

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THIRD IACLE WORLD CONGRESS

## **Venues and locations**

The address for our Congress venue, **Chancellors Hotel**, is Chancellors Way, Moseley Road, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 6NN (SATNAV M14 6ZT). Tel: +44 161 907 7414 (or 0161 907 7414 when within the United Kingdom).

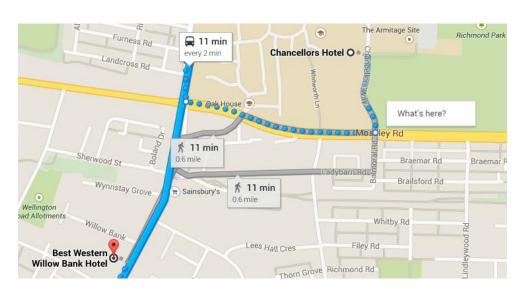
The hotel is located 3 miles from Manchester city centre. Parking is free for residents.

**By Plane** from Manchester International Airport. Manchester International Airport is approximately 8 miles from Chancellors (about 20 minutes by taxi, estimated cost £20).

**By Train** from Manchester city centre. Long-distance trains arrive at Manchester Piccadilly Station. Either take a taxi (recommended, approximately 15 minutes, estimated cost £15) or a five-minute walk to Piccadilly Gardens Bus Station and take a bus numbered 41, 42 or 43.

For maps and more directions visit: <a href="http://www.chancellorshotel.co.uk/location/">http://www.chancellorshotel.co.uk/location/</a>

**NOTE:** Some delegates are staying at the **Best Western Willow Bank Hotel** at 340 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M14 6AF (Tel: +44 0161 224 0461 or 0161 224 0461), a 10-minute walk from Chancellors Hotel. For more information on this hotel and directions visit: <a href="https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-willow-bank-hotel-83809">https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-willow-bank-hotel-83809</a>. **Please note that unless you have been contacted by Bonnie, your reservation is at the Chancellors.** 



**Industry representatives and guests** will be staying at other locations, in the city centre, and will be advised of transfer arrangements separately.

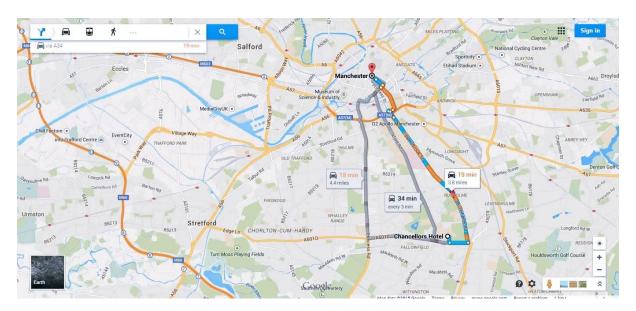
## **Transfers**

Delegates should make their own way to their hotel from Manchester International Airport or from Manchester Piccadilly Station via licensed black taxi from the taxi rank. The cost, to be met by delegates, will be approximately £20 from the airport and £15 from the station. Union Taxi is offering a guaranteed rate of £20 from the airport to the Chancellors. When you are collecting your bags, please ring 0161 225 5566 and they will be there to pick you up when you exit the terminal. Please contact Bonnie Boshart at <a href="mailto:b.boshart@iacle.org">b.boshart@iacle.org</a> if you have any questions on costs.

Delegates will be taken by coach from Chancellors Hotel to the Gala Dinner at the Manchester Museum on Wednesday evening, 27<sup>th</sup> May. Those staying in central Manchester should take a taxi. Coaches will transfer delegates from Chancellors and the Best Western to Manchester Museum leaving promptly at 7pm. Please be in the hotel foyer by 6.45pm.

IACLE will provide coaches to transfer delegates to the British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference & Exhibition in Liverpool, leaving after checkout at 2pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. There will be the option to stop off at the Trafford Centre, a large indoor shopping centre and leisure complex on the outskirts of Manchester, if you wish.

Chancellors has a preferred local taxi company for any other transportation during your stay: **Union Taxi, 0161 225 5566**. These additional travel costs will be met by delegates.



## Early arrivals

Check-in time for Chancellors Hotel and the Best Western Willow Bank Hotel is from 2pm on Sunday 24th May. Luggage can be stored if you arrive earlier. Lunch will be provided from

the Chancellors Hotel daily menu or lounge courtesy of IACLE if you arrive before 2pm. Coffee, tea, juice and pastries will be served at Chancellors from 3pm.

# Registration

Our registration desk will be open from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday where you can pick up your conference briefcase, badge etc. The desk will also be open from 8am on Monday.

#### **Contacts**

For all questions about your accommodation during your stay, please contact Hotel reception. For all Congress queries, please speak to:

Bonnie Boshart, IACLE Director of Operations: Mobile +1 519-993-5592

Siobhan Allen, Global Operations Manager and EAME Administrator

Kavitha Mahesh, IACLE Regional Operations Administrator

## Meal arrangements

Please ensure that you have let us know your dietary requirements via the online survey we sent you: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WC3">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WC3</a> delegate survey

A buffet breakfast will be served from 7.30am at Chancellors Hotel and from 7am at the Best Western Willow Bank Hotel.

