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Science and celebration



After what's been the most difficult year many of us have ever experienced, we all need something to look forward to. I'm delighted to announce that rather than cancel our Congress, originally planned for this September, we've decided to reschedule it to Monday 14 to Thursday 17 March 2022.

I'm conscious this means a longer interval between events than usual, but what makes Congress such a valuable and memorable part of our year is being together in one place. By giving ourselves an extra six months, I believe we have every chance of being able to meet together safely, and gain the maximum professional and personal benefit that you expect from Congress.

Our 2022 Congress will also be an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate a unique period in our profession's history. As biomedical scientists, we've played a critical role in the testing and diagnosis of COVID-19 and its health effects, while still maintaining our vital work as the UK's laboratory medicine service. After a year like no other we have much to be proud of; let's make Congress 2022 a celebration of our science and our central role in the delivery of healthcare.

I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham.

Allan Wilson, IBMS President



Think ahead. Book now.

We're opening booking for Congress 2022 now, so you have the option of spreading the cost over two financial years. As always, you can save money by booking early – the deadlines are as follows:

**Premium early booking discount
ends 30 June 2021**

**Early booking discount period
ends 30 October 2021**

To help you further, you can make block bookings without having to specify individual delegates; you can let us have names nearer the time, once people's availability is known.

So much to catch up on

Congress 2022 will be our first since 2019, so there'll be a lot to catch up on across a whole range of scientific, professional and vocational topics. You'll also get to see and discuss the latest products and equipment from top suppliers in the largest exhibition of its kind in the UK.

We always aim to make our Congress content topical and relevant, so we'll be launching the main programme in May with further content over the following months. In the meantime, we've put together an outline of some of what you can expect, so you can start planning your visit now.

MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY

Mycology
Anaerobic pathogens
Parasitology update
HSST in microbiology
Procalcitonin – outbreak management
Microbiome topics
Orthopaedic & joint infections

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EDUCATION & MANAGEMENT

Laboratory degree placements
Too busy to train?
Spotting qualification fraud
Qualification choices: HSD v MSc
New HCPC Standards of Proficiency: changes, emphasis and impact
Band 6 – finding, developing, keeping
Challenges of delivering training with a limited scope service

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POINT OF CARE TESTING

POCT in pathology networks
How COVID-19 has accelerated the POCT landscape
Implementing and managing quality control in a multi-professional POCT team
Molecular advances in POCT
Teaching and training of POCT for non-scientific staff
CEP in POCT – value of the qualification
POCT in the anticoagulant service

CELLULAR PATHOLOGY

Tissue recognition and pathology workshop
Liver pathology
Consultant Scientist reporting – 2 years on
The ethics of genomics testing in histopathology
Digital pathology – pilot to practice
Lymphoma pathology
Head and neck pathology

HAEMATOLOGY

Morphology, drugs and technology
COVID-19 in the context of haematology
Haemoglobinopathy conundrums – small details, big difference!
Gene therapy and bone marrow transplant treatment
The latest BSH guidelines and their significance
Quality issues in haematology

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TRANSFUSION SCIENCE

Managing O Negative red cells in hospital transfusion laboratories
Managing donation during a pandemic
Introduction of a new blood component
Finding new blood group antigens
Antibody workshop
Transfusion technologies
The therapeutic tissue laboratory

CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

The future of clinical chemistry
Myeloma and plasma cell disorders
Urgent biochemistry – species, turnaround times and e-alerts
Cancer: developments and new markers
Reproductive biochemistry
COVID-19 and its impact on clinical chemistry
Toxicology – post mortem and blood screening

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IMMUNOLOGY

Management issues in immunology laboratories
Neuroimmunology
Autoimmunity
H&I in the context of transplantation
Immunodeficiencies and their genetics
Cryoglobulins
Case studies and patient syndromic experiences

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

ISO 22870/15189 revision update
Learning from excellence – recognising when things go right
Investigation of serious incidents – what to do when things go wrong
Ensuring quality in an emergency situation
Maintaining a permanent state of readiness
Remote auditing
Maintaining quality when working from home

CYTOPATHOLOGY

Cervical Screening Programme
Four Nations update
Biliary cytopathology
ROSE clinics
Diagnostic cytology EQA
Molecular diagnostics in cytopathology
Andrology

LABORATORY MANAGEMENT

Decision-making in a crisis situation
Positive onboarding – making staff induction an investment for success
The exit interview – a meaningful goodbye
Pre-empting problems – may the workforce be with you
Lead, follow or get out of the way
Motivating a tired and exhausted workforce
The importance of good laboratory design on staff health and wellbeing

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VIROLOGY

New strategies for managing new diseases
Vaccination programmes and virus resurgence
Pandemic response – service impact, lessons learned and legacy
Viral infections in risk groups
Outbreak control – value of epidemiology & whole genome sequencing
Gastrointestinal virology
Transplantation and the importance of virology

Delivering science, celebrating achievement.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put science, and scientists, centre stage in a way we've rarely seen. As well as being our most important forum for developing our professional skills and knowledge, Congress 2022 will also be a true celebration of science in all its variety, influence, potential and impact on society. The circumstances and timing may be different, but you can be sure it'll be worth the wait.

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3 Days	£460	£560	£655
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