

Rheumatology 2014

29 April-1 May | Liverpool, UK

Joining instructions and information for delegates

Thank you for registering to attend Rheumatology 2014. We hope that the following information will help you to enjoy the conference and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to greeting you at the event.

Venue

Rheumatology 2014 will be held at the **Arena and Convention Centre, Kings Dock, Liverpool, L3 4FP** ([please click for a map](#)). Onsite facilities at the ACC include a cash point, cloakroom, coffee shop and a Business Centre which offers a range of office services.

Accessibility

The ACC Liverpool is fully accessible for all customers, with accessible toilets, lifts and entrances in all areas. The Convention Centre has 22 seats in the auditorium suitable for those with special accessibility requirements. An induction loop system, which can be linked to visitors' hearing aids, is operated in specific seating areas. For more information please call 0151 475 8888.

For the full guide on special access at the ACC, Liverpool [click here](#)

Smoking policy

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

Lost property

Please report any lost property to the main information desk, located on the Galleria level. Please note that neither BSR nor the venue can accept liability for loss or damage to personal items. Please keep your belongings with you at all times or use the cloakroom provided.

Medical emergencies

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

Prayer Room

Two prayer rooms are available for use by all religious groups for the duration of Rheumatology 2014. Located backstage of hall 1, backstage room 1 has been made available for female attendees and backstage room 2, for males. A sign is situated in each room to indicate which direction is east. Both are accessible via a lift located opposite the corridor should this be needed.

Cloak Room

There will be a cloakroom available for coats and luggage with a **£1 charge per item**. This will be located at the Galleria as you enter the ACC.

Getting there

Public transport

The closest rail station is Liverpool Lime Street (approximately 20 minutes' walk). Most Liverpool City Centre-bound buses will call at Queen Square bus station (a 15-minute walk) or Liverpool ONE Bus Station (a five minute walk from ACC Liverpool). [Click here for travel information.](#)

Car parking

The most convenient car park is the [Liverpool Water Car Park.](#)

Registration

Please make sure you collect your conference badge from the registration desk. (We apologise that at busy times 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 28 April (pre-conference):	16:00 – 20:00
Tuesday 29 April:	7:30 – 18:30
Wednesday 30 April:	7:00 – 18:30
Thursday 1 May:	7:00 – 16:30

Please wear your badge so it can be easily seen at all times. You will need it to be admitted to the sessions, exhibits and social events. If you lose your badge, please tell our registration staff immediately.

Please ensure that your badge is scanned at least once each day to collect your CPD points.

Exhibition

The exhibition will be in Hall 2 at The ACC:

Tuesday 29 April	8.30 – 17.30
Wednesday 30 April	8.30 – 17.45
Thursday 1 May	8.45 – 14:15

Programme

The programme is on the [Rheumatology 2014 web pages](#). Please note that this is subject to alterations and while we make every effort to accommodate everyone, spaces may be limited in certain sessions and we cannot guarantee access. By indicating which sessions you are interested in when you register, you will help us to work out expected delegate numbers and plan session rooms appropriately.

Posters

Poster tours will take place during the coffee breaks each morning and will include the following topics:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Rheumatoid arthritis	BHPR	Pediatrics
Case Reports	Spondyloarthropathies	Vasculitis
Primary Care		Scleroderma

Spaces on the poster tours are limited, so please sign up for the tour of your choice in the registration foyer each morning.

Innovation Theatre sessions

The Innovation Theatre, based within the exhibition hall, will offer concise 30 minute sessions hosted by our exhibitors. Sessions are free to all registered delegates, subject to capacity. [Details of the sessions are on the website](#).

Please be reminded that the programme is subject to change at this stage. We recommend that you keep checking the website to plan your attendance at the conference.

Networking

Presidents' reception - Tuesday, 29 April, 7pm at Circo, Albert Dock

This event is free to attend for all delegates: canapés and drinks and chatting with colleagues. We will be taking the opportunity to celebrate our 30th anniversary at BSR. Please join us in our celebrations.

There will be a cash bar available until 11:30pm.

Conference dinner – Tuesday 29 April, 9pm at Circo, Albert Dock

Featuring guest speaker Dr Phil Hammond, on a break from his one-man tour 'Games to Play with your Doctor'.

Reminder - the conference dinner is for those who have purchased a ticket only and you will be asked to present this on arrival.

As well as catching up with colleagues and friends in the coffee and lunch breaks and on Tuesday evening, join the conference Twitter

conversation: @RheumatologyUK #Rheum2014

Dress code

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.

IT facilities

Wi-Fi will be available throughout the venue during the event, and the cyber café will provide several laptops and a printer for delegate use. We will provide an area in the exhibition hall for plugging in chargers when your electronics need a boost.

Rheumatology 2014 App

This year we're delighted to introduce our new, improved conference app. Don't forget to download yours at the app store by searching for Rheumatology 2014.

The Rheumatology 2014 app features an interactive venue plan and will provide the most up-to-date information regarding all sessions, speakers, abstracts and the exhibition. Should you need any assistance downloading the app or have any queries using it then please visit the general enquiries desk in the galleria.

Catering

Details of catering times will be included in your conference programme. If you have any dietary requirements, please make sure you inform the event staff well in advance, either during registration or by e-mailing events@rheumatology.org.uk by 29 March 2014.

Certificates of attendance

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

Mobile phones and electronics

As a courtesy to other attendees, we ask you to switch all your electronics to silent mode within the exhibition and sessions. Phone conversations are not permitted during sessions.

Photography and videotaping

Please note that we will have photographers at the conference. By registering to attend Rheumatology 2014 you agree that BSR (and BHPR) may use and distribute (now and in the future) your image or voice in photographs or video recordings. You may not record or reproduce any of the sessions at Rheumatology 2014 without the prior permission of BSR and the relevant speaker(s).

Accommodation

Our accommodation partners, HG3, have negotiated special rates for delegates at a number of hotels in Liverpool. To access these special rates or to discuss your accommodation needs with HG3 please [go to their website](#) or telephone 01423 855 990 or email info@hg3.co.uk

Contacts

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