



# Focus 2019

Association for Clinical Biochemistry &  
Laboratory Medicine | National Meeting

SEC | Glasgow | 1-3 May

## Scottish Event Campus, Glasgow

# Focus on Service & Science

## Registration Information

**DEADLINES:**  
Abstract  
Submission  
11 January 2019  
End of Early  
Registration  
5 April 2019



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## Welcome

It's my privilege to invite you to Glasgow for Focus 2019. The conference will be held at the Scottish Event Campus (previously known as the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre), an internationally recognised venue.



The scientific programme aims to have something for everyone. We'll have a 'Focus on Service & Science' with two themed streams running through the programme. The 'Focus on Service' theme will include discussion on current challenging issues, including accreditation and external quality assessment, as well as looking at demand optimisation, standardisation, IT issues and configuration of laboratory services. Meanwhile, 'Focus on Science' will include some challenging scientific issues and an update on areas of clinical interest, including obesity, lipids and nutrition. Regular favourites such as the ACB Medal Award, the Clinical Cases session, the ACB-AACC Transatlantic Lecture, the ACB Foundation Lecture and the RCPATH Flynn Lecture will, of course, be appearing as well. Thanks to Bernie Croal (Scientific Committee Chair) and the Scientific Committee for their work in putting together such an enticing programme.

When the programme ends on Friday afternoon, you might want to stick around and explore all that Glasgow has to offer. Officially the world's friendliest city, Glasgow has something for everyone. Whether you're into art galleries and museums, shopping, exploring the West End or eating out, I'm sure you'll be impressed. If that isn't enough, step outside of Glasgow and there is some stunning scenery within a short distance – Loch Lomond is always worth a visit.

So we're very much looking forward to welcoming you to Glasgow. Come and join us for what we anticipate will be a great conference.

**Kevin Deans, Chair, Focus 2019 Organising Committee**

### Further information available at:

Website: [www.acb.org.uk/focus](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus)



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## Training Day – Wednesday 1 May 2019

The Focus Training Day is aimed at members of the profession who are preparing for FRCPath examinations, covering topics which are not well taught in text books or which require practical experience. The morning will be delivered by Sense About Science, a charity that challenges the misrepresentation of science and evidence in public life. The afternoon will feature lectures on topics which intersect the boundaries between Biochemistry and Immunology: immunoglobulins and electrophoresis, liver function tests and autoimmune liver disease and auto-antibody testing in the diagnosis of diabetes.

For detailed information see [www.acb.org.uk/focus/trainingday](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus/trainingday)

## Thursday 2 May 2019

- 0845 Opening Ceremony**
- 0900 ACB/AACC Transatlantic Lecture**  
Immunoassay interferences and their impact on patient care  
*Dr Carmen Wiley, President Elect, AACC*
- 0945 Break**  
**Industry Sponsored Workshops**  
**Industry Sponsored Workshop 1**  
*Details to be confirmed*  
**Industry Sponsored Workshop 2**  
*Details to be confirmed*
- 1045 Parallel Sessions**  
**Challenging Service**  
*Chair: Dr Bernie Croal*  
**What's wrong with Accreditation?**  
*Nigel Coles, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust*  
**What's wrong with EQA?**  
*Dr David James, Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust*  
**Discussion and Q&A**  
*Chaired by Dr Bernie Croal, Chair Focus 2019 Scientific Programme*  
**Challenging Science**  
*Chair: Dr Ian Godber*  
**Adjusted Serum Calcium**  
*Dr Emma Ritchie, NHS Grampian*  
**Urine Acidification: what the data shows**  
*Dr Ravinder Sodi, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust*  
**Novel Psychoactive Agents**  
*Dr Duncan Stephen, NHS Grampian*
- 1215 Exhibition, Posters & Lunch**  
**Industry Sponsored Workshops**  
**Industry Sponsored Workshop 3**  
*Details to be confirmed*  
**Industry Sponsored Workshop 4**  
*Details to be confirmed*
- 1415 Parallel Sessions**  
**Demand Optimisation**  
*Chair: Dr Bernie Croal*  
**Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT)**  
*GIRFT Pathology Team*  
**Scottish Demand Optimisation Programme**  
*Dr Bernie Croal, NHS Grampian*  
*Ms Claire Lawrie, NHS National Services Scotland*  
**ACB Medal Award**  
*Chair: Prof Ian Young, ACB President*  
**Oral communications session**  
*Details to be confirmed*
- 1615 ACB Foundation Lecture**  
Harmonisation and Standardisation in Proteins and Immunology  
*Dr Joanna Sheldon, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- 1700 Finish**

