

CONFERENCE INFORMATION



The Joint Meeting of the **International Conference on Ephemeroptera and International Symposia on Plecoptera** takes place approximately every three years. The 2012 meeting took place in Wakayama City, Japan. At this meeting it was agreed that the next Joint Meeting be held in Aberdeen, Scotland on the 31st May to 5 June 2015.

A partnership formed between Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust, The Riverfly Partnership, The Riverfly Recording Schemes, Freshwater Biological Association, the James Hutton Institute and The Natural History Museum London, deliver the Joint Meeting of the XIV International Conference on Ephemeroptera and XVIII International Symposia on Plecoptera in Aberdeen, Scotland.

VENUE

Aberdeen, Scotland's third largest city, is located on the stunning north east coast between the Rivers Don and Dee. The city has striking granite architecture, an inspiring history, strong industrial heritage, a vibrant population and a thriving art scene. The county of Aberdeenshire has stunning scenery, including Scotland's largest national park – the Cairngorms National Park.

The city has excellent facilities for the Joint Meeting with the Dee and Don catchments and surrounding habitats providing outstanding opportunities for fieldwork. North east Scotland supports a high proportion of the UK Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera fauna, including *Brachyptera putata* – an endemic species with government conservation status.

All lectures and welcome/farewell receptions will be held in the Macaulay Suite at the James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen. Additional small meeting rooms will be available for quiet working or committee meetings. Free Wireless Internet access is available to all delegates at the conference venue. Username and password can be collected at the Registration desk upon arrival.



ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Dr William Darwall, Freshwater Biodiversity Unit, IUCN Species Programme, Cambridge

Robert Boyle, New York Times

THEMES

Palaeontology

Phylogeny, taxonomy & systematics

Biodiversity and conservation

Ecosystem Services

Aquatic-terrestrial linkages

Behaviour

Ecology

Data sharing

Reproductive biology

Distribution and biogeography

Future adaptation and change

TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- **Time limit** - Regular oral presentations will have a total time limit of 20 minutes (including discussion) and it will be strictly enforced. The convenors reserve the right to reduce talk times if sessions are oversubscribed.
- **PC and data projector** - This will be provided for uploading presentations in the main lecture theatre, presenters are strongly encouraged to upload their presentations as soon as possible and at the latest, before 9.30am on the day of their presentation. Technical assistance will be available.
- **Posters** – We would prefer posters as A1 size (594 x 841mm), landscape format. If you intend to bring a poster in any other size/format, please advise the convenors at the earliest opportunity. We would encourage poster presenters to bring additional A4 copies of their poster for distribution to delegates.
- **Prizes** – there will be prizes for both the best student presentation and poster as judged by our panel of experts.

PROCEEDINGS – INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Submission of manuscripts

Text should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document (using a version no earlier than Word 2000). **Tables** should be included at the end of the Word document. **Figures** should be submitted as original TIFF (preferred), JPEG or PDF files wherever possible, using the highest resolution you have. Images should be orientated and cropped as they will appear in the article.

Structure of articles

Examples of various types of articles may be found in previous volumes of *Freshwater Forum*.

Each article must contain, in the following order:

- Title page with:
 - Author names (in the format 'Jane A. Brown and Graham Smith'), full postal addresses and email address(es)
 - Abstract
 - Abbreviated title for use as a running headline.(If a corresponding author or current address needs to be identified, mark the author with an asterisk* and insert a footnote below the author addresses)
- Introduction
- ... main body of article, ending with concluding remarks...(see below)
- Acknowledgements (if appropriate)
- References
- Figure legends (if applicable)
- Tables (if applicable).

In the main body of the article, authors are asked to present observations, explanations and conclusions in a series of **informative, headed sections of text**. Conventional papers structured into separate methods, results and discussion – suitable for primary research journals – are not usually acceptable. Where possible these elements should instead be integrated under the relevant headed sections: for example, methodology may be described within the section presenting the relevant observations; or results may be presented and discussed under each relevant section, with more general concluding remarks and a wider perspective provided at the end of the article.

