person (inc. VAT)

Tickets are available as an optional extra cost to all attendees, including exhibitors and accompanying persons.

The Congress Dinner/Dance will be held at the New Connaught Rooms. Located in London’s vibrant Covent Garden, the New Connaught Rooms is one of London’s most sought-after venues, with a history dating back over 200 years.

The format of the evening will be a drinks reception followed by a 3-course sit-down dinner and dance. This elegant venue successfully combines tradition with exquisite wood panelling, beautiful ornate high ceilings and glittering crystal chandeliers making this a venue to impress.

Closing Ceremony
Wednesday 1st July 2009
14:30 – 15:30
QEII Conference Centre

The Closing Ceremony is included in the delegate registration fee. Please indicate your attendance on the registration form.

There will be a closing plenary, speech from the existing President, President handover and a presentation of the next meeting.

Accompanying Persons Tours

London Sightseeing Tour
Monday 29 June 2009, 09.30 – 12.00
(Included in the Accompanying Persons fee)

This is one of the best ways to get around to view the city. The tour will take you by bus to all the major panoramic areas of London such as the Houses of Parliament, London Eye, London Bridge and other must-see places in London like the West End and the Royal Parks and Palaces.

London Eye and Westminster Abbey
Monday 29 June 2009, 13:30 – 16:30
Price: £35 (inc. VAT)

A flight on the London Eye is a breathtaking experience where you can see up to 40 kilometres in all directions of London’s skyline. It has become one of the most spectacular and popular attractions in the world, drawing visitors from far and wide.

The tour will then continue onto Westminster Abbey for a guided tour through the traditional place of coronation and burial site for English monarchs. It is also England’s main centre for memorials and statues of some of the greatest figures of the nation’s history.
River Thames Cruise to Greenwich
Tuesday 30 July 2009, 09:30 – 16:00
Price: £35 (inc. VAT)

A visit to London is incomplete without a cruise along the River Thames, either as an introduction to the many scenes to be enjoyed during your stay or as a treasured memory of your visit. The trip starts at Westminster Pier and sails down the river past a number of historic and modern places of interest many of which have an enchanting story.

Exploring Greenwich is a must for all, with the Royal Observatory, Painted Hall and Queen’s House. A guided tour will be given followed by some free time where you can enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, wander round the quaint streets of the town or lie in the park.

Hampton Court Palace
Wednesday 1 July 2009, 08:45 – 13:00
Price: £35 (inc. VAT)

Home to the Kings and Queens of Britain since the time of Henry VIII, Hampton Court Palace is one of the most famous visitor attractions in the country. Although perhaps best known as a Tudor Palace, Hampton Court Palace, with its magnificent buildings, world-famous gardens and priceless art collection, continues to inspire visitors of all ages. Discover the magnificent State Apartments of Henry VIII and William III, explore 60 acres of immaculate riverside gardens and lose yourself in the world-famous maze.

Windsor
Tuesday 30 June 2009, 09:00 – 16:30
Price: £45 (inc. VAT)

A full day tour to beautiful Windsor including a visit to England’s largest royal residence; Windsor Castle. Home to the Royal Family for 900 years, Windsor Castle is the largest and oldest occupied Castle in the world. Generations of Kings and Queens have conducted their business here and enjoyed its grounds. You get a real sense of British history breathing through the walls of the Castle, first founded by William the Conqueror. You’ll see the lavishly decorated State Apartments containing priceless furniture in glorious colours, and St George’s Chapel, home to the 14th Century Order of the Royal Garter; our senior chivalric order. Walk over the bridge to see Eton College, the famous public school attended by the two princes, William and Harry.

Globe Theatre and Tate Modern
Wednesday 1 July 2009, 09:30 – 12:30
Price: £20 (inc. VAT)

A half day tour offering an introduction to some of London’s South Bank experiences.

The Globe Theatre is the theatre in which most of Shakespeare’s greatest plays had their first performance. A fire during a performance of Henry VIII in 1613 burned the theatre to the ground. It was then built as an exact replica and once again has performances of Shakespeare’s plays.

Tate Modern is Britain’s new national museum of modern art. Housed in the former Bankside Power Station, Tate Modern displays the Tate collection of international modern art from 1900 to the present day, including major works by Dalí, Picasso, Matisse, and Warhol.

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Registration

Online
To register online for 18th ISSTDR, in conjunction with BASHH 2009 please visit the Congress website: www.isstdrlondon2009.com. This is a secure server website.

Post or Fax
Alternatively you can complete the enclosed registration form and return it, along with payment, to the Congress Secretariat. Please complete one registration form per delegate including any accompanying persons. Please photocopy the form if you require additional copies, or download the form from the Congress website www.isstdrlondon2009.com.

