

Annual Meeting of the Society of Hair Testing in Cardiff, United Kingdom

May 14 - 15th, 2007

<http://www.soht.org/pdf>

Location of the Meeting

The Meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Cardiff. Rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Hotel at a special rate (£115/ night). You must identify yourself as attending the Meeting of the Society of Hair Testing. Doris McIntyre, Conference & Banqueting, Hilton Hotel, Cardiff.

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There are less expensive rooms in the same or within 2 km from the Hilton Hotel, however, for the less expensive hotels there is no special rate. The participants themselves must book the hotels. It is recommended to register as early as possible.

The Programme at a Glance

- Sunday 13 May 2007** 16.00 - 21.00 Arrival - Check in - Registration
18.00 - 19.30 Optional Visit to TrichoTech
19.30 - 22.30 Welcome reception with finger buffet at the Hilton Hotel
- Monday 14 May 2007** 08.00 - 12.00 Registration
08.45 - 09.00 Official Opening
09.00 - 09.30 Plenary Lecture: Analytical Issues
09.30 - 10.30 Oral Presentations
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 11.45 Oral Presentations
11.45 - 12.30 Poster sessions
12.30 - 14.00 Lunch
14.00 - 14.30 Plenary Lecture: Accreditation and QA/QC Issues
14.30 - 15.30 Oral Presentations
15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break
16.00 - 17.00 SOHT Business Meeting (Members only)
19.00 - 22.00 Gala Dinner at the Welsh National Museum
- Tuesday 15 May 2007** 08.00 Registration
09.00 - 09.30 Plenary Lecture: Applications
09.30 - 10.30 Oral Presentations
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00 Oral Presentations
12.00 - 12.30 Poster sessions
12.30 - 15.00 Lunch and Tours (Choice between the Millennium Stadium or Cardiff Bay by Double Decker open bus)
15.00 - 15.30 Plenary Lecture: Interpretation
15.30 - 16.30 Oral Presentations
16.30 Coffee and Farewell

The sessions will focus on:

- Analytical** New developments, unusual tests, automation, cut-offs, hair wash: value of measuring wash residues and extraction techniques and related issues.
- Applications** Clinical monitoring, workplace testing, neonatal hair analysis; drug/driving, forensics; DFSA, progresses in the monitoring of EtG in hair as marker of alcohol consumption
- Interpretation** Advantages and limitations of sectional analysis, over-interpretation and misinterpretation of hair analysis results, hair biology: head hair vs. body hair; straight vs. curly
- QA/QC** Accreditation issues, fitness for purpose of assays, uncertainty of measurement, proficiency testing, collection and chain of custody.
- Other aspects** related to analysis of drugs in hair are also welcomed at the conference. We would encourage the scientists and users to bring issues or problems, resolved and current, technical or legal, for an open discussion and learning.