Formatting

Text should be in a single column, single spaced layout, with headings and sub-headings clearly marked and minimal text formatting. The first line of paragraphs (except for the first paragraph in a section) should be indented by one tab space. There should be no line space between paragraphs. References should have a hanging indent, with no line space between. There should be two spaces between sentences.

House style

Authors are encouraged to adopt a relatively informal style, using the first person where appropriate. Manuscripts should be written in English using English spelling (i.e. not US spelling). Words with '-ise', '-yse', '-isation', etc should be spelt with a letter 's' rather than a 'z'. Use lowercase for common names of species, except where there is a word which relates to a proper noun such as a person or country of origin (e.g. giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam, brown trout, Arctic charr).

Italics should be used:

- for scientific names at genus and species level
- when describing genes, genotypes, loci, markers, mutants, alleles and operons
- for foreign words and phrases not used in common language, including: *in vitro*, *in vivo*, *in situ*, *inter alia*, *sensu*, *sensu stricto*, *sensu lato*
- for titles of books and journals (and other similar 'long' pieces).

The following are not italicised: e.g., i.e., etc, ca., cf., vice versa, a priori, per se.

Abbreviations, numbers and symbols

- Full names for abbreviations should be given upon first mention and, preferably, in figure legends.
- Numbers 1–9 are usually spelled out in full in the body text; digits are used for numbers of 10 or over. Numbers of four digits have no commas or spaces (3000); numbers of five or more digits have a space between groups of three digits (10 000, 999 999, 1 000 000).
- SI units and symbols should be used. All unit symbols should be lower case (with the exception of litre): kg (kilogram), t (tonne), L (litre), mL (millilitre), ha (hectare), m (metre), h (hour), min (minute), s (second).
- A space should be inserted between a number and unit symbol, e.g. 24 °C (not 24°C), x = 30 cm. The only exceptions are superscript units for plane angle, 2° 3' 4" (not 2 ° 3 ' 4 ") and percentages, 10% (not 10 %). For multiplication of units, a space should be inserted, e.g. 20 g L⁻¹.

Figures and tables

All figures and tables should be suitable for reduction to A5 page size (text width 11 cm and 16 cm down the page), with informative legends (figures) and captions (tables). Figure legends should be given at the end of the manuscript. In tables, avoid use of vertical lines if at all possible: a standard horizontal line is used above and below the column headings, and at the base of the table. Figures and photographs should either be in black-and-white or be suitable for printing in black-and-white; colour will normally be published only in the online edition of the journal. Where permission is required to reproduce figures/illustrations, evidence of such permissions should be submitted along with the manuscript.

References

Within the body text – References should be cited using the Harvard style, i.e. by giving the names of authors and the year of publication. For works by more than two authors, use the first author's name followed by et al. If citing more than one work, list in chronological order. If more than one work by the same author(s) in the same year is cited, use a, b, c etc in the order in which they are cited in the text (or the order in which they were published, if in the same journal). Reference to unpublished work is discouraged, except for PhD theses. Examples:

- Smith & Brown (1966) found that ...
- ... developments in this field (Trent, 1992, 1993; Brown & Jones, 2001; Graham et al., 2004a, b).
- ... according to the Water Framework Directive (European Parliament & Council, 2000).

In the References section – References should be listed in alphabetical order, with no line-space between entries and with each entry having a 'hanging indent' (2nd and subsequent lines indented). Journal titles should not be abbreviated. Use bold for volume and part numbers, italics for book and journal titles, and hyphens not en-rules (long hyphens) for page ranges. For each author, give single-authored papers first, then double-authored papers, then papers by three or more authors. Citation of websites is discouraged, due to the transient nature of their content; where a published work is available only on the Internet and it is essential to cite it, the URL should be given at the end of the reference in the format 'Retrieved from <URL>, <date>'. Examples are as follows.

Journal article:

Scheffer, M., Hosper, S.H., Meijer, M-L., Moss, B. & Jeppesen, E. (1993). Alternative equilibria in shallow lakes. *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* **8**, 275-279.

Journal article with doi:

Schmid, M. & Wüest, A. (2005). Weak mixing in Lake Kivu: new insights indicate increasing risk of uncontrolled gas eruption. *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems* **6**, 1-11. doi:10.1029/2004GC000892.

