

FESTIVAL HOUSEKEEPING

To help those coming to the festival

Please attend with a mask. The University requires this and we will not have masks available at the door.

We are trying to put sustainability at the centre of the meeting so

Please bring your hospital ID which will act as your ID, saving single use plastic badges, and

Please bring your own smart phone / tablet as the abstract book and programme details as well as details of our sponsors will be entirely paperless.

Please download the BAPO app in advance.

Accommodation

The University has an on-site hotel (www.edgbastonparkhotel.com). They have held a number of rooms back for BAPO conference delegates at a rate of £95 a night. To book accommodation at Edgbaston Park Hotel you must either send an email to reservations@edgbastonparkhotel.com or telephone Reservations on +44(121) 414 8888 and press option 1 for Bedroom Reservations. In either case, please quote the booking reference code of: BAPO2021 - This will enable you to book a Standard Double Room at the rate of £95 B&B (Single occupancy)

There are other nearby hotels, the nearest being:

The Edgbaston: <https://www.theedgbaston.co.uk>

The Highfield Townhouse: <https://www.highfieldedgbaston.co.uk>

Park Regis: <https://www.parkregisbirmingham.co.uk>

Transportation

Driving and Parking

Birmingham now has a clean air zone / ultra-low emission zone (ULEZ).

To check if your car is 'compliant' and to check the charge zone, please go to:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20076/pollution/1763/a_clean_air_zone_for_birmingham/3

Train

From New Street Station, the options are to take a taxi (around £8), take a bus, or take a train to Birmingham University Station from where it is around a 5 minute walk.

Scooters

There are a lot of Voi Scooters in Birmingham. If you wish to use you there is an App to download which facilitates it. If coming from town, please use the dedicated blue cycle highway.

<https://www.voiscooters.com/ride-safely-in-birmingham/>

Bikes

It is possible to hire a bike from various locations in Birmingham. An app is required and the details are on the West Midlands Cycle Hire website. There are stands within five minutes walk from the Bramhall Music Centre. If coming from town, please use the dedicated blue cycle highway.

<https://www.wmcyclehire.co.uk>

Networking Event / Burgers and Booze

There will be a networking event on Thursday evening at the Hockley Social Club. Unlike networking events at glamorous international conferences, it is not an expensive event. Indeed it is entirely 'pay as you go'. For people not familiar with Birmingham, it would be a nice opportunity to catch up, have a drink and some casual food. From the conference centre, it is about an £8-10 Uber ride (60 Hampton Road, B19 3LU). We aim to be there from around 6:30pm till late but don't get too hungover for day 2!

www.hockleysocialclub.com

BAPO Hangover-busting Run

To shake off the hangover before day two, Steve Sobol will lead off a gentle 5km run at 0700 before breakfast on 24th September. Meet at the front of Edgbaston Park Hotel.

Post-BAPO Sportive

It is traditional to have a leisurely bike ride on the Saturday. We will meet at the Edgbaston Park Hotel at 0830 on Saturday. It will be around 80km to lunch at the Punchbowl in Lapworth and about 30km back.

Anyone is welcome but will have to be fully self-sufficient with equipment. Please let us know if you wish to take part so that the appropriate lunch booking can be made.

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