Registration
Registration is available from 29 September 2008. Register before 22 April 2009 and take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Fee. The prices have been set as follows:

Early Bird Registration
Applies to all registrations received prior to 22 April 2009.
Delegates £370
Student £270

Standard Registration
Applies to all registrations received from 23 April 2009.
Delegates £450
Student £350

Onsite Registration
Applies to all registrations received onsite
Delegates £500
Student/Trainee £400

Student Registration
Please note that to qualify for the student rate you must be an undergraduate or postgraduate currently studying for a degree. You will also need to ensure that you fax or e-mail a copy of your student card to qualify for the student rate.
Fax: +44 (0)208 743 1010

Accompanying Persons Registration: £140
The Accompanying Person registration fee includes:
• Access to the exhibition
• Invitation to the Welcome Reception
• London sightseeing tour
• VAT @ 17.5%

Group Rate Registration
A group rate of a minimum of 10 people is available. If you are interested in purchasing a group rate, please contact the registration team directly on registration@isstdrlondon2009.com. Please note that members of the group must all work at the same institution and payment will need to be made for all members of the group at the same time.

Payment
Payment must be made in advance to the Congress Secretariat by the following method: MasterCard/Visa/Amex. Please note that all fees paid by credit card will be charged in pounds sterling at the actual exchange rate at the time of the transaction. No other credit cards can be accepted.

Confirmation and Further Instructions
Confirmation of registration will be sent by email to delegates whose payment has been received. In addition, further instructions will be sent out in May, by email, to assist you with your visit to London. Therefore please ensure you submit your email address when registering. This information will also be available on the website www.isstdrlondon2009.com.

Cancellation
Registration: Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to the Congress Secretariat (registration@isstdrlondon2009.com).

Cancellations on or before 26 March 2009 will receive a full refund. Cancellations before 1 May 2009 will receive a full refund less a 20% administrative fee. No refunds can be made for cancellations received after 1 May 2009, but substitutions may be made at any time free of charge. Please send an email to registration@isstdrlondon2009.com notifying us of a name change.

Insurance
The registration fees do not include the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness, and cancellations by any party, theft, loss or damage to personal possessions. Participants are advised to take out adequate personal insurance to cover travel, accommodation, cancellation and personal effects.

Social Events
The Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception and the Closing Ceremony are included in the full delegate registration fee. However, please ensure that you confirm your attendance for these events on the registration form, in order to guarantee your place.

Both delegates and accompanying persons may purchase tickets for the Congress Dinner/Dance and accompanying persons for optional tours. The accompanying persons also have a London sightseeing tour included in the registration fee. Please note that participation at any of these events will be on a ‘first-come, first-served’ basis. Therefore please book early to avoid disappointment.

Cancellation
Tour cancellations will be accepted on or before the 15 June 2009 with a refund of pre-paid fee less a 10% administration charge. After this date, no refunds will be given.

Dinner cancellations will be accepted on or before the 22 June 2009 with a refund of pre-paid fee less a 10% administration charge. After this date, no refunds will be given.
Hotel Accommodation

Hotel rooms have been reserved at preferential rates for Congress participants. You may choose according to your budget.

Online bookings

Participants can book their hotel room via the Congress website www.isstdrlondon2009.com. Pre-payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) is mandatory if you register on-line. Each participant will receive a confirmation. After 20 April 2009 hotel accommodation is subject to availability.

Hotel reservation form

If you do not have access to the Internet, please send the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form as soon as possible but latest before 20 April 2009 to the Event Secretariat on the address below. After the above mentioned deadline, requests will be accepted however; hotel accommodation is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. After this deadline, bookings are only possible against full payment by credit card and an extra late reservation fee of £30.00 will be charged.

Payment policy

To guarantee your reservation a deposit of £200.00 is required. Please include either a copy of your bank transfer; your credit card details or a cheque made payable to AKM Travel, Congrex Hotel Function CH. Hotel requests without payment can not be accepted. All requests will be handled on a “first come-first served basis”.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If your reservation is cancelled before 20 April 2009 the deposit will be refunded, less a £60.00 administration fee. If your reservation is cancelled after 20 April 2009 no refunds can be made. Any change of reservation will be subject to a handling fee of £30.00. Changes or cancellations have to be made in writing to the Event Secretariat. If you arrive later or leave earlier than the originally booked dates, the hotel might charge no-show costs.

For further information as well as for hotel group reservation please contact the registration team on:

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All rates are indicated in British Pounds and include breakfast, service, taxes and VAT.

Please note that availability in your preferred hotel can not be guaranteed and rooms will be confirmed on space availability.

Hotel City Inn Westminster ★★★★★

Single room £260.00 Double room £270.00

This hotel is ideally located in the heart of central London in Westminster. All rooms are equipped with excellent facilities for leisure or business guests: iMac computers, complimentary wireless internet access, power showers and 24-hour room service are available. The Congress centre is within 10–15 minutes walking distance.

