

2016



Audit Meeting of the DIABETIC PREGNANCY STUDY GROUP



Dublin – Ireland, 29 September – 1 October
First Announcement

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WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear DPSG Audit Meeting attendees, invited guests, and friends,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the DPSG Audit Meeting 2016 which will take place from 29th September to 1st October, 2016 in Dublin, Ireland.

The last DPSG meeting to be hosted in Ireland was in 1991 in County Wexford, located in the “sunny south east”. This year the Audit Meeting will take place in the country’s capital city in an historical estate hotel close to both the city centre and Irish coast.

Dublin (from the Irish Gaelic An Dubh Linn meaning ‘the black pool’) is widely recognized as one of Europe’s friendliest capital cities. Established as a Viking settlement on the River Liffey over 1,000 years ago, it steadily became a significant commercial and cultural centre. There is evidence of the city’s rich history all around, from its medieval castle and cathedrals to the splendour of the 18th century Georgian city buildings.

Dublin was the centre of the Easter Rising in 1916 and became capital of the Free State and finally Republic. This year marks the centenary of the rebellion and the city will host many exhibitions and memorials surrounding the events.

Today, Dublin is a busy metropolis with a population of over 1.7 million. Home to over 100 different nationalities, it has a indisputably cosmopolitan feel and yet retains its own distinct culture, which is expressed in a love of literature, drama and traditional music. In addition to its history, it is famous for its pubs, top-class restaurants and fantastic shopping all concentrated within a winding network of historic streets, and it is no wonder Dublin is an up-and-coming location for major international conferences.

The Organising Committee of the DPSG 2016 Audit Meeting acknowledge the kind support and cooperation of the members of the DPSG Board and industry sponsors. The selected venue for the DPSG Audit Meeting 2016 is the Radisson Blu St. Helen’s Hotel - a unique venue which has preserved architecture and decor of the original historic estate.

On behalf of the organising committee, I look forward to welcoming you to Dublin in September.



Prof. Fidelma Dunne MD PhD
Committee Chair of the 2016 Audit Meeting of the Diabetes Pregnancy Study Group (DPSG)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

Radisson Blu St Helen's Hotel****

Stillorgan Rd, Blackrock, Co. Dublin (Ireland)

Website: <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/sthelenshotel-dublin>



DATES

29 September – 1 October, 2016

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

<http://dpsghome.org/>

ACCOMMODATION

Special accommodation rates have been secured for DPSG attendees at the Radisson Blu St. Helen's Hotel. Please note there are preferential rates until 31 May when the early bird registration deadline expires. After this deadline, the late registration fee applies. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration and Accommodation Booking Open.....March 2016

Early bird Registration Deadline.....24:00, 16 June, 2016

Late Registration Deadline.....1 July, 2016

Conference Dates.....29 September – 1 October, 2016

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Rate includes:

- ✓ Admission to the scientific sessions
- ✓ Lunches, coffee breaks (2 days: 30 September, 1 October)
- ✓ Dinners (3 nights: 29/30 September, 1 October)
- ✓ Conference printed materials
- ✓ Accommodation (B&B) at Radisson Blu St. Helen's Hotel for 3 nights: 29/30 September & 1 October (single or double occupancy as required)

EARLY BIRD RATES	(before 17 June, 2016)
	Registration Rate*
Delegate	€575
Delegate with accompanying person	€685
Delegate x 2 (Sharing Double Room)	€685 (€342.50 per delegate)
Family Room/Additional guests/Upgrade to superior room	Please contact the conference organiser with your requirements

LATE RATES	(from 17 June – 1 July 2016)
	Registration Rate*
Delegate	€675
Delegate with accompanying person	€795
Delegate x 2 (Sharing Double Room)	€795 (€397.50 per delegate)
Family Room/Additional guests/Upgrade to superior room	Please contact the conference organiser with your requirements

HOW TO REGISTER

All attendees are required to complete the Registration Form, which will be sent and will also be available on a link on the DPSG website. The completed form can be submitted via an online registration and payment portal or can be returned via email to the Conference Secretariat, Global Teamwork at michelle@globalteamwork.ie.

If payment is via bank transfer, proof of payment should accompany the registration form.

All materials regarding the registration, including badge, programme book, etc. will be provided to registered attendees during opening hours at the Registration Desk:

Opening Times:

29 September, 2016..... 10:00-19:00
30 September, 2016..... 08:00-18:00
1 October, 2016..... 08:00-18:00

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration fees and accommodation at the Radisson Blu St. Helen's are to be paid in full in € (Euro) to the Conference Secretariat, Global Teamwork by credit card through the online payment portal or by bank transfer.

CANCELLATION

Please note that notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent by email to the Conference Secretariat, Global Teamwork at michelle@globalteamwork.ie.

Total refund of registration fee will be provided for cancellation before 1 July 2016. Partial refund of registration fee (25%) will be provided for cancellation from 1 July to 28 August. No refunds will be given after 28 August.

