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John McIntyre Centre – Pollock Halls
18 Holyrood Park Rd, Edinburgh EH16 5AY

FACT SHEET

REGISTRATION The Conference Desk is in the foyer on the first floor of the **McIntyre Building**. Registration opens 08:00 - 18:00 hours, Monday 17 July - Wednesday 19 July.

Registration will also take place on Sunday 16 July between 18:00-20:30 hours at the Salisbury Arms, which is the pub across the road from Pollock Halls. Turn left when you come out of Pollock, walk past the Commonwealth Swimming Pool and the Pub is across the road. A buffet will also be available from 18:30 hours for those who have booked in advance. Please come along at your leisure – food will be served up until 20.30.

ACCOMMODATION Most delegates are staying in Pollock Halls. Please go to the Reception Centre (see map) to collect your room key. Check in is from 14:00 hours. If staying in Masson House Hotel or Salisbury Green Hotel then please collect your key from the hotel where you will also have breakfast. Reception at both Pollock and the hotels are open 24 hours a day. Check out is 10:30 hours on your day of departure - please store your bags in boardroom 2 next to the conference registration desk. For those staying in Pollock Halls breakfast is served from 07:30 – 10:00 hours in the McIntyre Centre.

For Pollock Hall Reception, Masson House and Salisbury Green call +44 (0)131 651 2007 or +44 (0)131 651 2198

WELCOME RECEPTION Monday 17 July A welcome reception including access to parts of the National Museum of Scotland 18:30 – 20:00 hours, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF. Enjoy a drink and canapés and meet other delegates. Entry at North West corner – the ‘Tower’ entrance. 25 minute walk from Pollock Halls, 7 minute taxi ride or take a bus – see below.

Chambers Street is just before South Bridge or North Bridge depending on which bus you catch. Bus No 2 from outside the Commonwealth Pool – alight at Bristo Place. Or Bus 14, 30, 33 from outside the Commonwealth Pool alight at South Bridge. <https://lothianbuses.co.uk/>

CONFERENCE DINNER – Tuesday 18 July. The Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LR There will be a drinks reception between 18:30-19:30 hours followed by dinner. George Street runs parallel to Princes Street. It is a 40 minute walk from Pollock Halls and 15 minutes by taxi. Or you can get the 30 or 33 Bus to Princes Street from outside the Commonwealth Pool. Or the 3,29, 31 or 37 from Salisbury Place to Princes Street.

BIG DAY OUT FIELD TRIP – Thursday 20 July ‘Big Day Out’ field trip leaves from outside Pollock Halls at 08.00 hours prompt. No other Edinburgh pick ups are planned. The bus will return to Pollock Halls at 20:00 hours.

PRESENTATIONS (the Programme is on the website)

Authors of oral presentations should send their presentation by 30 June to presentations@ecpa2017.com. Guidelines for presentations on the website. Please note submitted authors have 10 minutes for presentation + 2 minutes for questions. Please ensure your aspect ratio is 16:9. Authors of the Satellite meeting have 15 minutes 12+3.

** Remember you must bring a backup USB Stick even if you email us your presentation. We must have your presentation BEFORE the start of your session. Therefore if unable to email in advance please hand into the Powerpoint Desk. We accept Powerpoint 2016 or lesser version. We do not accept mac versions. Some presentations will be video recorded. If you have any objection to your presentation being video recorded then please let the organisers know.*

The Powerpoint Desk is in Board Room 1 next to the Registration Desk. Opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Tuesday 08:00-09:00 hours, during sessions and coffee/tea breaks

POSTERS Posters are in South Hall. Posters should be A1 Portrait (594 x 841mm). Poster numbers and velcro dots will be on boards. Posters should be put up as soon as you arrive and taken down at the end of the last session on Wednesday. Authors will stand by their posters in specified poster sessions – please see programme.

PROCEEDINGS – All delegates will have access to a pdf of the proceedings in advance of the meeting. For delegates who would like to purchase a printed copy of the Proceedings please ask at the registration desk. Delegates who have pre-ordered will collect at registration.

