 

**Scottish Cardiovascular Forum**

**19th Annual Meeting**

**Saturday 6th February 2016**

The Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine

Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland

Organisers: Dr David Bell and Dr Chris Johnson (QUB)

You are cordially invited to attend this one day meeting for those with an interest in cardiac and vascular research – both clinical and basic science.

**Scientific Programme**

The meeting will begin at 9.45am (registration and poster mounting from 9.00am, tea/coffee available on arrival) and end at approximately 5.00pm.

Keynote speakers will include Dr David Grieve (Centre for Experimental Medicine, QUB) and Dr Mark

Tully (Centre for Public Health, QUB). There will also be opportunity for final year PhD students to

give oral presentations during the Roger Wadsworth Prize Symposium, and for all other participants

to submit work for oral or poster presentation at the meeting.

Information about online registration, abstract submission and the Roger Wadsworth Prize is now

available on the SCF website.

The Venue will be the recently opened Wellcome-Wolfson Institute which is on the Medical Biology

Campus, 97 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7BL (approximately 10 minutes’ walk from the Belfast Europa

Bus Station/Great Victoria Street Train Station) - Building 24 on the QUB campus map.

**Social Programme**

Please let the organisers know by email if you are planning to travel to Belfast on Friday 5th or to stay

over on Saturday night 6th. We hope to arrange an informal get together at *Villa Italia* for those in

Belfast on Friday evening and to organise a venue to watch the England v Scotland rugby match on

Saturday evening. Tourist information can readily be provided on request for accompanying persons

and those planning to extend their trip.

**Travel to Belfast**

[**http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/LifeinBelfast/campusmapandtravel/**](http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/LifeinBelfast/campusmapandtravel/)

**Flybe** operate between Belfast City (George Best) and Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness and Aberdeen

(some but not all Aberdeen and Inverness flights are direct). Those travelling from Glasgow could

make the trip in one day, others are more likely to stay overnight in Belfast on Saturday and fly

home on Sunday.  Travel time from the airport to the meeting venue is ~10-15 min by taxi, slightly

longer if using airport shuttle bus into Belfast city centre then walking to venue.

**Easyjet** operate between Belfast International and Edinburgh, Glasgow. Times might be tight if

arriving from Glasgow on Saturday morning, or returning to Edinburgh on Saturday night but we will

try to arrange the scientific programme accordingly if a lot of people are travelling by this option.

There is a shuttle bus from the international airport to Belfast city centre taking 25-30 minutes.

Some might consider bringing a car (or people carrier/minibus) via Cairnryan to Belfast.  **Stena** offer

frequent sailings and a weekend return might be cheaper if 4-5 people shared one car (~£350 for a

car +5) rather than individual flights depending on whether or not you wanted accommodation in

Belfast.  An early morning sailing on Saturday might be possible (but a very early start) and there is a

return sailing ~7.30pm. The crossing takes just over 2 hours.

For those who don’t mind a slightly longer journey, **Citylink.co.uk** offer a bus service between

Glasgow Buchanan Street and Belfast Europa/Gt Victoria Street Bus terminal. [Leaving Glasgow

~4.30pm, arriving Belfast ~10pm on Friday night]. The cost is likely to be ~£50 return including sailing

(there is further discount for students). There are onward connections to Edinburgh, Aberdeen,

Dundee and Inverness. It would require overnight accommodation in Belfast.

**Accommodation**

For those planning to stay over on either Friday and/or Saturday there are lots of options in different

price ranges close to the University/Belfast City Hospital:

* Holiday Inn Express, Ibis and Dukes at Queens are all located on University Street.
* others close by include Tara Lodge, Malone Lodge Hotel and Apartments, Wellington Park Hotel, Benedicts, Madison’s, Best Western Crescent Townhouse.
* A slightly longer walk away – closer to the city centre are Travel Lodge Belfast and Days Hotel Belfast City Centre.
* For cheaper guesthouse accommodation nearby the venue- Titanic Apartments, Pearl Court Guesthouse, Camera Guesthouse, Avenue Guest House.
* Budget accommodation for students: Paddy’s Place Hostel, Vagabonds Hostel, Lagan Backpackers or Belfast International Youth Hostel

Looking forward to welcoming you to Belfast next February, best wishes,

David and Chris