Parnell, A.C., Inger, R., Bearhop, S. & Jackson, A.L. (2010). Source partitioning using stable isotopes: coping with too much variation. *PLoS ONE* **5(3)**, e9672. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0009672.

Special issue of a journal, with editors as authors:

Straškrabová, V., Callieri, C. & Fott, J. (eds) (1999). Pelagic food web in mountain lakes (Mountain Lakes Research Program). *Journal of Limnology* **58**, 222 pp.

Book and book editions:

Berthélemy, C. & Olmi, M. (1978). Dryopoidea. In: *Limnofauna Europaea* (ed. J. Illies), 2nd edition, pp. 315-318. Fischer, Stuttgart.

Zar, J.H. (1996). *Biostatistical Analysis*. Prentice Hall, New Jersey. 360 pp.

Chapter in a book:

Cowyx, I.G. (2002). Analysis of threats to freshwater fish conservation: past, present and future. In: *Conservation of Freshwater Fishes: Options for the Future* (eds M.J. Collares-Periera, Mm. Coelho & I.G. Cowyx), pp. 201-220. Fishing News Books, Oxford.

Series of monographs:

Kozhov, M.M. (1963). *Lake Baikal and its Life*. Monographiae Biologicae **11**. Junk, The Hague.

Savage, A.A. (1989). *Adults of the British Aquatic Hemiptera Heteroptera: a Key with Ecological Notes*. Scientific Publication No. 50. Freshwater Biological Association, Ambleside. 173 pp.

PhD thesis:

Saxby, K.J. (1990). The physiological ecology of freshwater chrysophytes, with particular reference to *Synura petersennii*. PhD thesis, University of Birmingham, UK (unpublished).

European Directives and Communications:

European Parliament & Council (2000). Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy. *Official Journal of the European Communities* **L 327**, 1-73. Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Brussels.

Internet citations:

Environment Agency (2005). River Basin Characterisation for the Water Framework Directive. Retrieved from <http://www.environmentagency.gov.uk/subjects/waterquality/955573/1001324/1654756/1654908/1658252/?version=1&lang=e>, 26 June 2008.

REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION

To register for the Conference, book accommodation and/or to submit an abstract, please complete the online form available at <http://www.hutton.ac.uk/events/international-conference-ephemeroptera-and-plecoptera/register-interest>.

Payment must be made before 20 February to secure early-bird rates.

The Conference registration desk, where delegates can sign in and collect badge and programme information, will be open from 16.00-18.00 on Sunday 31 May and weekdays (except Wednesday) from 09:00. Every delegate attending the Conference will be issued with an ID badge at the registration desk on arrival. Please make sure that you wear your badge whilst on site and at social events.

FEES

Registration rates:

	Early-bird (before 20 Feb)	Late (20 Feb – 31 Mar)
Full	£385	£415
Student	£335 (limited places)	£365
Accompanying person	£335 (limited places)	£365

Registration fees for full/student delegates includes:

- Welcome drink (Sun)*
- Buffet lunches (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)
- Packed lunch (Wed)*
- All teas/coffees
- Barbeque dinner (Wed)*
- Conference dinner & ceilidh (Thurs)*
- Transport to mid-conference tour and conference dinner (Wed & Thurs)*
- Farewell reception*
- Conference proceedings
- Free bus travel throughout Aberdeen city during week of conference*

*Accompanying persons receive these benefits in addition to packed lunches and a full tour programme. See section on 'Accompanying persons programme'.

Fees can be paid by paypal through the website, or through the Institute's Finance Department by contacting Anne-Marie Jones on +44 (0)1224 395 090 or Anne-Marie.Jones@hutton.ac.uk.

Charges may apply to some methods:

Paypal	1.01%
Credit cards	5.32% outside EU, 4.15% within EU
International Payment	£7
BACS/Faster Payment	No charge

ACCOMMODATION

We are offering limited budget hotel self-catering accommodation at two sites. This is on a first come first served basis and must be booked as per registration (see above).

Queens Street Hostel is located in a quiet residential area close to the city centre. This 4-star hostel provides a range of multi-share and a few private rooms, with facilities including g Internet access, a large self-catering kitchen, dining room and a common area for guests. Please state any room/sharing preferences at time of booking and the organisers will do their best to allocate rooms accordingly.