All lunches, teas and coffees from Monday to Thursday will be served at Chancellors Hotel. Dinner will be served at Chancellors on Sunday and Monday evenings. Dinner on Monday evening will include an after-dinner speaker, Professor David Thomson.

#### Dinner at Chancellors will be optional on Tuesday evening.

For those who do not wish to leave the hotel on Tuesday evening, dinner will be provided from the hotel's daily menu or in the lounge. For those who prefer to eat in Manchester, a selection of local restaurants is listed below.

## **Bar and lounge**

The bar at Chancellors Hotel is open until midnight and food is served until 9pm. Bar costs will be met by delegates. During meals, each delegate will get one drink ticket for a glass of wine, a bottle of beer or a soft drink. If you wish to have a specialty drink or further drinks, you will need to meet the additional cost. There is also a bar at Best Western Willow Bank Hotel, open until midnight.

# Telephone, internet, iPads, apps and services

All calls will need to be made from your mobile phones. Cable internet connection is available free in rooms at Chancellors Hotel and WiFi is free at the Best Western Willow Bank Hotel. Wi-Fi is available in the Congress lecture rooms. **Those of you who own an iPad or other tablet device**, **IACLE would encourage you to bring it along to the Congress**. For those of you who don't, IACLE will provide you with an iPad or other tablet for use during the Congress sessions.

**NOTE:** The Congress will have a particular focus on technology in education and, to gain the most from the meeting, it will be beneficial if you have apps and accounts for the following services on the device you are bringing to the meeting. iPads or other tablet devices will be available for all delegates but if you have your own device, you might wish to get everything set up on it so that you will leave the meeting with everything installed.

If you do not already have the apps or services shown below, please register or download as appropriate at the relevant website and relevant app store. All are free except the 'Explain Everything' app which costs US\$3.

### **Tablet apps:**

Showbie
Explain Everything (\*)
Socrative
DropBox
i-nigma
Nearpod

Keynote (iPad) iTunesU (iPad) iBooks (iPad)

#### **Services:**

Dropbox (www.dropbox.com)
Google Drive (drive.google.com)
Evernote (www.evernote.com)

For charging your devices during your stay, note that we have 230V power supply and three-pin UK-style sockets so you will need to bring an adaptor as appropriate.

#### Dress code

Dress code for all sessions and meals is smart casual, other than for the Gala Dinner where we advise either national dress or business / evening dress.

#### Weather

May is usually an extremely pleasant month in Manchester but weather can be changeable at this time of year.

# What is included during your stay and what costs you will you meet yourself?

#### What's included:

Accommodation during the meeting
Meals (ie breakfast, lunch, dinner) during the meeting (Tuesday dinner optional)
Gala Dinner and coach transfer to and from Manchester Museum
Transport to the BCLA for those going on to Liverpool
Internet access at the venue

#### What's not included:

Transport to and from Manchester Airport or Manchester Piccadilly Station Food and drinks organised outside of the conference meals Bar bills, room service or laundry Self-organised visits, trips, shopping etc Telephone calls

# **Quick facts about Manchester**

Population: 498,800

Region: North West of England Area total: 115.65 sq km

Dialling Code: 0161

Closest Airports: Manchester International Airport, Blackpool Airport and Liverpool John

Lennon Airport.

Football Clubs: Manchester City FC and Manchester United FC.

Local Food: Barm cakes, Manchester tart, Eccles cake, fish & chips and a wide choice of

world foods.

**Nearest Towns & Cities:** Salford, Bolton, Stockport, Leeds, Huddersfield and Liverpool. **Famous Attractions:** Manchester Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester Art Gallery, Whitworth Art Gallery, Urbis, Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Cathedral, Old Trafford (Manchester United FC), Northern Quarter and Trafford Centre.

## **Eating out in Manchester**

#### Curry Mile - South Asian eateries

The Curry Mile is the nickname for part of Wilmslow Road that runs through Rusholme in south Manchester 2.2 miles from Chancellors Hotel. It earned the title because of the large number of curry houses, takeaways and kebab shops that stand side-by-side on a mile-long stretch of road. It was once said to have the largest concentration of South Asian restaurants outside the Indian subcontinent.

#### Chinese Food - Chinatown

Chinatown in Manchester city centre is 3.6 miles from Chancellors offering a range of restaurants: <a href="http://manchesterchinatown.org.uk/">http://manchesterchinatown.org.uk/</a>.

Pizzeria – 'Croma' 3.7 miles from Chancellors in city centre.

1-3 Clarence St Albert Square Manchester M2 4DE Tel: 0161 237 9799

http://www.cromapizza.co.uk/restaurants/manchester/.

Thai – 'Chaophraya' 3.9 miles from Chancellors in city centre

19 Chapel Walks Off Cross Street Manchester M2 1HN Tel: 0161 832 8342

http://chaophraya.co.uk/.

Latin American – 'Las Iguanas' 4.3 miles from Chancellors near city centre

84 Deansgate Manchester M3 2ER

Tel: 0161 819 2606

http://www.iguanas.co.uk/

Closest Supermarket - Sainsbury's 10-minute walk from Chancellors at 347 Wilmslow Road

A full list of cafes and restaurants close to the venue is available on request

Before and after the meeting

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