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Durham Conference 2014



There is less than a month to go until the 31st Anglo French Medical Society's conference. It will take place from the 17th to the 20th September in the cathedral city of Durham. It is certain to be a fantastic conference. **THE AFMS is delighted to welcome Professor Richard Grundy as its guest presenter on behalf of the James Tudor Foundation. He will talk on the subject "Childhood Brain Tumours: a multidisciplinary approach."**

As well as an extensive scientific programme, there is a comprehensive social programme including a visit to Crook Hall Gardens. We will also have the opportunity to visit Beamish Museum, one of the biggest open-air museums in the country and the Bowes Museum on Friday morning. Set in the beautiful town of Barnard Castle, this museum is built in the style of a French chateau and houses an impressive collection of European fine and decorative art.

A visit to the Cathedral is also planned. Durham Cathedral is the burial place of both St Cuthbert, a great northern saint, and the Venerable Bede, author of the first English history. The gala dinner will take place at the historic Beamish Hall Hotel. On Saturday, for those wishing to extend their stay, we have arranged a visit to Hadrian's Wall and the pretty village of Corbridge and we will finish the day with some local cuisine at one of Durham's local restaurants. There are just a few places still available so please contact the administrative secretary as soon as possible, should you wish to attend.

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Welcome to the latest edition of the AFMS news. If there is anything you would wish to have included in future editions, please send an email to the administrative secretary at [tonyridge72 \(at\) yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonyridge72@yahoo.co.uk) Please also can you inform Tony of any changes in either home or email address.

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Scientific Conference
Durham UK - 17th to
the 20th September.

• March 2015
French Medical
Weekend, Warwick.
27th to 29th March

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Social Programme for The Anglo-French Medical Society, Durham Meeting; September 17th- 20th 2014.

**Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Frankland Lane, Durham DH1 5TA
0191 372 7200**

Please note that if you are a member of the National Trust or English Heritage, it is essential that you bring your Membership Cards to gain free entry to Hadrian's Wall.

Wednesday 17th September

1900. Reception in the hotel and an introductory talk on the History of Durham by local lecturer - John Ridge. This will be followed by a buffet in the magnificent Great Hall of Durham Castle, with some local entertainment provided.

Thursday 18th September 2nd October

0930 Visit to Crook Hall Gardens – a short walk from the hotel. Crook Hall is a 13th century Grade I listed medieval hall which provides a spectacular backdrop to the gardens.

1230 Lunch at The Radisson

1320 Trip to Beamish Museum. One of the biggest open-air museums in the country. Beamish Museum is world famous and tells the story of the people of North East England during the Georgian, Victorian, and Edwardian periods. Transport is available around the museum in historic trams and buses for those not wishing to walk.

Friday 19th September.

0900 Visit to Bowes Museum. Set in the beautiful town of Barnard Castle, this museum is built in the style of a French chateau and houses an impressive collection of European fine and decorative art.

1230 Lunch at the Radisson

1400 All the conference delegates are invited to join us in the afternoon for a walking tour of the historic city of Durham. This will include a visit to the Cathedral built in 1093, the greatest Norman building in England. It is cherished not only for its architecture but also for its incomparable setting. For this reason it was inscribed together with the Castle as one of Britain's first World Heritage Sites. It was recently voted the UK's Number One Landmark by Trip Advisor users. Durham Cathedral is the burial place of both St Cuthbert, a great northern saint, and the Venerable Bede, author of the first English history.

1830 Transport by bus to Beamish Hall Hotel for the gala dinner.

2300-2330 Transport back to Durham

Saturday 20th September.

Morning free for shopping, sight seeing etc

1230. Lunch

For those remaining:

1330 Bus departs for visit to Hadrian's Wall (Houseteads Fort) and Corbridge.

Hadrian's Wall is 2000 years old and stretches 80 miles from the Solway Coast in Cumbria to Newcastle. The Wall stands as the best known and best preserved frontier of the Roman Empire.

1930 Dinner – Oldfield's Restaurant – Durham.

Medical French

The 23rd Annual Residential Course

**Friday evening 27th March to Sunday
lunchtime 29th March 2015**
Conference Park, University of Warwick

Topics to be covered include:

**How to take a history and examine a patient in French.
How to survive on ward rounds and in clinics.
Talking to patients, relatives and colleagues
Investigations: ECG, X-rays, blood tests, etc.
(how to request, chase up, interpret and talk about them)
French General Practice.
Practical procedures, emergencies.**

Extensive course handbook provided.

Full residential fees, including gala dinner.

£420 for doctors and £220 for students.

**To book, complete the enclosed form or contact Christine Greenwood,
School of Clinical Sciences, Clinical Sciences Centre, University Hospital
Aintree, Longmoor Lane, Liverpool L9 7AL.**

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The AFMS Teaching Initiative



Thank you to those members who have expressed an interest in participating in the teaching programme initiative, and those who have given their time in supporting the projects this year. Following discussions at the Biarritz Conference, and expressions of interest from several French medical schools, we have managed to extend the programme (from University Paris Descartes and Angers) to include visits to University Paris Cretail, University Paris Bicetre and the University of Caen.

The format of interactive group discussions, role plays and lectures has been well received by participants who have included undergraduate students, junior doctors, pharmacists, statisticians, consultants and allied health care professionals. We have additionally taken the opportunity to further publicise the activities of the AFMS and AFMB, and as a result are pleased to receive increased interest from French students and doctors to participate in the Durham conference. This year the AFMS and AFMB are jointly supporting five French student presentations. Ultimately we hope that this increased level of interest will continue, and translate into a membership pipeline for the two societies.

Dr John Altrip

Committee Membership Update

Periodically AFMS Committee membership positions become available for renewal/re-election, and we are always interested to identify members who may wish to participate in future vacant positions. Please contact the Honorary Secretary (jaltrip (at) hotmail.com) for further information.

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