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AFMS Marseilles Conference

The 2011 AFMS Marseilles conference will take place from September 21st to September 24th. There has been considerable interest from members wishing to attend the conference and there are only a few places left. If you are interested in attending, please complete the booking form enclosed with this newsletter as soon as possible.

The most renowned and populated city in France after Paris, Marseilles has, like the capital, prospered and been ransacked over the centuries. It has lost its privileges to foreign armies, recovered its fortunes, suffered plagues, religious bigotry, republican and royalist terror and had its own Commune and Bastille-storming. It was the presence of so many Marseillaise Revolutionaries marching from the Rhine to Paris in 1792 which gave the *Hymn of the Army of the Rhine* its name of *La Marseillaise*, later to become the national anthem.

Today, it's an undeniable fact that Marseilles is a wonderful place to visit – a real, down-to-earth yet cosmopolitan port city with a trading history going back over 2500 years. The people are gregarious, generous, and endlessly talkative. We have a comprehensive social and scientific programme for the conference as well an amazing venue for our gala dinner. It is certain to be yet another memorable meeting!



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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)

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• September 2011
Scientific Conference
21st to 24th Septem-
ber; Marseilles,
France.

• Jan / Feb 2012
Chamonix Winter
conference. Dates to
be confirmed.

• March 2012
French Medical
Weekend. Warwick
University. 23rd to
25th March.



**Programme prévisionnel du Congrès
Du 21 Septembre au 24 Septembre:**

Hôtel Holiday Inn

103 AVENUE DU PRADO MARSEILLE, 13008 FRANCE
<http://www.holidayinn-marseille.com/>

Mercredi 21 Septembre :

Accueil à partir de 16h00 dans le Hall de l'hôtel
19h00. Apéritif d'accueil suivi de la présentation du Congrès et de la ville.
Buffet à 20h00

Jeudi 22 Septembre :

Matin : Séance de travail pour les congressistes
Pour les accompagnants 09h30 : Musée de la Marine + Musée d'Histoire et vue sur Jardin des Vestiges
12h30 Déjeuner à l'hôtel Holiday Inn.
14h30 Visite panoramique de Marseille : pour voir Marseille dans son ensemble avec arrêt sur les principaux sites dont l'abbaye Saint Victor , Notre Dame de la Garde, le Vallon des Auffes et extension en bord de mer jusqu'au littoral sud.
Soirée libre à l'hôtel ou dans les restaurants avoisinants.

Vendredi 23 Septembre :

Matin : Séance de travail pour les congressistes
Pour les accompagnants : 9h30 : Départ en car pour le Vieux Port puis quartier Belsunce et le Mémorial de la Marseillaise
12h30 Déjeuner à l'hôtel Holiday Inn.
14h30 Départ en car pour la visite guidée pédestre du quartier du Panier et de la Vieille Charité avec son Musée d'Archéologie . Retour en car pour 17h45
18h30 Conférence de la soirée de Gala.
19h30 départ pour le Cercle Militaire. Accueil sur les terrasses du Fort dominant l'entrée du Vieux Port
23h00-23h30 Retour par car à l'hôtel.

Samedi 24 Septembre.

Matin : Séance de travail pour les congressistes
Matinée libre pour les accompagnants : Faire un tour au marché populaire, des acquisitions en ville ou se reposer.
1230. Déjeuner Fin du Congrès
Pour l'extension du Samedi après-midi:
Départ en car à 14h15 pour Cassis
Cassis: Descente sur le vieux port puis excursion en bateau dans les Calanques de Cassis
Arrêt au retour dans une cave viticole au Château de Fontblanche avec présentation et dégustation.
Retour à Marseille.

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Anglo-French Medical Society 20th Residential Medical French Course Friday evening 23rd March to Sunday lunchtime 25th March 2012

Course organisers: Professor Gareth Williams and Dr. Zara Bieler

This long-established and highly-regarded course, now in its twentieth year, will be moving away from its traditional base at Burton Manor College (which, to our great sadness, has had to close).

Luckily, we've found an excellent new venue in the Conference Park on the Warwick University campus, just outside Coventry. The facilities, general environment and accommodation are all first-class. All the standard rooms have an en-suite bathroom and there is the opportunity to upgrade to 'superior' accommodation (in a separate building on the same site), which is on a par with a good hotel. The campus is easily accessible by car, train, car, bus and air.

