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June 2013

Dear Delegate,

Arrangements are proceeding well for the above-mentioned congress 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 bring with you a copy of your confirmation email as proof of registration and payment.

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

Pre-Congress Workshops – Jurys Inn, Liverpool

If you have registered to attend one of the Pre-Congress workshops or would still like to book a place, please read the dedicated section on the following pages for further information.

Congress Registration

The Registration Desk at the Arena and Convention Centre (ACC), Liverpool, will be open on Sunday 23 June from 17.00 - 20.00hrs in the Galleria. If you have advised that you will be attending the Welcome Drink at the Pan Am Bar, please come and collect your registration pack and ticket from the Registration Desk prior to arriving at the bar.

MONDAY 24 JUNE

The Registration Desk will open on Monday 24 June from 07.00hrs. The Exhibition will open, and coffee will be served, from 08.00hrs. Scientific sessions will commence at 09.45hrs. Delegates are kindly advised to arrive and register in good time.

The Scientific Programme has now been finalised and can be downloaded [here](#).

The following pages include **important** information concerning the Congress. Please read this information carefully prior to arriving in Liverpool.

If you have any queries regarding the Congress, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you in Liverpool.

With kind regards,

RCOG World Congress 2013 Secretariat

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ARENA AND CONVENTION CENTRE LIVERPOOL

Kings Dock, Liverpool Waterfront, Liverpool, L3 4FP, UK
www.accliverpool.com

REGISTRATION DESK OPENING TIMES

Sunday 23 June	17.00 – 20.00hrs
Monday 24 June	07.00 – 19.30hrs
Tuesday 25 June	07.00 – 17.45hrs
Wednesday 26 June	07.00 – 16.30hrs

Registration Desk Telephone Number: +44 (0) 7801 812 836

This number will be active from 12.30hrs on Sunday 23 June

TRAVELLING TO LIVERPOOL

By plane

Liverpool John Lennon Airport is only seven miles from the ACC.

A taxi from the airport to the city centre will take approximately 20 minutes or the express bus service Route 500 will take approximately 25 minutes, dropping you off within a five minute walk of ACC Liverpool.

Manchester Airport also has frequent direct rail connections with Liverpool. For further details on services to and from Manchester visit <http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk>.

Airport transfers

Liverpool Convention Bureau (LCB), partnered with INTX Corporate Transport and Logistics, are able to offer a secure, online, pre-bookable, pre-payable transfer service for delegates.

Please click on the following link to book your transfers

http://ticketapp.ibooking.com/book.asp?id_prov=3211

By train

Virgin Trains operates hourly, direct services from London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street (with a journey time of just over two hours). Other long-distance rail services also operate into Liverpool Lime Street station.

First TransPennine Express provides direct train services to Liverpool Lime Street from Manchester, Leeds, York and Middlesbrough.

ACC Liverpool is a 20-minute walk from Lime Street or a short taxi ride. Taxis from Liverpool Lime Street Station to the ACC cost approximately £6.00. For local travel information once you reach Liverpool visit <http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk>

By car

For all car journeys it is best to follow the white on brown tourist route signs for the Waterfront. These signs are visible on the major routes into the city. ACC Liverpool is situated on the Kings Dock directly adjacent to the south side of the Albert Dock. Upon arrival, the Kings Dock entrance is clearly sign posted.



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Sat Nav Directions

Because ACC Liverpool is a new building, some satellite navigation devices may not instantly recognise it.

You can rectify this by trying one of the following actions:

Use the postcode L3 4BX, with the following co-ordinates - LAT:53.396007 LONG:-2.99118

Enter the city as 'Liverpool' and the road name as 'Queen's Wharf'.

Car Parking

The Liverpool Waterfront Car Park offers 1600 spaces and is located in Kings Dock, directly next to the ACC Liverpool.

Prices for this car park are as follows:

Up to 1 hour	£2.00
Up to 2 hours	£3.00
Up to 5 hours	£5.00
Up to 9 hours	£8.00
24 hours	£10.00

Please click [here](#) for a map of other car parks in the area.

ACCOMMODATION

It is still possible to book accommodation through the Liverpool Convention Bureau. For further information and availability please visit: <http://www.rcog2013.com/where-to-stay.htm>

If you have booked accommodation through the Liverpool Convention Bureau and have any queries, please contact them directly with on: +44 (0)151 237 3938.

A member of staff from the Liverpool Convention Bureau will also be available at the Registration Desk on Monday 24 June 13.00 - 14.15hrs to answer any queries.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The fee for accompanying persons covers attendance at the Welcome Drink at the Pan Am Bar on Sunday 23 June and the Opening Ceremony and Civic Reception on Monday 24 June only. The fee does not include access to scientific sessions or the Exhibition Hall or catering outside of these times. Accompanying persons should collect their badges at the same time as the delegate they accompany.

CATERING

The registration fee includes lunch, tea and coffee on the days that you have registered to attend. All catering will be served in the Exhibition Hall.