Modification of accommodation dates, cancellation and no show at the Radisson Blu Hotel will be subject to the cancellation policy terms at the time of cancellation.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The Conference Secretariat is not in any way liable for injuries or damages involving persons and/or properties during the Meeting. Attendees are advised to arrange their own personal travel and health insurance for their trip.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (MEDICAL & DIETARY)

Every effort will be made to ensure that people with special requirements are catered for. Should you require any specific assistance, please include a notation with your registration form to enable us to make your stay in Dublin a pleasant and comfortable experience.

VISAS

Prior to booking flights, attendees are strongly advised to confirm with their travel agent whether they require a Visa to travel to Ireland. Information about Visa requirements can be found on the World Travel Guide website: <http://www.worldtravelguide.net/ireland/passport-visa>

CME – CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The local organising committee is seeking approval from the Royal College of Physicians (RCPI) to provide CME credits for the scientific programme of the conference. More detailed information will become available prior to the conference.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

The preliminary programme will be available on the DPSG website by mid July and the full programme by the end of August. Please note that the conference will start on Thursday, 29 September in the afternoon/evening and close with a Gala Dinner and a farewell event Saturday, 1 October.

VENUE & DESTINATION

ABOUT RADISSON BLU ST. HELEN'S HOTEL

One of the finest hotels in County Dublin, the Radisson Blu St. Helen's Hotel stands between Dublin City and Dun Laoghaire, nestled on 1.5 hectares of magnificent formal gardens, surrounded by established woodlands. The historic estate is just a short walk from University College Dublin and offers 151 rooms and suites that are unmatched in sumptuous furnishings and attention to detail. All boast LCD cable television and free WiFi access.



The house was originally called *Seamount* and an entry in the Registry of Deeds shows on 20 June 1754 an agreement between the first owner Thomas Cooley and Richard Viscount Fitzwilliam to let "all that one acre of land plantation entered in and on the west to the high road leading from Dublin to Wicklow".

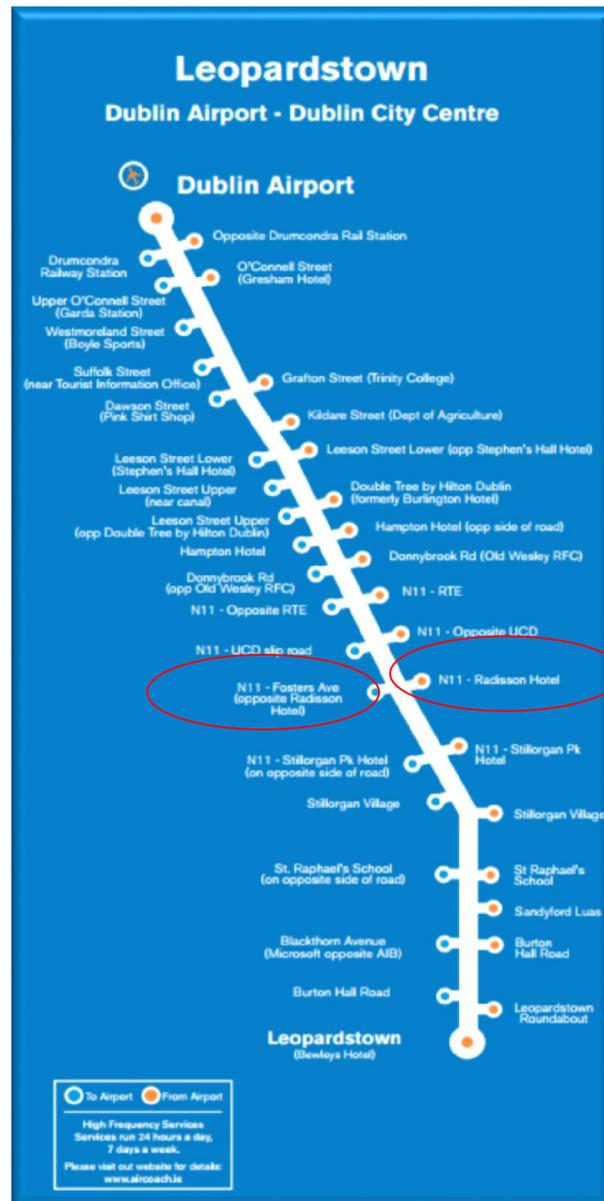
The house was sold in 1795 to Robert Alexander, an early patron and church warden of St. Philip and St. James Church, Booterstown. He died in 1829. From 1830 the house was occupied by Right Hon. John Doherty, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. Colonel Henry White bought the house from John Doherty, and at this time the name of the house changed to *St. Helen's*. He then sold it in 1851 to Hugh Gough, 1st Viscount Gough. Hugh Gough became a Baronet in 1842 in recognition of his military services in China.

In 1899, the next owner, Sir John Nutting, improved the house greatly spending thousands of pounds. The facade of the house was faced with Portland Stone to harmonise the 18th and 19th century parts of the house. He also remodelled the interior with Italian Carrara marble and decorative plasterwork. In 1925 the Christian Brothers bought the house and used it as their headquarters. In 1927 the large ballroom was converted for use as a chapel.