Jolly Hotel St. Ermins ★★★★★

Single room £240.00 Double room £240.00

The Jolly Hotel St. Ermins is located in an unusually quiet corner of Westminster, the political and cultural heart of London. All rooms are equipped with wireless internet access, onsite car parking, 24 hours room service, air conditioning, satellite television and mini bar. The Congress centre is within 15 minutes walking distances.

Novotel London Waterloo ★★★

Single room £160.00 Double room £170.00

The Novotel London Waterloo Hotel is ideally located in the city centre, close to Westminster Abbey and Houses of Parliament. All rooms are equipped with wireless internet access, safe, satellite television, bathtub, hairdryer and mini bar. The Congress centre is within 20–25 minutes walking distance.

The Days Hotel Waterloo ★★★

Single room £135.00 Double room £140.00

This modern hotel is located opposite the Imperial War museum just 10 minutes walk from Waterloo International Station and the London Eye. All rooms are equipped with high-speed internet access, direct dial telephone, television and tea & coffee making facilities. The Congress centre is within 20–25 minutes walking distance.

Express by Holiday Inn London Victoria ★★★

Single room £160.00 Double room £165.00

The hotel is ideally located for any one travelling to London via Gatwick Airport or Heathrow Airport with Victoria Rail Station just 7–10 minutes away by foot. The 52-room hotel offers both business and leisure travellers excellent value for money. This central London hotel offers well appointed en-suite rooms with shower, satellite TV, direct dial telephone, hair dryer, in house pay per movies, bar, breakfast room and high speed internet access also available at a charge.

Ramsey and Astor Halls

Single room £50.00 no double rooms available

A large residence providing centrally heated student accommodation. Fully carpeted and with washbasins in all rooms. Facilities include a TV room, games room, library, launderette, music room. Each room has a computer data point. The Congress centre is 15 minutes by tube. Nearest Underground stations: Goodge Street, Warren Street, Euston Square and Great Portland Street.
Participant Registration

Title: ______________  Family name: ______________________________________  First name: ________________________________

Job title: ___________________________  Organisation: ___________________________

Postal address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Postcode/zip code: ___________________________  Country: ___________________________

Telephone: _______________________________  Fax: _______________________________
(including country code)  (including country code)

Email: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Your acknowledgement will be emailed to the above address

Data Protection and Privacy

Your name and organisation as indicated above will be printed in the official list of participants produced for the Congress.
This list will be supplied to all delegates and sponsors of the Congress. This list will also be made available to the sponsors and exhibitors of the Congress.

If you do not want your name to appear in the list of participants, please indicate: ☐ (960)

If you do not want your name to be forwarded to Congress sponsors and exhibitors, please indicate: ☐ (962)

Registration Fees  (The prices are inclusive of VAT)

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* Please ensure that you fax or email a copy of your student card to qualify for the student rate – Fax: +44 (0) 20 8743 1010, email: registration@isstdrlondon2009.com

Please note group rates are not applicable to students.

Accompanying Person Registration

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An Accompanying Person is not permitted to attend the scientific programme.

Delegate Dietary Requirements

Please indicate any special dietary requirements. ☐ Vegetarian (881)  ☐ Halal (884)  ☐ Kosher (885)

Other (886) ___________________________________________

If any Accompanying Persons have dietary requirements please specify below:

Name: ___________________________  ☐ Vegetarian (890)  ☐ Halal (892)  ☐ Kosher (894)  Other (897)

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Social Programme

Please indicate below which events you will be attending.

Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception: Sunday 28 June, 18:00–21:30
- Yes, I will be attending the Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception  
- No, I will not be attending the Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception  
- Accompanying Person will attend

Congress Dinner/Dance: Tuesday 30 June, 19:30–23:00 at The New Connaught Rooms. Price: £50 per person.
- Yes, I will be attending the Congress Dinner/Dance  
- No, I will not be attending the Congress Dinner/Dance  
- Accompanying Person will attend

Closing Ceremony: Wednesday 1 July, 14:30–15:30
- Yes, I will be attending the Closing Ceremony  
- No, I will not be attending the Closing Ceremony  

Please note that only delegates are eligible to attend the Closing Ceremony.

Accompanying Persons Tours

Please note that you can only book one tour on Tuesday and Wednesday as the tours will be at the same time.

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All tours are inclusive of an English speaking guide and entrance fees. Please note lunches are not included. Tour cancellations will be accepted on or before the 15 June 2009 with a refund of pre-paid fee less a 10% administration charge. After this date, no refunds will be given. Bookings will be accepted on or before 22 June 2009. Please note tours cannot be booked onsite.

Summary

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Cancellation Terms & Conditions

Registration: Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to the Congress organisers (registration@isstdrlondon2009.com).