The on-site Hutton hostel has single ensuite rooms (WC and shower) and a self-catering kitchen.

All accommodation on offer is available for a fixed period only from 31 May until 6 June inclusive (7 nights) at the costs shown below:

Queens Street Hostel	£151
Hutton Hostel	£135

Additional nights may be booked at the Queens Street Hostel only, and can be done so by contacting the Hostel directly (<https://www.syha.org.uk/>).

If delegates require alternative accommodation, then they must book it themselves directly with the hotel/bed and breakfast. An alternative accommodation list is provided below to help with this. Accommodation in Aberdeen can be hard to find and expensive so we do urge delegates to book as soon as possible.

CANCELLATION

In the unlikely event that delegates are forced to cancel their registration and/or accommodation, we will operate the following policy:

Before 1 April	Full refund (less payment charges)
Before 1 May	50% refund
After 1 May	No refund

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION LIST

Prices are per room per night and were correct at October 2014. Std = standard, En = ensuite. If you would like to save costs by room sharing, please contact the organisers and we can put you in touch with others wishing to do the same.

Establishment	Rooms				Telephone +44 (0) 1224	Email	Website
	Single		Double/ twin				
	Std	En	Std	En			
Ellenville Guest House 50 Springbank Terrace	£35	£40		£60	213334	scotland@madbo okings.com	
Butler's Guest House 122 Crown Street	£48	£63	£64	£74	212411	mail@butlersgues thouse.com	www.butlersguest house.com
Arden Guest House 61 Dee Street	£45	£55	£64	£70	580700	ann@ardenguesth ouse.co.uk	www.ardenguesth ouse.co.uk
Crown Guest House 10 Springbank Terrace		£30		£50	586842	crownguesthouse @yahoo.co.uk	www.crownguest house.co.uk
Aberdeen Springdale Guest House, 404 Great Western Road	£35	£45	£55	£65	316561	aberdeenspringda le@hotmail.co.uk	
Kildonan Guest House 410 Great Western Road	£32	£38	£50	£60	316115	marion@kildonan -guesthouse.com	www.kildonan- guesthouse.com
Pamdor Guest House 400 Great Western Road	£30	£40	£55	£60	314392	enquiries@aberde enpamdorguestho use.co.uk	www.aberdeenpa mdorguesthouse.c o.uk/
Camelia Guest House 374 Great Western Road	£30	£45	£75	£85	312757		
Dunnydeer Guesthouse. 402 Great Western Road	£35	£45	£55	£60	312821	Barbara@dunnyd eer.co.uk	
Cedars Guest House 399 Great Western Road	£55	£65		£75	583225		www.cedarsaberd een.co.uk
Noble Guest House 376 Great Western Road		£40		£90	313678		www.visitscotland .com
Armada Guest House 605 Holborn Street	£30			£60	580636	armadaleguesthos ue@tiscali.co.uk	www.armadalegu esthouse.co.uk
Denmore Guest House 166 Bon Accord Street	£43		£48		587751	denmoreguesthou se@hotmail.co.uk	
Dunrovin Guest House	£35	£40	£45	£60	586081		www.dunrovingue sthhouse.co.uk
Premier Inn Hotel, Westhill*				£97	+44 (0) 871 527 8004		http://www.premi erinn.com/en/hot el/ABESHE/aberde en-westhill

*Note this is just outside Aberdeen. From Hotel to Conference Venue would take approximately 40 minutes: 10-min bus journey (no. X17) and 30-min walk (or second bus journey). A weekly ticket (megarider) for Aberdeen Zone 2 costs £17.50 and is available online at: <http://www.stagecoachbus.com/bluebird-megarider.aspx>.

SOCIAL EVENTS

WELCOME DRINK – SUNDAY 31 MAY, 16.00-18.00

The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen

All delegates are invited to attend our welcome reception where wine and nibbles will be provided.

WELCOME TO SCOTLAND EVENT – MONDAY 1 JUNE, 17.30

The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen

A small taster of Scottish culture as our local dancers will demonstrate.