CLOAKROOM

A cloakroom will be available at the ACC. The cloakroom is free of charge and will be staffed during the Registration Desk opening hours. Delegates may leave luggage at the cloakroom.

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CONGRESS APP



The Congress in your pocket: Search RCOG in the App Store or Google Play and choose the free RCOG World Congress app. Blackberry users, please go to rcog2013app.com and don't forget to bookmark the link.



Search RCOG in the App Store



Search RCOG in Google Play



Go to rcog2013app.com

CPD

Those registered for the RCOG CPD Programme may claim 1 CPD credit per hour of learning at the Congress (excluding discussions and refreshment breaks).

The RCOG World Congress has been designated as a mandatory meeting for revalidation.

ELECTRICAL PLUG ADAPTERS

The standard electricity supply in the United Kingdom is 230 volts. Visitors from some countries may require a transformer and a plug adapter. A transformer will step up or step down electrical voltage. A plug adapter is necessary for visitors to convert 2-pin plugs to the standard 3-pin plugs and can be bought at most electrical suppliers. Please note that the Organisers will not be able to supply adapters.

E-POSTERS

All e-posters are available to view in the Exhibition Hall in electronic format.

There will be no moderated sessions for e-posters during the Congress.

Large plasma screens: All e-posters will be displayed on the large plasma screens. They will roll on the large screens on the day that the relevant Stream features on the Programme. Each screen will show details of the poster currently on display, the time remaining on display and which poster will be presented next.

Viewing 'on demand': We have also provided two large screens where delegates are able to select any poster they wish to view 'on demand' and on any day of the Congress. These screens are clearly identifiable in the Exhibition Hall.



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Furthermore, all e-posters can also be viewed at leisure and 'on demand' throughout the Congress on the bank of laptops located in the Exhibition Hall. These laptops are exclusively for poster viewing only and cannot be used to access the internet.

Staff from 'ePostersLive' will be available in the e-poster areas to assist with any questions you may have.

Viewing posters after the Congress: All e-posters will remain available to view online after the conclusion of the Congress at epostersonline.com/rcog2013.

EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES

Monday 24 June 08.00 – 19.30hrs
Tuesday 25 June 07.45 – 17.30hrs
Wednesday 26 June 07.45 – 14.20hrs

Click [here](#) to view a full list of exhibiting companies.

INSURANCE

The Organisers are unable to accept any responsibility for damage or loss of personal property during the Congress and delegates are advised to ensure that such items are adequately insured.

LIVERPOOL TOURS

The organisers of the RCOG World Congress have chosen The Liverpool Tour Guide Service to arrange a series of Guided Tours during the event. The tours are open to delegates and accompanying persons alike who would like to maximise their stay in the City.

Tours can still be booked up until one hour prior to the departure time. Tours should be booked online <http://liverpooltgs.weebly.com/rcog-2013.html>

Tours available are:

Sunday 23 June	Liverpool in a Full Day
Monday 24 June	Chester (Full Day)
Tuesday 25 June	Beatles Tour (2 hours) Yellow Duckmarine Tour (1 hour)
Wednesday 26 June	Wirral Peninsular, Port Sunlight Village and Lady Lever Gallery (Full Day) Liverpool - World Heritage City Walking Tour (2 hours)
Thursday 27 June	Southport and Antony Gormley's 'Another Place' (Full Day)

Please visit the Tours [website](#) for full details of each tour available.

For full details of what is on in Liverpool at the time of the Congress, please visit <http://www.visitliverpool.com>

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress is English. No simultaneous translation will be available.

ORAL, PLATFORM POSTER AND VIDEO PRESENTING AUTHORS

If you are speaking at the Congress as a presenting author of an **oral presentation** (FC), a **platform poster presentation** (PP) or a **video presentation** (V), please collect your badge at the **all speakers** desk.

All speakers should report to the Speaker Preview Room at the earliest opportunity and no later than **two hours** before the start of the session in which their presentation will take place. The room will be clearly signposted.

If the session is early you may wish to check in your presentation the day before. Technical staff will be on hand in the Speaker Preview Room to check your presentation and download it on to the Secretariat's Computer. It will then be networked to the room in which you are scheduled to speak.



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The Speaker Preview Room will be open at the following times:

Sunday 23 June	17.00 – 20.00hrs
Monday 24 June	07.00 – 17.00hrs
Tuesday 25 June	07.00 – 17.30hrs
Wednesday 26 June	07.00 – 14.45hrs

PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

On **Sunday 23 June** the RCOG will run four parallel Pre-Congress Workshops at the Jurys Inn Liverpool, located directly opposite the ACC Liverpool.

Address: Jury's Inn Liverpool Hotel, No. 31 Keel Wharf, Liverpool L3 4FN, UK

Parking: The most convenient car park is the ACC car park located at Kings Dock which is next door to the hotel.

Registration will take place on the 1st floor of the Jury's Inn from 12.30hrs.

