

10th Triennial BSCN Wadham College Course – Delegate information

Firstly, thank you for registering for the course. This circular contains all the supplementary information currently available and hopefully answers many of the questions which people have been asking independently by email.

- 1) College accommodation – the course fee includes full board accommodation in student rooms in Wadham College for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. We appreciate that many of you are travelling from abroad and may wish to arrive in Oxford on Sunday. If you wish to have a room for Sunday night you should contact the college conference organiser directly by email – conference.office@wadh.ox.ac.uk stating that you are attending the BSCN course and she will try to ensure that you do not have to move rooms. Payment for Sunday night should be made direct to Wadham College. Notes for visitors staying in Wadham can be found at <http://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/venue-hire-conferences/venue-hire-information> under **Booking Information**
- 2) Accompanying persons – a limited number of twin rooms are available in the college. If you wish to bring an accompanying person with you who is not attending the course (we know of one example like this at present) then please contact Dr Chris Moore (chris.moore@doctors.org.uk) as soon as possible. We will ask you to pay additionally only the difference in cost between a single and double room and dinner for the 4 nights of the conference and will present you with a bill for this during the meeting (£300 for 4 nights)
- 3) Check-in/out. Rooms at Wadham are available from 2:00pm on the day of arrival and must be vacated by 10:00 am on the day of departure. Please note that, if you are arriving on Monday, your room will not be available before the start of lectures. Luggage storage is available. Similarly you will need to pack and vacate your room on Friday morning before the meeting begins.
- 4) Evening meals are provided at 7:00pm in hall but no alcohol is served except with the gala dinner on Thursday. Dress for dinner is informal, smart casual for Thursday please
- 5) Visas – if you need a formal invitation to the meeting to assist with visa applications, please contact Chris Moore as soon as possible
- 6) Case presentations – UK trainees taking advantage of the BSCN bursary scheme for this course are expected to give a short case presentation – 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Summaries, which should not give away the diagnosis, should be emailed to Chris Moore before <date> for inclusion in the course materials.
- 7) Practical demonstrations – for these items on the programme the course delegates will be divided into groups. Your course name badge will carry a coloured sticker identifying which group you are in. See the final programme to tell which demonstration you should be in at which time. Please keep to your allocated groups – as the course is very full it will be unfair on some delegates if this rule is not followed and the group sizes become unbalanced
- 8) BSCN Spring scientific meeting Friday 31st March. The afternoon programme for Friday will take place in the Moser lecture theatre which has limited capacity. We are currently assuming that everyone registered for the course will stay for Friday afternoon but if you are leaving early please let us know (email Jeremy.Bland@nhs.net) as there may be BSCN members wishing to attend for Friday only who may not be able to get a place because of the afternoon room capacity.
- 9) Dietary special requests – we have captured some of these through the registration process but to ensure we do get this right, if you do have particular requirements would you please email Jeremy Bland or Chris Moore to make sure.
- 10) Case presentations by UK junior staff – It is a condition of receipt of the £500 bursary for UK trainees in clinical neurophysiology that the recipient should be prepared to give a short case presentation during the course. A short summary of the case which does not give away the diagnosis should be submitted to Chris Moore by 14th February as we are trying to ensure that there is not too much duplication

11) Social events – Apart from socialising over mealtimes, Oxford offers a wealth of convivial hostilities which attendees at previous courses have made extensive use of. Additionally however we have arranged the following activities:

Tuesday 28th March – 5:30pm – Magic and Medicine - A one-woman presentation based on research into Dr Thomas James of Oxford and his physician, the celebrated Dr Richard Napier, presented in the round, through the eyes of James' wife Ann, in the language of 1619. 60 minutes of light-hearted conversation over a drink, including facsimiles of the real case-notes, and opportunities to ask a 'real' 17th century person about diagnosis and treatment of a neuropathy. You say 'CVA'; she says 'witchcraft'; Dr Napier says 'palsy'. Who is right. (See www.magicandmedicine.hps.cam.ac.uk for more details, although the James consultation of 1619 is not online yet.) This event will take place in the Okinaga room within Wadham College adjacent to the junior common room bar which will open for drinks beforehand (not a free bar, sorry!). Please sign up online on the BSCN website where you will find this listed as a separate event, price £5 per person

Wednesday 29th March – 5:30 – 7:00pm – work up an appetite for dinner with a medical history themed walking tour of Oxford, starting and finishing at Wadham College. Again, places are limited, please sign up on the BSCN website events page if you wish to participate. Free

Thursday 30th March – 5:30 to 6:45 in the Great Hall of Wadham College before dinner – “EMG’ers question time” – Dr Jeremy ‘Percy’ Bland and Prof Lawrence ‘Monty’ Robinson discuss questions that have been sent in from fans around the world about the garden of electromyography – with audience participation. Free of charge. Prizes will be given for the most inventive contributions from the audience. This event will be immediately followed by the course gala dinner in hall – we promise not too many speeches!

Finally we look forward to welcoming you all to Oxford and hope that you will have an enjoyable and illuminating time.

The organising committee

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