RIVERSIDE AND HISTORICAL WALKS (OPTIONAL EXTRA) – TUESDAY 2 JUNE, 19.00

Explore the riverbanks of the Dee or Don, or learn about Aberdeen's history on these guided walks. There will be a sign up sheet for these excursions at the reception desk, first come first served.

MID-CONFERENCE TOUR & BARBEQUE – WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

Dee Valley & Royal Deeside, Special Area of Conservation

The mid-conference tour will take place along the scenic Deeside valley at the highland estates of Balmoral and Glen Tanar. The morning will feature a tour of the Castle and gardens of Balmoral. Set in the shadows of Lochnagar, and on the banks of the river Dee, Balmoral has been the summer home of the Royal family since 1852. The wider estate is home to a number of rare and interesting plants and animals including capercaillie, Scottish crossbill and the Scottish wood ant. Some of the pine trees have been aged by the James Hutton Institute to be more than four hundred years. In the afternoon there will be the chance to explore the private 25,000-acre estate of Glen Tanar which encompasses native Caledonian pine forest, heather moorland and a range of freshwater habitats. Try your hand at fly-fishing, visit the viewpoint, explore the history or sample the ponds/river. We will end with a barbeque beside the stunning ballroom.

CONFERENCE DINNER & CEILIDH – THURSDAY 4 JUNE, 18.30

Ardoe House Hotel, Aberdeen

Our venue is a picturesque 19th century mansion house set in tranquil countryside. The evening will feature traditional Scottish food and dancing, with music by local ceilidh band Cabrach.

FAREWELL RECEPTION – FRIDAY 5 JUNE, 16.00

The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen

All delegates are welcome to join us for a final drink at the farewell reception.

POST-CONFERENCE TOUR (OPTIONAL EXTRA) – SATURDAY 6 JUNE

Cairngorms National Park & Speyside

The post-conference tour will explore the eastern edge of the Cairngorms National Park taking in the royal burgh of Ballater before ascending the second highest road in the UK with magnificent views across the Cairngorm mountains. There will be the opportunity for some high-altitude sampling before finishing with a dram and tour of Dufftown distillery.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

We have an exciting and varied programme of daytrips for accompanying persons. Registration fees include entry fees to all attractions and a packed lunch each day.

MONDAY 1 JUNE

Aberdeen City Tour

This day tour of the city of Aberdeen will take in local attractions such as the Art Gallery, Duthie Park including David Welch Winter Gardens, Cruickshank Botanic Gardens and the beach.

TUESDAY 2 JUNE

Loch Ness Tour

Delegates will travel into the Highlands and to Loch Ness. 'Loch' is the Scottish Gaelic word for a lake. Loch Ness covers 56 km² and is one of Scotland's largest and deepest freshwater lochs. Surrounded by beautiful scenery, it is famously home to the fictional Loch Ness Monster, affectionately known as Nessie. This day tour includes a one-hour cruise on the Loch and a one-hour visit to the historic ruins of Urquhart Castle.

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

Dee Valley & Royal Deeside, Special Area of Conservation

Accompanying persons will join other delegates for the Mid-Conference tour to Balmoral and Glen Tanar as detailed in the 'Social Events' section.

THURSDAY 4 JUNE

Shopping trip to Baxter's Highland Village

Baxter's represent one of Scotland's best loved food brands. Their Highland Village at Fochabers offers a variety of speciality shops, stocked with a wide range of food products, wines and whiskies, speciality foods, clothing, cookware and gifts - a great chance to pick up souvenirs. Take a step back in time and discover the history of the Baxter's story in the old grocery shop originally opened in 1868. This tour will return mid-afternoon to allow delegates time before the Conference Dinner.

FRIDAY 5 JUNE

Whisky and Castle Tour

Crathes Castle is a 16th century castle near Banchory in Aberdeenshire. Currently owned and managed by the National Trust for Scotland, delegates will receive a tour of the castle interior with a chance to learn about the castle's history. This trip will continue south over the Cairn O'Mount Road, a high mountain pass and an ancient military road dating from Roman times. Arriving in Fettercairn, delegates will visit the Distillery to find out how Whisky is made. The final stop will be the stunning coastal ruin of Dunnottar Castle at Stonehaven. The tour will return to Aberdeen in time for the Farewell Reception.