## Friday 3 May 2019

- 0900 RCPATH Flynn Lecture**  
Systematic Reviews and Research Fraud  
*Prof Alison Avenell, University of Aberdeen*
- 0945 Break**  
**Industry Sponsored Workshops**  
**Industry Sponsored Workshop 5**  
*Details to be confirmed*  
**Industry Sponsored Workshop 6**  
*Details to be confirmed*
- 1045 Parallel Sessions**  
**Informatics and Standardisation**  
*Chair: Dr Lance Sandle*  
**NHS Digital Pathology Update**  
*Mr Jay Kola, NHS Digital*  
**Results to Patients**  
*Mr Stuart Jones, Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust*  
**Pathology IT Developments in Wales**  
*Dr Jonathan Kell, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board*  
**Pathology IT Developments in Scotland**  
*Mrs Charlotte Syme, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde*
- Clinical Nutrition and Lipids**  
*Chair: Dr Kevin Deans*  
**Management of Obesity**  
*Dr Jennifer Logue, University of Glasgow*  
**What's New in Lipid Lowering**  
*Dr Kevin Deans, NHS Grampian*  
**Parenteral Nutrition Update**  
*Dr Ruth McKee, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde*
- 1245 Exhibition, Posters & Lunch**  
FCS Annual General Meeting  
ACB Annual General Meeting
- 1445 Parallel Sessions**  
**Lab Re-Configuration**  
*Chair: Mr Jim Allison*  
**Pathology Services Consolidation Update**  
*Mr David Wells, NHS Improvement*  
**Shared Services in Scotland**  
*Dr Bill Bartlett, NHS National Services Scotland*  
**Clinical Cases**  
*Chair: Dr Danielle Freedman*  
**Clinical Case presentations**  
*Details to be confirmed*
- 1615 Closing Ceremony**
- 1630 Finish**

Focus 2019 will be fully accredited for the Royal College of Pathologists CPD scheme and recognised by the Institute of Biomedical Science CPD scheme



# Registration Information

All delegates are advised to register in advance of the meeting.

Registration is available via [www.acb.org.uk/focus/registration](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus/registration)

## Full Conference Package

All delegates registered to attend Thursday and Friday will receive the following:

- ◆ Access to the programme via the Conference App, abstract publication and other associated materials
- ◆ Name badge permitting access to all sessions
- ◆ Access to the exhibition and Industry Sponsored Workshops
- ◆ Lunches and refreshments throughout the meeting
- ◆ Admission to the Conference Dinner on Thursday

## 1-Day Registration

One-day registrations include:

- ◆ Access to the programme via the Conference App, Abstract publication and other associated materials
- ◆ Name badge permitting access to all sessions on the chosen day
- ◆ Access to the exhibition and Industry Sponsored Workshops on the chosen day
- ◆ Lunch and refreshments on the chosen day

Please note that the Conference Dinner is not included in the one-day fees.

## ACB Temporary Membership

Non-members of the ACB are welcome to register at the ACB Temporary Member fee.

## Registration Desk

The Registration Desk will be open on:  
Wednesday – 0900 to 1730  
Thursday – 0800 to 1700  
Friday – from 0800 hours

## Accommodation

Please note that accommodation is not included in registration fees. Delegates should make their own arrangements where required. Please see the website for accommodation options to consider.

## Registration Fees

To take advantage of the reduced early registration rates, all registration forms and payment in full must be received by 5th April 2019.

The registration fees are as follows:

### FULL REGISTRATION

**Early Registration** (on or prior to 5th April 2019)

- ◆ ACB Member £295
- ◆ ACB Member (pre-registered trainee\*) £260
- ◆ Temporary Member £375

**Registration** (after 5th April 2019)

- ◆ ACB Member £365
- ◆ ACB Temporary Member £465

### 1-DAY REGISTRATION

**Early Registration** (on or prior to 5th April 2019)

- ◆ ACB Member £170
- ◆ ACB Member (pre-registered trainee\*) £130
- ◆ Temporary Member £210
- ◆ Student £80

**Registration** (after 5th April 2019)

- ◆ ACB Member £210
- ◆ ACB Temporary Member £260

### ADDITIONAL SESSIONS:

#### Training Day

- ◆ ACB Member £100
- ◆ ACB Temporary Member £175

### ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- ◆ Exhibition Only (Breaks & Lunch) £60
- ◆ Conference Dinner £60

\*pre-registered trainees are trainees working towards gaining either HCPC or GMC registration

## Payment

Payment of fees or a purchase order must accompany all registration forms. Registration will not be confirmed until payment is received; all payments must be in POUNDS STERLING using one of the following methods:

### 1. Credit Card/Debit Card

This is the preferred method of payment. The following credit cards are welcome: Visa & MasterCard. Unfortunately American Express and Diners Club cards cannot be accepted.

### 2. Personal or Company Cheque

Payment by personal or company cheque will only be accepted if drawn on a UK bank and should be made payable to ACB.

### 3. Invoice/BACS (accompanied by an official institutional Purchase Order)

Delegates requiring invoices should provide an official purchase order alongside a completed registration form. Invoices will not be issued before receipt of an official purchase order.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO OTHER METHODS OF PAYMENT CAN BE ACCEPTED

## Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be sent in writing or emailed to the Focus Secretariat c/o The ACB Office.

**Registration fees:** Cancellations received on or before 5th April 2019 will incur an administrative fee of £50 which will be deducted from any refund issued. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after this date.

## Contact Focus 2019

Focus 2019 Secretariat  
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**Delegates with special requirements should contact the Focus 2019 Secretariat in advance for assistance.**

## Conference Dinner – Thursday 2 May 2019 pm

The Conference Dinner provides a great networking opportunity and some fun!

The traditional Focus conference dinner will be held at The Tall Ship at Riverside, a unique venue which promises to be memorable. She was built in 1896 on the River Clyde and is now the only Clyde built sailing ship still afloat in the UK.



Register online: [www.acb.org.uk/focus](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus)