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ACE 10TH BIENNIAL
CONFERENCE

5 – 6 JANUARY 2016

SAGE GATESHEAD, NEWCASTLE

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The Association of Clinical Embryologists is delighted to be hosting their 10th Biennial Professional Conference and Exhibition in the North-East of England on 5 – 6 January 2016. Not only looking forward to welcoming members to Newcastle, ACE are pleased to announce that the conference will be hosted in the iconic purpose-built conference centre and theatre, Sage Gateshead.

The conference programme for 2016 will build upon the strength of past events and will include a range of eminent speakers and leading experts on a variety of current topics. This will provide both member and non-member delegates with 'up-to the minute information' and the opportunity to debate, exchange and share ideas.

Sage Gateshead

Located on the Newcastle Gateshead Quayside, Sage Gateshead is a must see if you are visiting the area and has very quickly become a new landmark on Tyneside. The venue provides a mixture of both modern and historic which creates an inspirational and creative space for learning.

For full information on the facilities and how to get to Sage Gateshead please visit www.sagegateshead.com



Why should I attend?

- Improve your knowledge and skills by learning about essential clinical and scientific developments
- Meet, network and discuss ideas with over 200 other fertility and reproductive experts
- Enhance your CPD portfolio
- Visit the trade exhibition to obtain product samples, watch demonstrations and learn about new products and services
- Fantastic delegate evening social programme offering excellent networking opportunities
- Low registration fees

Call for papers

Don't miss the opportunity to present your work as either a short paper or poster presentation. The conference committee are inviting submissions of papers that cover a wide variety of topics relevant to practice.

All abstracts should be submitted online via www.profileproductions.co.uk

Should you have any queries, please phone the Conference Secretariat on **+44 (0) 203 725 5840** or email ace@profileproductions.co.uk

**Deadline for submission:
Midday, Monday 14 September 2015**

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Conference programme

Monday 4 January

- 16.00 - **First ACE annual bowling competition**
18.30
20.00 **The traditional ACE curry**

Tuesday 5 January

- 08.00 Registration, refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

- 09.00 **Welcome to Geordieland and the ACE Conference 2016**
Stephen Harbottle, Chair, ACE

09.10 - 10.50 **Focus on legislation**

- 09.10 **Keynote address: Historical perspectives on the legislation of fertility treatment**
Dr Debra Bloor, Chief Inspector, Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority
- 09.30 **Fertility treatment; a legal minefield**
James Lawford Davies, Specialist Lawyer, Lawford Davies Denoon
- 09.50 **Are you certain that you have taken informed consent?**
Marisa Allman, Barrister, Zenith Chambers, Leeds & 36 Bedford Row, London
- 10.10 **Genetic counselling before infertility treatment: Who benefits and when**
Alison Lashwood, Consultant Genetic Counsellor & Clinical Lead in PGD, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital
- 10.30 **Open discussion with panel**

- 10.50 Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

11.35 **Focus on the work of our Members – Short paper presentations**

- 12.40 Lunch, exhibition and poster viewing

12.55 **Sponsored symposium**

Laser assisted techniques and standard operating procedures - Are we doing it right?
Speaker tba



13.55 - 15.10 **Focus on best practice fertility care for virus positive and sero-discordant patients**

- 13.55 **Safe and effective management of virus positive patients; a virologists perspective**
Dr C. Y. William Tong, Consultant Virologist, Department of Infection, Barts Health NHS Trust
- 14.20 **Laboratory requirements for facilitating treatment to virus positive and sero-discordant patients**
Dr Stephen Troup, Scientific Director, Hewitt Fertility Centre, Liverpool Women's Hospital
- 14.45 **Ensuring the psychological wellbeing of viral positive patients and children**
Professor Lorraine Sherr, Clinical Psychologist, Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology, University College London

- 15.10 Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

15.50 **Focus on the work of our Trainees – Short paper presentations**

- 17.20 - **Welcome wine reception, including ACE Trainee 'meet and greet'**
18.30

- 19.30 **ACE biennial conference dinner and traditional Northumbrian cèilidh**
Great North (Hancock) Museum

Wednesday 6 January

- 08.30 Registration, refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

09.00 **President's welcome**

Dr Karen Turner, President, ACE

09.10 - 10.30 **Focus on improving the efficacy of fertility treatment**

- 09.10 **Metabolic markers of embryo stress**
Dr Roger G. Sturmey, Centre for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Research, Hull York Medical School
- 09.30 **Understanding the epigenetic effects of ART on the human preimplantation embryo**
Dr John Huntriss, Lecturer and Programme Leader for Postgraduate Programmes in Clinical Embryology, Division of Reproduction and Early Development, Leeds Institute of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Medicine
- 09.50 **Looking at our children: Is fertility treatment as safe as we think?**
Professor Alastair G. Sutcliffe, Professor of General Paediatrics, Institute of Child Health, University College London
- 10.10 **Open discussion with panel**

- 10.30 Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

11.05 **ACE Annual General Meeting 2016**

12.00 **Sir Robert Edwards Distinguished Lecture - Culture media: Back to the future?**

Dr Virginia Bolton, Consultant Clinical Embryologist, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital

- 12.45 Lunch, exhibition and poster viewing

12.55 **Sponsored symposium**

Bemfola in clinical practice - why less can really be more
Speaker tba



13.55 - 15.40 **Focus on your lab and your patients**

- 13.55 **Trouble-shooting your laboratory; a structured approach to achieving excellence in laboratory performance**
Dr David Mortimer, President, Oozoo Biomedical, Vancouver, Canada
- 14.25 **You are what you eat; mechanisms by which the gut can effect reproduction**
Professor Kelton Tremellen, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Subspecialist, Professor of Reproductive Medicine, Flinders University, Australia
- 14.55 **The ACE debate**
This house believes that the concept of 'freeze all, replace later' represents the future of embryo transfer.
Chair: Mr Raj Mathur, Consultant Gynaecologist, St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester and Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester
For: Dr Abha Maheshwari, Consultant, Reproductive Medicine & Surgery, NHS Grampian
Against: Dr. Yacoub Khalaf, Consultant Gynaecologist & Sub-Specialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Guy's and St. Thomas' Trust, & Director of the Assisted Conception Unit & HFEA Person Responsible

- 15.40 Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

16.10 - 17.10 **Focus on: The ACE update session**

- 16.10 **HFEA update – The Information for quality project**
Dr Alan Thornhill, HFEA IfQ Advisory Panel Chair
- 16.35 **ACE Training update**
Nicola Monks, Chair, ACE Training Committee and MSC Project Lead
- 17.00 **Round-up, closing remarks and safe journeys 'hyem'**
Stephen Harbottle, Chair, ACE

Accommodation

Accommodation for the 2016 conference will be in either the Jury's Hotel or the Ramada Encore, delegates will be allocated rooms according to the room type required based on availability at the time of booking.



Both properties offer double rooms for single occupancy or twin rooms for double or single occupancy. Both properties are of the same standard and are only a short walk away to the Sage Gateshead.

Please note, for bookings made after end of November, we are unable to guarantee accommodation at either of the hotels, so we may only be able to offer you a place at conference without accommodation. You would then need to book and pay for a hotel room separately.

Social events

Monday 4 January

Bowling

Rather than brave the North-East temperatures in January, 2016 will see the traditional five-a-side football being replaced with a new pre-conference activity of ten-pin bowling at the nearby Metrocentre lanes. Teams of 6 to 8 people will play a couple of games along with a few drinks and the winning team will be awarded the '2016 winning pin'.

Curry

Following on from the bowling, delegates can choose to join the infamous pre-conference curry night. Hosted at Akbars which offers a unique and superb atmosphere in which to enjoy their world-renowned curries. www.akbars.co.uk/newcastle

Tuesday 5 January

Official conference dinner and cèilidh

The Great North Museum is a museum of natural history and ancient civilisations in Newcastle upon Tyne. The museum was established in 1884 and was formerly known as the Hancock Museum.

Join your colleagues for an unforgettable evening of networking and dining not to mention dancing, in traditional style with a typical cèilidh from the local area.



Terms and conditions

1. Registration fees for 'Full conference' include VAT at the prevailing rate, full access to conference, two nights' accommodation, refreshments, lunch and conference materials and access to the conference dinner.

2. Registration fees for 'Daily rate' include VAT at the prevailing rate, access to conference, refreshments, lunch and conference materials on the day for which you choose to register. They do not include accommodation, nor access to the conference dinner.

3. In order for your booking to be processed you must sign the terms and conditions. Your place is not guaranteed until you have received email confirmation and joining instructions from Profile Productions Ltd. If you do not

receive confirmation of your booking being made, you should contact Profile Productions by email at ace@profileproductions.co.uk or on + 44 (0) 203 725 5840

4. Without exception, all fees must be paid in full prior to the event. Any delegates arriving at the conference with their payment outstanding will be asked to provide their credit card details as a guarantee. Bank transfer charges are the responsibility of the payer.

5. Cancellations received before 7 December 2015 will be refunded subject to a £45 administration fee. If a cancellation is made after 7 December 2015 we regret that no refund can be made. Substitute delegates are welcome at no extra charge but we require you to advise us of any

substitutions 72 hours prior to the event. Any cancellations that still have payment outstanding will be liable for either the administration fee or the full registration fee, dependent on the time of the cancellation.

6. Changes to any aspect the conference (including speakers) may be necessary due to events outside the control of Profile Productions and the ACE Conference Committee. The organisers therefore reserve the right to make any necessary amendments to the programme or timings of the event.

7. The details of registered delegates (name, job title and place of work) will be placed on the attendee list which will be given to sponsoring companies and exhibitors and made

available to delegates. Delegates who do not wish to be included on this list should advise at the time of booking.

8. There will be photography and/or video production taking place during the conference and the resulting images may be used for promotional purposes on-line and/or in printed materials.

Delegates who do not wish their images to be included in this material should contact the organisers by email at ace@profileproductions.co.uk prior to the event.

9. Attendance fees will not be refunded in the event of threat of war, terrorism or other circumstances outside of the organisers' control.

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Title: Dr/Prof/Mr/Mrs/Miss

First name

Surname

Job title

Employing organisation

Address

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Membership no.

Additional requirements

Dietary

Pescatarian Vegetarian Vegan

Other

Allergies

Nuts Wheat (Gluten free) Shellfish

Other

Are you

a wheelchair user

hearing impaired, wish to use a hearing loop

other

I am not willing for my details (name, job title, place of work) to be published on the delegate list. Please note, emails, phone numbers and addresses are not displayed on this list.

Registration fees

Attendance type	Earlybird to Monday 9 November		Standard price from Tuesday 10 November	
	ACE Member rates	Non-member rates	ACE Member rates	Non-member rates
Full-conference (two nights, accommodation, hotel bedroom for single occupancy, full conference access, refreshments, lunch and conference dinner)	<input type="checkbox"/> £499	<input type="checkbox"/> £545	<input type="checkbox"/> £545	<input type="checkbox"/> £595
Full-conference (as above, but twin room for two people)	<input type="checkbox"/> £425 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> £450 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> £450 per person	<input type="checkbox"/> £475 per person
Name of person you are sharing with _____				
Daily rate (no accommodation, or conference dinner)				
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> £170	<input type="checkbox"/> £200	<input type="checkbox"/> £190	<input type="checkbox"/> £220
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> £170	<input type="checkbox"/> £200	<input type="checkbox"/> £190	<input type="checkbox"/> £220

Social events

Monday 4 January

I require _____ ticket(s) for the Bowling @ £15 each

I require _____ ticket(s) for the ACE Curry night @ £20 each

Tuesday 5 January

I require _____ extra ticket(s) for the Conference dinner @ £55 each

Total extra to invoice £ _____

Sponsored symposium

Tuesday 5 January: Research Instruments symposium

Wednesday 6 January: Finox Biotech symposium

Payment

I enclose a cheque made payable to **ACE Conference** for the sum of £ _____

I wish to be invoiced please use the enclosed PO number _____

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Please debit my credit/debit card for the sum of £ _____

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By signing this form I have read and agreed to adhere to the terms and conditions overleaf

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