TRAVEL TO AND WITHIN ABERDEEN

The James Hutton Institute (Aberdeen site) is situated at Craigiebuckler to the west of the city centre. Venue address: The James Hutton Institute, Craigiebuckler, Aberdeen, AB15 8QH.

TRAVEL BY AIR

Aberdeen Airport has flights from domestic and international destinations.

www.aberdeenairport.com. Buses (service Jet 727) run up to every 10 minutes between the airport and the city centre (£2.80 single, £4.70 return). Taxis from the airport to the city centre take about 25 minutes and cost about £15. Alternatively take a taxi to Dyce rail station (£6-7) and then a train to Aberdeen centre (£2.30 single). From there it is only a short walk (or additional bus ride) to the Queen's Street hostel. Many of the bed and breakfasts are served by the number 19 bus.

TRAVEL BY RAIL

Regular trains from Glasgow, Edinburgh, London and other UK cities run to Aberdeen. National Rail Enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk

TRAVEL BY BUS

The James Hutton Institute in Aberdeen is served by three bus routes, the 5, 15 and 19. Nearest stops are the Craigiebuckler terminus (5), the Airyhall terminus (15) and Great Western Road opposite Mannofield Church (19). Buses run between every 15 and 30 minutes and take approximately 20 minutes. Routes 5 and 15 stop around 7pm on weekdays, but route 19 runs until around 11pm. First Group Bus Aberdeen www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/aberdeen

TRAVEL BY CAR

There is visitor parking available at the Institute.

From Aberdeen:

Leave the city centre in a westerly direction on Union Street and at the traffic lights bear left on to Holburn Street (signposted A9013 for Braemar, Dundee, Perth). At the next traffic lights turn right on to Great Western Road (A93 Braemar) and continue until the traffic lights junction with the A90 (South Anderson Drive). Turn right on to South Anderson Drive and at the next roundabout turn left into Seafield Road. Continue to the traffic lights and go straight ahead on to Countesswells Road. Take the second on the right into Macaulay Drive, where the James Hutton Institute is signposted.

From Inverness (and the north):

Take the A96 towards Aberdeen. Continue following signs for A96 Aberdeen until reaching the Haudagain roundabout and take the third exit for the A90 signposted Braemar, Dundee

and Perth (North Anderson Drive). Continue on the A90 until reaching the roundabout junction with Cromwell Road and Seafield Road. Turn right into Seafield Road. Continue to the traffic lights and go straight ahead on to Countesswells Road. Take the second on the right into Macaulay Drive, where the James Hutton Institute is signposted.

From Dundee (and the south):

Take the A90 north to Aberdeen. At the Bridge of Dee roundabout take the second exit signposted A90 for Peterhead and Fraserburgh (South Anderson Drive) and continue on the A90 until reaching the roundabout junction with Seafield Road and Cromwell Road. Turn left into Seafield Road. Continue to the traffic lights and go straight ahead on to Countesswells Road. Take the second on the right into Macaulay Drive, where the James Hutton Institute is signposted.

TRAVEL BY COACH

[National Express](#) run from many destinations, particularly from the International London Airports.

BEYOND ABERDEEN

For those wishing to extend their stay in Scotland beyond the conference some useful websites are listed below:

Car hire

- Arnold Clark <http://www.arnoldclark.com/>
- Euopcar http://www.euopcar.co.uk/car-hire-ABERDEEN_CITY.html

Public transport

- Taveline Scotland <http://www.travelinescotland.com/welcome.do>
- Scotrail <http://www.scotrail.co.uk/>
- Megabus <http://uk.megabus.com/>
- Stagecoach <http://www.stagecoachbus.com/>

Tourist Information

- Visit Scotland <http://www.visitscotland.com/>
- Aberdeen <http://www.visitaberdeen.com/>
- Highlands <http://www.visithighlands.com/>
- Travel Scotland <http://www.scotland.org.uk/>
- Discover Scotland <http://www.discoverscotland.net/>

Midge Forecast!

