

Porphyryns and Porphyrias 2011

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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the international meeting "Porphyrins and Porphyrias 2011" in Cardiff, United Kingdom. The venue for the conference will be the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff. The meeting website can be reached on www.bad.org.uk/P&P2011 and covers all logistical details concerning registration, Travel and accommodation. Information concerning abstract submission will be provided about nine months before the event.

The **scientific programme** will aim to cover the latest developments in the field of haem-related disorders. The meeting will include plenary sessions with invited speakers, free Communications and poster presentations. As with previous Porphyrins and Porphyrias meetings there will be contributions from the diverse range of professions working in the field including laboratory scientists, clinicians, molecular biologists, laboratory and clinical academics. It is our hope and expectation that as a result we will enjoy an interesting and challenging few days together.

The main meeting will start on Sunday April 10th, with a welcome reception in the evening, And will end on Wednesday April 13th. On the day after the main meeting (Thursday 14th April) there will be **three parallel meetings** as follows:

- What's new in cutaneous porphyrias? An update on clinical aspects of the cutaneous porphyrias for Dermatologists
- Porphyria patient support group meeting; a gathering of porphyria patient support groups hosted by the British Porphyria Association
- Tetrapyrrole Discussion Group Scientific Meeting

Cardiff is the capital city of Wales. It is a vibrant city, located on the coast of South Wales, 120 miles west of London. There are numerous hotels within walking distance of the conference venue, ranging from budget to five star. There are many restaurants and bars in this part of town. Highlights of Cardiff include The National Museum of Wales (which has an outstanding collection of 18th and 19th century art), Cardiff Castle, Bute Park, the Millennium Stadium, the Millennium Centre and the Cardiff Bay Development.

The **social programme** includes a reception in the galleries of the National Museum of Wales and a gala dinner to be held in Cardiff City Town Hall.

In view of the current economic climate the organisers have decided to make the main meeting slightly shorter than previously, but with an option for delegates to stay on for one of the additional meetings. Efforts have been made to make the meeting attractive to junior colleagues and those with limited funds. By necessity, the scientific committee has been kept small. Additionally, we are offering reduced rates of registration and bursaries to special groups. The Organising committee looks forward to welcoming delegates to Porphyrins and Porphyrias 2011.

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On behalf of the Local Organising Committee