Please note the workshop running times are as follows:

Designing a clinical trial in obstetrics	13.00 – 17.00 hrs
BJOG Author Workshop	14.00 – 17.00 hrs
Leadership in Transition	14.00 – 17.00 hrs
Practical skills for managing massive obstetric haemorrhage	14.00 – 17.00 hrs

Each workshop programme is available to download from: <http://www.rcog2013.com/pre-congress-workshops.htm>

Space is still available at the workshops with the *exception of* the **Practical skills for managing massive obstetric haemorrhage** workshop.

Costs to attend the workshops:

£100 (incl. VAT) if attending the entire Congress
£120 (incl. VAT) if not attending the entire Congress

To book your place, please contact the Secretariat via email info@rcog2013.com or +44 (0)1920 88 5162 for a booking form up until Monday 17 June.

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHY

Please be aware that a photographer has been commissioned by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to take photographs at this event.

These photographs may be included in the College's educational, promotional and corporate publications and on its website. They may also be circulated in the media and be made available to other interested parties.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of staff at the Registration Desk.



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PUBLICATION OF ABSTRACTS

All accepted abstracts have been published as part of an online supplement to *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*. The supplement will be available from Saturday 22 June and can be viewed at <http://ow.ly/li0Fu> or by using the following QR code:



Accepted abstracts are also available to download on the Congress App.

ROOM CAPACITIES

We have allocated breakout sessions to rooms of appropriate size based on the information provided by delegates at the time of registering. Indicating your session of interest does not guarantee access to that particular session. Space will be allocated on a first come first served basis and delegates are therefore advised to arrive at the session in good time.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Welcome Drink

Sunday 23 June 2013, Pan Am Bar, EXTENDED HOURS 18.00 – 21.00hrs

We warmly invite delegates arriving in Liverpool early to join us for an informal welcome drink at the Pan Am Bar on Sunday 23 June. Please collect your registration pack and ticket from the ACC prior to arriving at the bar.

Opening and Admission Ceremony

Monday 24 June, Hall 1, 17.00 – 18.30hrs

The Opening and Admission Ceremony will take place in Hall 1 following the close of the day's scientific sessions. Following the Admission Ceremony, guests will be addressed by Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health. The Ceremony will also feature entertainment from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and a short address from The Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

Civic Reception

Monday 24 June, Exhibition Hall, 18.30 – 19.30hrs

A Civic Reception, hosted by the City of Liverpool, will take place in the Exhibition Hall following the Opening Ceremony. All delegates are welcome.

'A Hard Day's Night' Party

Tuesday 25 June, Alma de Cuba, 21.00 – 01.00hrs

Come and join us at Alma de Cuba for a party to celebrate Liverpool's famous music heritage. The spectacular venue, set inside the magnificent conversion of the former St. Peter's Catholic church will host a night to remember with guests entertained by 'The Cheatles', one of the finest live Beatles tribute bands around.

If you have purchased a ticket for the 'Hard Day's Night' Party, you will receive your ticket when you arrive at the Congress. Refunds for dinner tickets are no longer possible, however if you wish to re-sell your ticket we recommend that you leave a message to fellow delegates on the Message Board, located by the Registration Desk.

Tickets are still available for the party. Delegates still wishing to book tickets are asked to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible at info@rcog2013.com or +44 (0)1920 88 5162. A ticket to the party, including two drinks and costs £25 (including VAT) per person.

Dress code: Smart Casual



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Pre-party dinner

Guests can dine at the Alma de Cuba before the party. They are offering a two course (£14.95) and three course (£19.95) menu exclusively to those attending the party. [Download the set menu.](#)

Tables are available from 19.00hrs. Reservations for dinner should be made directly with the Alma de Cuba at the latest by 12.00hrs on Monday 24 June. To book a table please call the restaurant directly on +44 (0) 151 702 7394.

Please note that the pre-party dinner is only available to delegates who have purchased a 'Hard Day's Night Party' ticket, and tickets will be checked upon arrival at the door.

SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

Sponsored symposia will take place on **Tuesday 25 June** and **Wednesday 26 June** according to the following schedule.

Tuesday 25 June

- 07.30 – 08.30hrs **ALERE**
Early and accurate detection of placental dysfunction as a predictor of complications in hypertensive pregnancy
[Download](#) symposium flyer
- 07.30 – 08.30hrs **ETHICON**
New in laparoscopic myomectomy: Tissue morcellation and knotless suture technique
- 17.45 – 18.45hrs **HOLOGIC**
Treatment pathways in outpatient hysteroscopy: Getting the right patient in the right place at the right time
[Download](#) symposium flyer

Wednesday 26 June

- 07.30 – 08.30hrs **HOLOGIC**
Rapid fFN® 10Q System: Introducing the only test that can quantify the likelihood of preterm birth
[Download](#) symposium flyer
- 07.30 – 08.30hrs **BAYER HEALTHCARE**
Investigation and Management of Heavy Menstrual Bleeding: A practical approach
[Download](#) symposium flyer

WI-FI

The RCOG is pleased to offer all participants complimentary Wi-Fi at the ACC for the duration of the Congress. There is no password required to access the Wi-Fi.