

**Annual Meeting – University of Stirling, Scotland**

Thursday 6th July to Saturday 8th July 2023

Spina Bifida
Hydrocephalus
Scotland

On behalf of the local Organising Committee, we are pleased to announce that the next SRHSB Annual Conference Meeting is to be held at the University of Stirling, Scotland. We are delighted to be able to move back to the face-to-face conference meeting format, facilitating a more interactive environment for meeting new contacts while promoting networking opportunities.

The Conference will be held at the Stirling Court Hotel which is situated within the campus of the University of Stirling. The venue is easily accessible and around one hour's journey from either Glasgow or Edinburgh International Airports.

One of the principal royal strongholds of the Kingdom of Scotland, Stirling was created a Royal burgh by King David I in 1130, which it remained until 1975, when the burgh as an administrative unit was abolished. In 2002, as part of the late Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee, Stirling was granted city status.

The city is clustered around a large fortress and medieval old-town. Stirling is a centre for local government, higher education, retail, and industry. In 2012, the population of the City was 45,750. The majority of the population is located in its southeast corner, in the City of Stirling and in the surrounding area.

Save the date of the SRHSB Conference Scotland 2023 in your diary now!

Full Conference Registration fee is likely to cost around £350 for the full conference package (Thursday morning to Saturday lunchtime, including the Society Dinner with current plans to visit the Burrell Collection; <https://burrellcollection.com/>).

Accommodation for 2 nights is projected to cost around £348. Final costs and booking instructions will be published in March 2023.

The **provisional conference program** includes two special sessions:

- **Professor Hazel Jones**, will present work on the hydrocephalic Texas (H-Tx) rat
- **Professor John Pickard**, will consider the multiple roles and implications for cerebrospinal fluid

Abstract submission is now open, and we welcome all abstracts in the fields of hydrocephalus, spina bifida, and neural tube defects, including those related to the topics of the special sessions above. Deadline for abstract submission is **Friday April 28th, 2023**.

We look forward to warmly welcome you to Scotland in 2023!