



### **Conference Dates**

2 ½ day conference from Wednesday afternoon **September 4<sup>th</sup>** - Friday **September 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2024.

### **Conference Programme**

We have a provisional programme of cross-disciplinary interest, encompassing the following session themes with presentations from national and international speakers: **Perspectives on CSF dynamics; Therapeutic approaches to NTDs and hydrocephalus; Experimental models for hydrocephalus and spina bifida; Glymphatics and CSF pathways; Patient perspectives.** *For further conference programme details with the list of speakers, please see the SRHSB website.*

### **Conference Registration**

We have set the Conference Registration fee at different cost levels to allow flexibility in conference attendance registration, with full conference attendance rate of £285, daily conference attendance of £190, and on-line conference access rate of £140. ***These options of the Conference Registration fee are only payable through an on-line University of Manchester e-store payment link,*** details of which can be accessed through the SRHSB website.

The link to e-store for conference registration payment is also available here:

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***Please note: There is no desk pay-on-day payment facility available,*** so registration needs to be pre-paid for you to attend the conference in person or access presentations by virtual (on-line) attendance.

### **Conference Venue**

The **Dalton Room** at the Core Technology Facility (CTF) at University of Manchester on the main campus. CTF is on Grafton St, Manchester M13 9PT, opposite the Manchester Royal Infirmary. The venue has disabled access. Grafton Street is off Oxford Road, one of the major bus routes to/from the city centre (see map) and is also close to city tram and train stations, with taxis available at city centre train stations.

A campus map of University of Manchester buildings (PDF) is available at this link, with CTF building shown as # 86 on the campus map.

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/maps/>

### **Conference Posters**

There is the capacity to show 12 posters along the corridor space outside the Dalton Room for the duration of the whole meeting, with the benefit of excellent viewing opportunity throughout the course of the meeting.

### **Parking**

The University of Manchester offers **paid** parking space to the public at certain car parks close to the venue.

<https://www.estates.manchester.ac.uk/services/operationalservices/carparking/>

There is also parking at multi-storey Manchester Royal Infirmary car park off Grafton St, but this is expensive for day parking. Please note that Dilworth St is now **permit only parking**, but the nearby Cecil Street carpark (see carpark E on map) allows public parking and is a 5 min walk to venue.

**Please note if you are driving:** There are **bus gates on Oxford Road**. This means that parts of the road are only open to buses, taxi black cabs and pedal cycles from 6am to 9pm every day. If you enter a bus lane or use a bus gate, you may get a **Penalty Charge Notice (PCN)**. You can however, approach Grafton Street from Upper Brook Street.

### **Accommodation**

The SRHSB 2024 Conference registration fee **does not** cover accommodation for your stay during the conference. Accommodation will be arranged independently by the attending delegate, to suit their needs. There are numerous hotels available for varying budget levels, including a budget hotel, Travelodge near the venue on Upper Brook Street (~£50-60/night) just a few min walk away (<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/523/Manchester-Upper-Brook-Street-hotel>). The University also offers a discounted corporate rate at the Hyatt Regency (<https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/manrm-hyatt-regency-manchester>), just a short walk or bus ride away from venue. To qualify for this, please see our University booking site (<https://www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/contact/hotel-bookings/>) which will provide the corporate code discount number. The link will take you to the same Manchester Hyatt Regency booking site as above. If you select your dates of stay, 'special rates', then 'corporate code from drop-down' and enter the corporate code, the discounted University of Manchester Corporate Rate room rate will be shown (~£133+/night) depending on room type choice and they also offer Family Rooms.

Alternatively, there are a few hotels at the top of Oxford Road on a direct bus route to University (get off at Stopford Building and then turn left and walk down Grafton Street to venue), including the Holiday Inn Express (~£111/night; <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/manchester/mchor/hoteldetail>), the Kimpton Clocktower Hotel (~£113/night; <https://www.kimptonclocktowerhotel.com/>) and a Premier Inn on Portland Street (~£60/night; <https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/greater-manchester/manchester/manchester-city-centre-portland-street.html>)) You can also check hotel availability near the University of Manchester on Booking.com with 'University of Manchester' as your destination.

These are just suggestions, but central Manchester has a wealth of hotels, offering affordability to a variety of budgets.

### **Catering/hospitality**

Arrival, mid-morning and afternoon refreshments, along with a buffet lunch for each full day conference attendance are included in your Conference Registration fee, which also covers the Conference Dinner (on Thursday evening, September 5th) at one of the curry houses nearby, just a short walk from the conference venue (about 1 block). Also included, is a closing reception drink on Friday evening (September 6<sup>th</sup>).

Please inform us of any specific dietary requirements or food allergies when you register for the conference at the payment portal.

As regards the Wednesday evening (September 4<sup>th</sup>), we have **not** included the cost of dinner in the Conference Registration fee, leaving you flexible to have dinner wherever you want, but nearby options include the local Kro Bar or Turing Tap pub, just a few minutes away from venue, which both serve a variety of tasty dishes. There is also a Chinese Restaurant, Red Chilli, on the corner of Grafton St/Oxford Road.

Manchester city centre has a huge range of eateries and restaurants to accommodate all palettes, with our own Chinatown. We also have the 'curry mile' in Rusholme, again just a few blocks down from the University campus.

### ***Local social entertainment for accompanying persons***

We are not offering a structured activity programme for accompanying persons, but there is plenty to see/do. Manchester is a culturally diverse city with several art galleries, museums, theatres, shop-till-you-drop shopping, bars, restaurants, river cruises from Lowry Centre, travel links to surrounding countryside and other cities such as Liverpool, Chester etc. The Manchester Museum (free) is just a few min from the venue, with 'Stan' a replica *T. Rex*, as one of its highlights! It also has the largest collection of mummies outside Egypt which are researched by University academics, as well as several archaeological finds. Additional to all that, it has an example of a life-sized 'tigon' (a rare cross between a tiger and lion), that used to be part of a local zoo, preserved by a taxidermist! There is also the Museum of Science and Industry in the city centre, which is also free.

### ***Certificates of Attendance***

We are able to provide e-copies of Certificates of Attendance on request.

### ***Finally.....***

With such an exciting Conference Programme, the opportunity to visit the multicultural and diverse vibrant city of Manchester, as well as the esteemed University of Manchester, the largest single-site University in the UK, with its significant heritage, and history of pioneering innovation and discovery (<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/history-heritage/>), and which is marking its bicentenary in 2024, why wouldn't you come with so much on offer!!

The official University of Manchester crest bears the Latin inscription: *Cognitio Sapientia Humanitas – Knowledge, wisdom and humanity*

See: <https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=22094>

**We look forward very much to sharing all these values with you at the SRHSB 2024 Manchester Conference and to offering you the very warmest of welcomes!**

