

Newsletter – April/May 2024

Dear Supporters of ISRP Europe

In this month's newsletter, we would like to provide you with an update on the current status of the upcoming ISRP Oxford 2024 conference that the European section is coordinating on behalf of the International Board. The information below gives you more information on the conference including confirmed speakers and themes. The executive committee is very much looking forward to seeing you in Oxford.

1. Keynote and Guest speakers for Oxford 2024

The technical committee for the Oxford Conference is starting to fill out the programme. We have keynote and invited Speakers who have agreed to present to the conference including:

Monday AM – Professor David Fishwick, HSE Chief Medical Advisor, on the importance of respiratory health and reducing inhalation hazards through correct use of RPE.

Monday PM - Alan Murray CEO, BSIF on the Fit2Fit Fit Testing competence scheme and the BSIF registered safety supplier scheme.

Tuesday AM - Lt Col Darren Mann, Royal Army Medical Corps speaking on the work of the UK PPE cell during the Covid-19 pandemic

Wednesday AM – Gabriele Troescher, Retiring President of ISRP and convenor of ISO SC15 respiratory protection on respiratory protection Standards.

Thursday AM – Professor Claire Horwell of Durham University on community respiratory protection.

Thursday PM –Dr Stephanie Lynch, incoming President of ISRP, will lead a workshop of **FACE-UP** covering Child Respiratory Protection.

The theme of sessions will follow the topic covered by the keynote/guest speakers (e.g. fit testing on Monday PM). Other areas that do not have a keynote speaker (such as CBRN) will also be included in the four days.

2. Submission of Abstracts for Oxford 2024

Our call for abstracts for the international conference is on isrp.com. These are starting to arrive but, although the deadline is the end of June, we urge you to get yours in as soon as

possible. If yours is not ready but you intend to submit, it would help us plan the sessions if you could give us a working title for your contribution.

Remember that presentations on experience in the production and provision of respiratory protection are **just as important** to the conference as hard science technical papers. Abstracts and notices of intent should be sent to us via oxford.technical@isrp.com. We intend to let you know that we have received these within a few days. If we do not do this Email Secretary@isrpeurope.com to alert us. After receipt we hope to give a decision on the abstract promptly.

Once we have completed abstracts we intend to post them on isrp.com so that you can see what others are intending to present.

3. Bob Bentley Bursary

We have had a couple of enquiries about the Bob Bentley Bursary designed to encourage young researchers in the field of Respiratory protection in the geographical region covered by the European Section to present at the conference. This award provides a free place at the conference and a monetary award of £500 to help towards the expense of attending. We have not yet received any definite applicants yet so we have waived the deadline. If you are in this category, or know someone who might be, we urge you to get an abstract to us.

4. Booking for the ISRP International Conference, Oxford, 2024.

Just to remind those who haven't booked for the conference yet we are using a company called Conference Care to manage bookings for the conference (but not the accommodation – see below). The link to book for the conference is:-

<https://yve.eventsair.com/21st-isrp-international-conference-oxford/regsit>

We have spent some time trying to cater for most possible booking options. Your finance office can book for you (and colleagues) or you can book for yourself (and colleagues) and pay by BACS transfer or credit card. **What you can't do is make one booking that requires a split method of payment.** Anything requiring one method of payment should be straightforward.

If your booking and another payment (say for a guest at the Awards dinner) are to be covered by two different payment methods you will have to make **two separate bookings**, one for the delegate (and, in this case, one for the guest). The second booking need not be made immediately after the first.

If we have been unable to cater for the booking you need to make there is a help email for Conference Care on the site (isrpeventsupport@conferencecare.com) or you can contact us. We hope we have achieved a 95 percentile fit.



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Accommodation has to be booked separately. There are 50 rooms reserved in Pembroke College and these are open for booking now. Below is the link for the accommodation. The code to use is ISRP2024.

<https://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/conference-accommodation-booking>

Accommodation & bedroom prices for 2024:

Single ensuite B&B: £105 + VAT per room per night (= £126)

Double/twin room occupancy B&B: £132.50 + VAT (= £159)

Fellow rooms (pending availability) double vs single occupancy B&B: £167.50 / £135 + VAT (=£201/£162).

Any bookings made for rooms in 2020 which were not cancelled will be honoured, as will any bookings for the 2020 conference itself. In addition Oxford has a wide range of hotels to suit every budget and you can consult the Oxfordshire Tourist Office website <https://www.experienceoxfordshire.org/places-to-stay/hotels-oxfordshire/> or search online.

And lastly, please share information about the conference with your colleagues and networks and encourage participation. We are looking forward to a full and informative conference – the first global respiratory protection conference since the pandemic.

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