EXHIBITORS will be situated in concourse and marquee areas. Deliveries **will not** be accepted before **Thursday 13th July**. All Collections/Uplifts must be made before 5.00pm on **Friday 21st July**. Please contact us for delivery details.

CAR PARKING limited parking available on a first-come-first-served basis - spaces cannot be reserved. Security staff at the barrier will direct guests to available parking spaces.

WiFi INTERNET – free Wifi is available throughout the campus. Guests should select “Keysurf” on their device, they will then be asked to provide an email address and mobile telephone number to enable them to connect. There are a small number of public use PCs in the Reception Centre that delegates can also use.

TRAVEL

Rail Edinburgh station is linked to all the UK’s major cities and airports. The link to London takes just over four hours. The Eurostar service connects to Paris in around eight hours. There are trains to major cities across the UK, as well as to Scotland’s favourite tourist destinations. More information from www.nationalrailenquiries.co.uk or <http://www.traveline.info/>

Road Edinburgh is easily access by a network of motorways and trunk roads, chiefly the M74, A1 and A68 from the south and the M8 from the west. The M9 and M90 head north. Edinburgh’s bus station on St Andrews Square connects to all the major cities in Britain. More information on bus services from www.nationalexpress.com

Air Edinburgh airport is served by more than 40 airlines, travelling to around 130 worldwide destinations. Only 12km from the city centre, it is just a short journey from the city centre. More information from www.edinburghairport.com

To and from the airport

With tram links and a dedicated 24 hour bus service plus the option of taxis and car hire, Edinburgh airport is well served by excellent links directly to the city centre. <http://edinburghtrams.com/> <https://lothianbuses.co.uk/>.

The lowest cost method is to take the main Bus (100) outside the airport concourse (£6.xx, the driver will take give change for currency notes)) to its final stop next to Edinburgh’s Waverley rail station. For Pollock Halls, then walk around at on the north side upper street level onto North Bridge and catch any bus at stop NC. These buses are exact fare, they will not give change. So have coins to pay (£1.60). Get off at Commonwealth Pool and walk 200 metres to Reception.

Walking in Edinburgh

The main accommodation base at Edinburgh University Pollock Halls is approximately 40 minutes walk from the city centre (Waverley Station), and is just 300 metres to the gates of Holyrood Park. This public area contains the volcanic plugs of Arthur’s Seat and Salisbury Crags with miles of walking and running areas.

Travel within Edinburgh

Transport for Edinburgh (transportforeдинburgh.com) provides integrated transport across Edinburgh, with trams from the Airport and into the city centre and bus services around the city. There are very frequent bus journeys between the conference venues and Edinburgh city centre, a single journey cost £1.60, with exact fair in couins needed.. A day ticket currently costs just £4.00 for unlimited daytime travel. Smartphone apps provide route maps, real-time timetabling and routing and m-tickets <http://transportforeдинburgh.com/>. An app from **Traveline Scotland** is also good at planning bus jounneys or walking.

New Security Measures for those travelling to the UK

New security measures introduced for selected inbound flights to the United Kingdom and United States of America. Under the new arrangements, electronic items such as phones, laptops and tablets larger than: length: 16.0cm, width: 9.3cm, depth: 1.5cm, will not be allowed in the cabin on selected flights to the UK and US from the countries listed. Any affected device, including e-readers and games consoles, will need to be placed into hold luggage.

This will apply to inbound flights to the UK from the following countries: Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Tunisia. The ruling also applies to inbound flights to the US from the following cities: Amman, Cairo, Istanbul, Jeddah, Riyadh, Kuwait, Casablanca, Doha, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

The rules apply even if your trip originates in another city/country but you are changing planes at one of the affected airports. Travellers are advised to check online with their airline for further details.

More information can be found here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/additional-hand-luggage-restrictions-on-some-flights-to-the-uk>

Central Taxis 0131 229 2468. Taxi rank outside the Reception Centre and a Freephone within the centre that links directly to Central Taxis.

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