How to find us: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/conferences/howtofindus/>

All about the Conference Par: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/conferences>

The move to Warwick won't affect the aims, format or quality of the Course, which is designed to provide essential French medical vocabulary and the confidence to use it. Teaching is given in small tutorial groups (up to 8), each made up of students or doctors whose command of spoken French is similar. Teaching is carefully tailored to the standard of the group, which means that we can accommodate a wide range of capability in French – everything from rudimentary (GCSE/O-Level) to fluent.

Participants are provisionally allocated to groups from their responses to a questionnaire about their spoken French; those whose natural modesty (or anything else) might have given an inaccurate impression of their French can be painlessly reallocated to another group after the introductory session.

The tutors are all experienced teachers, who bring a variety of skills and backgrounds to the Course. They include doctors and other native French speakers, professional linguists, and UK-trained doctors who have worked clinically in a French-speaking setting.

Participants at all levels find the Course extremely useful, including students preparing for an Erasmus exchange or an elective in a Francophone country, or doctors planning to work in France, Switzerland or for organisations such as Médecins sans Frontières.

Feedback on the Course over the last decade has been consistently very good/excellent, for the quality of the teaching, the usefulness of the Course, the handbook, and value for money. Typical comments include "brilliant", "great fun", "invaluable", "exactly what I needed" and "great value for money".

The 2012 Course will take a maximum of 40 doctors and 30 students. Recent Courses have filled up rapidly, with a waiting list, and we strongly recommend early registration.

The Course fees include: accommodation (standard or superior) for Friday and Saturday nights, all meals, including dinner on Friday night, the Gala Dinner on Saturday night and Sunday lunch, with tea and coffee

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Medical Weekend

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There will be a comprehensive Course Handbook covering introductions, systems of the body, medical emergencies, primary care and prescribing, etc.

Fees for the 2012 Course, with standard accommodation, are students: £150, doctors and other professionals: £375. An upgrade to superior accommodation is available at £120 for the weekend.

To register please contact Christine Greenwood, School of Clinical Sciences, Clinical Sciences Centre, University Hospital Aintree, Longmoor Lane, Liverpool L9 7AL.

Email: c.greenwood@liv.ac.uk



Burton Manor 2011

Members' Requests

Dr Bill Edwards is looking to work in France. To start with he has been taking one to one French lessons and now would like to make contact with a French Occupational Physician, ideally in Northern France, as he can get there from his home in Bedfordshire or alternatively "shadow" a French OH consultant physician for a week. If you can help Bill please email him on drwjedwards@aol.com

Marie Noelle Lazaridou is looking to develop contacts within the association. She is often in Manchester and London. She is also keen to go to Marseilles and would consider sharing any travel plans. If you can help Marie Noelle, please email her on mnlunique@yahoo.fr The AFMS has been contacted by a French 3rd year medical student who is trying to organise a medical year in the UK. I attach a letter from her below. Her French Medical school is near Paris and have not helped her as they have no exchange scheme set up. She will be going into 4th year in September 2011 and is preparing to take a sabbatical year out of her French medical school in order to try to do the UK year. She has been trying to set this up on her own without any success as she has been phoning hospitals directly. The feeling is that she should ideally spend time with other medical students, rotating around hospital specialties as well as having some time in General Practice. Can the membership help? Would anyone be prepared to have Solene for a month? Does anyone know of a hospital that could have her shadow their 4th year students? Any ideas welcome.

Solène Le Gouzouguec is looking to carry out some work experience but she has had difficulty finding a placement. Here is an email from her.;

Je suis étudiante en médecine à la recherche d'un stage pour l'an prochain: j'ai 21 ans, je suis en 3^e année donc externe l'an prochain et je prendrai une année sabbatique l'an prochain pour aller en Grande Bretagne, améliorer mon anglais et mes connaissances en médecine. Je serai disponible à partir d'Octobre 2011 et jusqu'à Juillet 2012. Je suis en train de passer mon permis que j'aurai sûrement en Septembre.

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Did You Know ?

After a Scottish couple won £170 million on the Euro lottery, French gamblers are the most lucky when it comes to winning. France provides just over 21 per cent of all Euromillions punters but has, to date, scooped 26 per cent of all the jackpots in seven years.

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