



BRITISH MATERNAL AND FETAL MEDICINE SOCIETY

Thirteenth Annual Conference

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June 2009 – BT Convention Centre, Liverpool.

June 2009

Dear Delegate,

Arrangements are proceeding well for the above-mentioned conference at which you have registered to attend.

If you now find you are unable to attend for any reason or wish to make changes to your registration booking, **please inform us as soon as possible**. The secretariat regrets that registration fees are NOT refundable at this stage, although name substitutions will be accepted at any time.

Please note that registration and coffee at BT Convention Centre on Thursday 18th June is from 08.00-09.20 hours and the first session commences at 09.20 hours with the President's Introduction and Welcome.

If you have booked accommodation through the secretariat, any changes to your booking should be made through the secretariat and not with the hotel. Your room rate together with breakfast is already settled. Please pay for any relevant room extras such as bar bills and laundry charges on your departure from the hotel.

You will find enclosed a general information sheet about the conference, a copy of the final programme which incorporates the most up-to-date changes and a directional map.

If you have reserved a ticket(s) for the Society Dinner at St Georges Hall, Liverpool, this will be available for collection when you register for the meeting at the Conference Registration Desk, BT Convention Centre.

If you have any queries regarding the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you in Liverpool.

With kind regards,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

BT Convention Centre
Monarchs Quay
Liverpool
L3 4FP

TRAVEL

BY AIR:

Flying to John Lennon Airport - taxi to the City Centre will take approximately 20 minutes, or a bus will take approximately 40 minutes.

For information of flights going into John Lennon Airport please see the website

<http://www.liverpoolairport.com/591/flight-information.html> or contact 0871 521 8484.

BY CAR:

From the North - take M6 to junction 26 and follow signs M58 Liverpool. Follow to end of M58 and follow signs for A59 Liverpool. Continue to follow A59 City Centre until picking up signs for the Albert Dock. This will take you right off the A59 onto the A5053 heading for the Albert Dock. Follow the Yellow AA Signs marked Echo Arena.

From the South - M6 to junction 21A, take M62 to Liverpool, follow signs for City Centre, until picking up signs for the Albert Dock. This will take you via the A59 onto the A5053 heading for the Albert Dock. Follow the Yellow AA Signs marked Echo Arena. For Sat Nav, please use the postcode L3 4BX.

www.theaa.com

PARKING:

The nearest car park to ACC Liverpool is on site: turn off at Queens Wharf where you will find a 1,600 space multi-storey car park. New car parks have opened in the Liverpool One complex (10 minute walk from the BT Convention Centre) also - please visit their website www.liverpool-one.com for more details.

BY TRAIN:

From the South - Virgin Rail operate hourly direct services to Liverpool Lime Street (London to Liverpool approximately 2.5 hours).

From the North - Virgin Rail to Wigan North Western, local train to Liverpool Lime Street.

ACC Liverpool is a 15 minute walk from Lime Street, a short taxi ride, you can take a Merseyrail train to James Street or catch the Route S1 bus directly to ACC Liverpool.

www.nationalrail.co.uk

BY SEA:

Norfolkline Irish Sea Ferries operate a day and overnight crossing between Liverpool (Birkenhead) and Belfast which is a 8 hour crossing (www.norfolkline-ferries.co.uk).

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, ARRIVAL & EXTRAS

If you have booked accommodation with the secretariat, your room rate and breakfast charges have already been settled with the hotel, however, any room extras incurred during your stay e.g. phone calls, bar bills etc. must be settled by you on departure. Any subsequent changes to accommodation requirements should be directed to the secretariat **NOT** the hotel.

Check in at the Atlantic Tower by Thistle is from 14.00 hrs and check in at Jury's Inn is from 16:00 hrs.

HOTEL WEBSITES

Atlantic Tower by Thistle: www.thistle.com/atlantictower

Jury's Inn: www.jurysinns.com

CHECK OUT

Delegates are advised to check out from their hotels on the morning of Friday 19th June before coming on to the BT Convention Centre. Arrangements will be made to store luggage at the BT Convention Centre.

REGISTRATION

Registration is from 08.00-09.20 hrs on Thursday 18th June 2009. All delegates should go to the main entrance of the BT Convention Centre and follow the signs to the registration area. Registration will take place on the first floor of the Convention Centre. Lectures commence at 09.20 hrs in the Main Auditorium with an introduction and welcome from Professor Stephen Robson, President of the British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society.

MEET THE EXPERTS

If you have booked a place in one of the lunchtime "Meet the Expert" sessions on Thursday 18th June you will be given a ticket for your session when you register.

MESSAGES

The telephone number of the BT Convention Centre, Main Information Desk is **0151 239 6050**. Messages can be taken on this number and will be displayed on the message board located by the Conference Registration Desk. This number will not be available for outgoing calls.