In the late 1920s, the Archbishop of Dublin instructed some land to be sold as he felt the church held too much land. Around 1968 land to the south was used to build two new Christian Brothers schools, Coláiste Eoin and Coláiste Íosagáin. In 1994 the house was listed as a National Monument. The Radisson Hotels became the operator of St. Helen's as a hotel in 1998.

The Radisson Blu St. Helen's is ideally located just 20 minutes from Dublin airport. A taxi from the airport costs around €35. It is situated on the N11 Dual carriageway with easy access to the City Centre. There is public transport close to the hotel, including the 46a bus which drops passengers directly in the city centre, as well as the Aircoach, an airport coach service. The fees for this are: Adult single: €9.00 / Adult return: €14.00

AIRCOACH AIRPORT BUS SERVICE





ABOUT DUBLIN

Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey. Its medieval buildings include 13th-century Dublin Castle and imposing St. Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. Temple Bar is a riverside nightlife and cultural quarter, home to the Irish Film Institute. Bustling, largely pedestrianised Grafton Street is the city's principal shopping area, also famed for its buskers. Famous Dublin sons include writers Oscar Wilde, James Joyce and Jonathan Swift, playwright Samuel Beckett, and more contemporary cultural ambassadors such as U2. The city is steeped in rich history, starting with the Vikings laying its first streets. Through the centuries an unruly artistic streak has helped shape Dublin into what it is now: A vibrant capital that moves at an easy going pace.

A specially designed pre and post-Conference tour in Dublin city will be offered to all attendees. As advanced booking is required, the level of interest from registered attendees will be assessed 3 months prior to confirmation and arrangement of the tours. Further information on the tours will be available in January on the Registration Form and on the DPSG website.

HOW TO GET TO DUBLIN

Dublin can be reached by plane and boat:

<http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/results/?c0=188&c1=197>

PLACES TO VISIT

Guinness Storehouse

No visit to Dublin is complete without a stop-off at the Guinness Storehouse. Having seen how the famous Irish drink is brewed, and of course, learned how to pour a pint, visitors head up to the Gravity Bar on the seventh floor. This circular space offers stunning 360 degree panoramic views of the city with a view of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Liberties and Trinity College.

Trinity College Dublin Library

Dublin's Trinity College Library has 5 million printed volumes with extensive collections of journals, manuscripts, maps and music reflecting more than 400 years of academic development. The most famous of its manuscripts, the Book of Kells and the Book of Durrow, were presented by Henry Jones, Bishop of Meath and former vice-chancellor of the university, in the 1660s. Other special collections include the Ussher Collection acquired in 1661 and the Fagel Collection of 1802. The library was endowed with legal deposit privilege in 1801 and continues to receive copies of material published in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The library supports the learning and research needs across all disciplines of Trinity College.

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Built between 1220 and 1260, St Patrick's Cathedral is one of the few buildings left from the medieval city of Dublin. Today, St Patrick's is the National Cathedral for the Church of Ireland and still the largest cathedral in Ireland. Visitors can learn about the building's fascinating history, including its most famous Dean (head) Jonathan Swift, who is one of around 700 burials on site.

Old Jameson Distillery

Visitors can relive the story of John Jameson and Son through the history, the atmosphere and above all the taste. They can discover the time honoured secret of how three simple ingredients, water, barley and yeast, are transformed into the smooth golden spirit that has always been and continues to be Jameson Irish Whiskey. All guests are rewarded with a signature Jameson drink and lucky volunteers are selected to participate in a tutored whiskey comparison and earn a much coveted personalised Whiskey Taster Certificate.

Dublin Castle

Dublin Castle is the heart of historic Dublin. In fact the city gets its name from the Black Pool - 'Dubh Linn' which was on the site of the present Castle garden. The Castle stands on the ridge on a strategic site at the junction of the River Liffey and its tributary the Poddle, where the original fortification may have been an early Gaelic Ring Fort. Later a Viking Fortress stood on this site - a portion of which is on view to visitors in the 'Mediaeval Undercroft' which also includes the remains of the original 13th century Castle. The south range houses the magnificent State Apartments that were built as the residential quarters of the Viceregal court. They are now the venue for Presidential Inaugurations, State Functions and Ireland's Presidencies of the European Union. The State Apartments, Medieval Undercroft and Chapel Royal are open to visitors.

Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral is Dublin's oldest building, a leading visitor attraction and a place of pilgrimage for almost 1,000 years. Renowned for its beauty, architecture and exquisite floor tiles, it is home to the famous 12th Century crypt, one of the oldest and largest in Britain and Ireland. Perfectly located in the heart of Medieval Dublin, it was founded in 1030 by Sitriuc, King of the Dublin Norsemen and was incorporated into the Irish Church in 1152 and eventually led by the famous Archbishop and patron saint of Dublin, Laurence O'Toole.

The National Gallery of Ireland

Today the National Gallery of Ireland's collection includes over 2,500 paintings and some 10,000 other works in different media including watercolours, drawings, prints and sculpture. Every major European School of painting is extensively represented. It also houses a renowned collection of Irish paintings. The gallery's highlights include works by Vermeer, Caravaggio, Picasso, Van Gogh and Monet.

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