Cancellations on or before 26 March 2009 will receive a full refund. Cancellations before 1 May 2009 will receive a full refund less a 20% administrative fee. No refunds can be made for cancellations received after 1 May 2009, but substitutions may be made at any time free of charge. Please send an email to registration@isstdrlondon2009.com notifying us of a name change.

Dinner cancellations will be accepted on or before the 22 June 2009 with a refund of pre-paid fee less a 10% administration charge. After this date, no refunds will be given and no further bookings can be made.

All tours are inclusive of an English speaking guide and entrance fees. Please note lunches are not included. Tour cancellations will be accepted on or before the 15 June 2009 with a refund of pre-paid fee less a 10% administration charge. After this date, no refunds will be given. Bookings will be accepted on or before 22 June 2009. Please note tours cannot be booked onsite.

Payment

Payment must be received on or before 22 April to receive the Early Bird Registration Fee. After that date all registrations will be charged at the Standard Registration Fee. All registration payments must include VAT.

- I enclose a cheque/bankers draft drawn on a UK account in pounds sterling, payable to Concorde Services Ltd, for the total amount payable (inclusive of VAT @ 17.5%). If the cheque or bankers draft is not drawn on a UK bank account, please add £20 (inclusive of VAT).

- I authorise Concorde Services Ltd to debit my American Express/Visa/MasterCard.

Number: [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] Expiry: [___] / [___] CSV Code: [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___] [___]

For the total amount of: £

Billing address if different from overleaf:

Name of card holder:

Date: _________________________ Signature of cardholder: _______________________________________________________________

If you would like to make a hotel booking please ensure you complete the separate accommodation form.
# Hotel Registration Form

**(one form per room)**

Please return your completed form to the following address:

**Congrex Hotel Function, Association House, Freie Strasse 90, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland**

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**Mr** ☐  **Mrs** ☐  **Ms** ☐  **Prof.** ☐  **PD** ☐  **Dr.** ☐

Family name: ____________________________________________      First name: ____________________________________________

Accompanying person: ____________________________________      Institute/Company: ______________________________________

Department: ____________________________________________     Street, No.: ____________________________________________

P.O. Box: _______________________________________________     Post code/Zip code: _______________________     Country: _____________________________

State/County (where applicable): ______________________________     Telephone business: ______________________________________

Fax: _________________________________________________     Telephone home: __________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________

Date of arrival: ___________________     Estimated time of arrival: ___________________     Date of departure: ____________________

Number of nights: ______________________     Arrival by: ☐ Car ☐ Train ☐ Airplane

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All rates are per room and per night, including breakfast, service and VAT at 17.5%. Early reservation is highly recommended.

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**Reservation**

For booking, please complete this hotel reservation form and return it to Congrex Hotel Function UK, no later than **20 April 2009**. Requests will be accepted thereafter; however, hotel accommodation is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. **After this deadline, bookings are only possible against full payment by credit card, and an extra late reservation fee of £30 will be charged.**

**Payment Policy**

To guarantee your reservation a deposit of **£200** is required. Please include either a copy of your bank transfer to our account at the UBS AG, or provide a credit card that we shall debit. Upon receipt of the deposit, each participant will receive a final confirmation with an invoice. Full payment has to be made to AKM Travel, Congrex Hotel Function CH, by **20 April 2009**. Do not send any payment to the Hotel.

**Please indicate form of payment for the deposit:**

☐ Bank transfer - free of charge for recipient – to the account of AKM Travel, Congrex Hotel Function CH, at UBS AG, CH-4002 Basel. Account Number 595.400.66V, IBAN Number CH77 0023 3233 5954 0066V, Swift code UBSWCHZH80A.

☐ Credit card ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Number: ____________________________ Expiry: __/____ CSV Code: ____________________________

Cardholders name: ________________________________________________________________

Date: ___________________    Signature of cardholder: ______________________________________

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**Cancellation Policy**

If your hotel reservation is cancelled before **20 April 2009**, the deposit will be refunded less £60 administration fee. If your reservation is cancelled after **20 April 2009** or if you arrive later or leave earlier than on the dates indicated on your reservation form, the total accommodation amount will be charged and no refunds can be made. Any change of reservation will be subject to a handling fee of £30. Changes or cancellations have to be made in writing to Congrex Hotel Function UK. Please do not contact the hotel directly.

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The participant acknowledges that he/she has no right to lodge damage claims against the organisers should the holding of the congress be hindered or prevented by unexpected political or economic events or generally by force majeure, or should the non-appearance of speakers or other reasons necessitate program changes. With reservation, the participant accepts this proviso.

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All room charges must be prepaid to AKM Travel, Congrex Hotel Function CH. However, when checking out, all extras (mini-bar, telephone charges, room service, etc.) must be settled with the hotel directly.
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