SOCIAL EVENT TICKETS

Drinks Reception and Society Dinner, Thursday 18th June, St. Georges Hall, Liverpool

The pre-dinner drinks reception will be held in the Great Hall from 19:30 hrs and dinner will be served from 20:15 hrs.

If you have reserved a ticket for the Society Reception and Dinner (by ticking the appropriate box on your registration form), this will be available for collection when you register at the Conference Registration Desk. **Please note that if you have not reserved a dinner ticket and now wish to attend, you must contact the secretariat to check for availability as a matter of urgency.**

NB: Dress code at the Conference Dinner is lounge suits and there is no seating plan.

SOCIETY DINNER - COACHING

A complimentary 'shuttle' coaching service will be available to transfers delegates between St. Georges Hall and the two official conference hotels:

- Jury's Inn (Pick up point on Keel Wharf, lower ground floor exit)
- Atlantic Tower by Thistle (Pick up point at the front of the hotel on Chapel Street)

Outgoing

There will be three coaches operating a shuttle service so delegates should be assembled at the pick up point by 19.00 hours and should take the first coach available. Coaches will continue the service until all delegates have been picked up.

Return

The shuttle service to return guests to the above hotels will commence from 22.30hrs and will run until all delegates have been returned.

Please note, as this is a shuttle service delegates may not be able to get on the first coach.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Lunch on Thursday and Friday is a cold buffet and will include vegetarian options. If you have not done so already, please let the secretariat know if you have any other dietary requirements.

CPD ACCREDITATION

This meeting may be deemed suitable for your Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Continuing Professional Development Programme (CPD). All participants will be issued with a Certificate of Attendance at the conference.

Please contact the secretariat should you have any queries regarding the meeting arrangements:

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 18th JUNE 2009

08.00 – 09.20 Registration and Coffee

09.20 – 09.30 Official Opening of Conference
Professor Stephen Robson, *President, British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society*

FIRST SESSION

FETAL MEDICINE

Chairs: Mr Gerald Mason and Mr Bill Martin

09.30 – 10.10

SOCIETY LECTURE

Non-invasive prenatal diagnosis

Professor Y.M. Dennis Lo, *Li Ka Shing Professor of Medicine and Professor of Chemical Pathology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*

10.10 – 10.22

Comparison of off-line three-dimensional and real-time two-dimensional ultrasound assessment of nuchal translucency: a pilot study of 100 cases

S Sudhakar *et al*

Abstract 1.1

10.22 – 10.34

Epidermal growth factor increases system A transport and attenuates apoptosis in placental explants

AEP Heazell *et al*

Abstract 1.2

10.34 – 10.46

Local over-expression of VEGF in the uterine arteries results in long-term changes in uterine artery blood flow and vascular reactivity in the pregnant sheep

AL David *et al*

Abstract 1.3

10.46 – 11.30

Coffee, Exhibition and Poster Viewing

11.30 – 11.42

Audit of first trimester chorionic villous sampling outcomes: a regional, population-based study

AM Tonks *et al*

Abstract 1.4

11.42 – 11.54

Metabolic changes in plasma and placental villous explants from women who deliver a small for gestational age (SGA) baby

RP Horgan *et al*

Abstract 1.5

11.54 – 12.06

Human primary cytotrophoblasts from normal and IUGR pregnancies respond differently to T3 treatment in vitro

E Vasilopoulou *et al*

Abstract 1.6

12.06 – 12.36

Hot Topic: Cardiac defects in fetuses with elevated nuchal translucency

Professor Lindsey Allan, *Consultant Fetal Cardiologist, King's College Hospital, London, UK*

12.36 – 14.30

Lunch, Exhibition, Poster Viewing and Meet the Experts Sessions

13.20 – 14.20

MEET THE EXPERTS SESSION (lunchtime sessions)

Failure to progress:

Mr Kim Hinshaw and Professor Tina Lavender

Abnormal liver function tests:

Miss Joanna Girling and Professor Catherine Williamson

Morbidity adherent placenta:

Miss Sara Paterson-Brown and Dr John Cockburn

SECOND SESSION

PREGNANCY OUTCOME

Chairs: Dr Myles Taylor and Dr Richard Smith

14.30 – 15.00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Outcome of prenatally detected renal anomalies

Miss H.K. Dhillon, *Perinatal Urologist, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, UK*

15.00 – 15.12

The combined use of two powerful predictors of preterm birth in high-risk asymptomatic women

LA Bolt *et al*

Abstract 2.1

15.12 – 15.24

Prevalence and outcome for individuals with Down Syndrome, 1985-2003

PWG Tennant *et al*

Abstract 2.2

15.24 – 15.36

Low saliva progesterone concentrations are associated with spontaneous early pre-term labour (before 34 weeks of gestation) in high risk women

