Register before 31 July 2018 in order to benefit of the low early-bird rates!

Personalised Pharmacy Care

47th ESCP Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy
Belfast, Northern Ireland • 24–26 October 2018

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Workshop proposals opening: 15 December 2017
Workshop proposals deadline: 15 March 2018
Abstract submission opening: 01 March 2018
Abstract submission deadline: 23 April 2018
Notification to abstract submitters: 23 June 2018
Online-registration opening: 01 April 2018
Early-bird registration deadline: 31 July 2018

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Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy, we invite you to participate in the 47th ESCP Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on October 24th-26th, 2018. This is the first time that ESCP has held an event in Northern Ireland.

The theme of the symposium is “Personalised Pharmacy Care.” The programme will benefit both scientists and practitioners in their work to develop clinical pharmacy and its role in health care. As the genomics revolution proceeds apace, it is becoming increasingly important for many disease states and medications, to stratify therapy according to the genetic make-up of the individual patient, or in the case of oncology, the genetic / molecular pathology aspects of the cancer being managed. Clinical pharmacists must be at the forefront of this change in practice and lead the way in ensuring full adherence with best evidence as it emerges. Other aspects of individual patients (including psychosocial factors) also influence their ‘phenotype’ when it comes to medicines use. Multiple risk factors influence a patient’s ability to manage their medicines, and medication related problems often lead to unplanned admissions/readmissions. Therefore specific targeted (personalised) pharmacist interventions are required for individual patients based on their risk profile. A ‘one size fits all’ approach is wasteful of scarce resources. The symposium will address all aspects of clinical pharmacy, including improving the rigour of clinical pharmacy research, but we hope that the conference theme will stimulate you to focus on ‘Personalised Pharmacy Care’.

As always, the conference will provide many networking opportunities for scientists and practitioners to meet and to learn from each other. We are delighted to invite you to Belfast and suggest that you plan to extend your stay to enjoy our stunningly beautiful ‘green’ landscape and coastal regions (as seen in Game of Thrones) and our deep culture and literary history. No better place to learn and relax!

James C. McElnay

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**Scientific Programme**

The scientific programme will include keynote lectures, invited lectures, mini-symposia, workshops, oral free communications, poster discussion fora, and poster presentations. The official Symposium language is English. No simultaneous translation will be available.

**Main Topics:**

An indicative programme of topics to be addressed is as follows:

- Matching pharmacy care to patient needs
  - Tools to stratify patients for clinical pharmacy interventions
  - Matching pharmacy care to patients with learning disability
  - Matching pharmacy care to patients with dementia
  - Can we learn from advances in personalised care in patients with cystic fibrosis?
- Personalised medicine
  - Personalised / precision / stratified medicine – basic concepts
  - Use of personalised medicine in cancer care
  - Use of personalised medicine outside oncology
  - The role of the pharmacist in personalised medicine
- Non-adherence – still the biggest medication related problem
  - Novel approaches to the assessment of medication adherence
  - The role of the pharmacist in adherence assurance
- Improving the rigour of clinical pharmacy research
- Patient and public involvement (PPI) in the development of core outcome sets
- Healthcare / university / patient partnerships

Workshops will be announced in the Preliminary Programme and via the ESCP website.

**Abstract Submission**

Submission of abstracts for oral communications and posters will be on-line through the ESCP website: www.escpweb.org. Abstracts that are accepted and presented will be published in the International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy (IJCP).

Abstract submission opening: March 1st, 2018
Abstract submission deadline: April 23rd, 2018

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Symposium Venue:**
Belfast Waterfront Conference & Exhibition Centre
2 Lanyon Place
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*Front page: View of the Queen’s University, Belfast, a public research university, designed by the English architect, Sir Charles Lanyon and opened in 1849. Next page: View of the Big Fish (1999), 10m long sculpture by John Kindness. Ceramic tiles are decorated with texts and images relating to the history of Belfast.*