L Poston *et al*

Abstract 2.3

15.36 – 16.06

Tea, Exhibition and Poster Viewing

16.06 – 16.18

Can twin pregnancy be safely prolonged to term (37 weeks gestation)

R Mahony *et al*

Abstract 2.4

16.18 – 16.30

Extreme obesity in pregnancy in the UK: prevalence, pregnancy complications and outcomes

M Knight

Abstract 2.5

16.30 – 16.42

The medicalising of obesity during pregnancy: forgetting the woman inside

CM Furber *et al*

Abstract 2.6

16.42 – 17.12

Hot Topic: Abnormal placentation and long term cardiovascular disease

Professor Ian Greer, Professor of Obstetric Medicine and Dean, Hull York Medical School, University of York

17.15 – 18.00

Annual General Meeting

19.30

Society Reception and Dinner, St. George's Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY 19th JUNE 2009

THIRD SESSION

LABOUR AND DELIVERY

Chairs: Dr Tracey Johnston and Dr Lucy Kean

09.00 – 09.30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Controversies in third stage management

Professor Judith S. Mercer, *Clinical Professor, University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island, USA*

Introduction by Professor Tina Lavender, Manchester, UK

09.30 – 09.42

Measuring placental transfusion for term births: weighing babies at birth with cord intact

D Farrar *et al*

Abstract 3.1

09.42 – 09.54

The Release Trial: a randomised trial of umbilical vein oxytocin for retained placenta

AD Weeks *et al*

Abstract 3.2

09.54 – 10.06

Subdural, subgaleal and cephalohaematoma – are these a result of obstetric trauma?

E Whitby *et al*

Abstract 3.3

10.06 – 11.05

Coffee, Exhibition and Poster Presentations

11.05 – 11.17

'Normal Birth matters': the impact of an interactive, multimedia learning package on maternity staff

J Grant *et al*

Abstract 3.4

11.17 - 11.29

Macrophage infiltration of decidua and myometrium in rat models of preterm labour

SA Hamilton *et al*

Abstract 3.5

11.29 – 11.41

A randomised, double masked, placebo controlled Study of Progesterone for the Prevention of Preterm Birth in Twins (STOPPIT)

JE Norman *et al*

Abstract 3.6

11.41 – 12.11

Hot Topic: Mode of delivery of twins

Dr Jon Barrett, MD, *Chief Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, Toronto, Canada*

12.11 – 13.10

Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Viewing

FOURTH SESSION

MATERNAL MEDICINE

Chairs: Mr Jason Waugh and Professor Fionnuala McAuliffe

13.10 – 13.40

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Thrombophilias in pregnancy

Professor Marc Rodger, MD, *Haematologist & Epidemiologist, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Ottawa, Canada*

13.40 – 13.52

Biological activity of vascular endothelial growth factor in pre-eclampsia

VL Bills *et al*

Abstract 4.1

13.52 – 14.04

First trimester markers for the prediction of pre-eclampsia in women with a priori high risk

A Khalil *et al*

Abstract 4.2

14.04 – 14.16

Maternal plasma fatty acid composition and pregnancy outcome in pregnant adolescents: the About Teenage Eating (ATE) Study

SJ Wheeler *et al*

Abstract 4.3

- 14.16 – 14.46 *Tea, Exhibition and Poster Viewing*
- 14.46 – 14.58 *The gestation-specific risk and predictors of antepartum stillbirth in babies of women with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: a population based study*
I Balchin *et al*
Abstract 4.4
- 14.58 – 15.10 A prospective study of highly sensitive CRP throughout pregnancy and postpartum in women who developed pre-eclampsia and pregnancy-induced hypertension
M Noori *et al*
Abstract 4.5
- 15.10 – 15.22 *Do maternal cardiac structural abnormalities predispose to high resistance uterine artery Doppler indices?*
K Melchiorre *et al*
Abstract 4.6
- 15.22 – 15.52 **Hot Topic: Adult congenital heart disease in pregnancy**
Dr Lorna Swan, *Consultant Cardiologist, Royal Brompton Hospital, London, UK*
- 15.52 – 16.00 Presentation of Abstract Prizes
- 16.00 – 16.30 **DEBATE:**
'There is no place for stand alone midwifery-led units'
Chair: Professor Jane Sandall
- Professor Denis Walsh: **AGAINST the motion**
Associate Professor in Midwifery, University of Nottingham, UK
- Professor James Walker: **FOR the motion**
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Leeds Institute of Medicine, St. James Hospital, Leeds, UK
- 16.30 Close of Meeting

Liverpool City Centre