- <http://midgeforecast.co.uk/>

ABERDEEN CITY

Aberdeen has a population of just over 220,000. Nicknames include the 'Granite' of 'Silver' city. The local lowland dialect is Doric. The motto of Aberdeen is 'Bon Accord' which means 'Good Friendship'.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN ABERDEEN

Johnston Gardens – One of Aberdeen's 45 parks and gardens. This is a charming one-hectare park featuring streams, waterfalls, ponds and rockeries, located only a few minutes' walk from the Conference venue.

Duthie Park & Winter Gardens – A park of 44 acres including a bandstand, fountains, ponds and statues. The Winter Gardens house many exotic plants including the largest collection of cacti in Britain.

Marischal College – Now the home of Aberdeen city council, this gothic building is one of Aberdeen's most impressive sites and the second largest granite building in the world. The museum holds the principal collections of the University of Aberdeen, comprising some 80,000 items in the areas of fine art, Scottish history and Scottish and European archaeology.

Art Gallery – Houses a collection of Impressionist, Victoria, Scottish and 20th century British paintings as well as collections of silver and glass. There are regular visiting exhibitions.

Tolbooth Museum – Small museum detailing crime and punishment in Aberdeen.

Maritime Museum – Located on Aberdeen's oldest named street, this museum charts the city's connection to the sea.

Provost Skene's House – Aberdeen's oldest dwelling house dating from 1545. The house is now a free museum housing furniture and collections from the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries.

Beach & fun park – Amusement park, cinema, bowling alley, restaurants and shops.

Old Aberdeen – The cobbled streets around King's College are home to the University of Aberdeen, founded in 1495. The newly constructed library and the botanic gardens are both worth a visit.

St Machar's Cathedral – One of three cathedrals in Aberdeen and the oldest, built (slowly) from 1157 onwards taking nearly three hundred years to complete.

Footdee – (pronounced 'Fitae') An ancient fishing village dating back to 1398 and a great place to spot our famous Bottlenose dolphins.

PLACES TO EAT/DRINK IN ABERDEEN

General	<i>Palm Court Hotel & Whisky Bar</i> Seafield Road	Located five minutes from the Conference venue.
	<i>Great Western Hotel</i> Great Western Road	Convenient for those staying on this street, includes sports bar.
	<i>Ashvale</i> Union Grove	Award winning fish and chip restaurant, cheap and cheerful!
	<i>Cosmo</i> Union Square	Offers an 'all you can eat' buffet for a set price covering a range of pan-asian and global cuisines. Booking is advised as it is very popular.
Italian	<i>Ciao Napoli</i> Bon Accord Crescent	Warm, friendly service and great food with an emphasis on southern Italian cuisine.
	<i>Rusticos</i> Union Row	Family-run Mediterranean restaurant, cosy atmosphere and great food.
	<i>Jamie Oliver</i> Union Street	Café-style restaurant with Italian-inspired menu.
Turkish	<i>Rendezvous@Nargile</i> Forest Avenue	Can be expensive but we recommend the Vezir, a selection of cold and hot mezes.
Greek	<i>Christos Greek Taverna</i> John Street	Trip Advisor Excellence Winner 2014. Not open on a Monday.
Asian	<i>Chi Bar & Restaurant</i> The Academy, Belmont Street	Serves a mixture of oriental and European meals.
	<i>Cumin Tandoori</i> Union Street	Asian, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Asian fusion. Special Tuesday night meal deal.
	<i>Shri Bheema's Indian</i> Belmont Street	Winner of Aberdeen's Best Indian Restaurant 2013 and Trip Advisor Excellence Winner 2014.
	<i>Thai Siam</i> Castle Terrace	Reasonably priced, authentic Thai food. Closed on a Monday.

Pubs These pubs (with the exception of the Blue Lamp and Brewdog) also sell food.

Old Blackfriars
Castle Street Steeped in history, Old Blackfriars is a must-see pub, popular with locals, visitors and the odd ghost! The pedestrian area outside Blackfriars was the site of public executions until 1964.

The Globe Inn
North Silver Street The Globe, Old Blackfriars and Ma Camerons have won awards for their Fish and Chips.

Prince of Wales
St. Nicholas Lane Famous for having the longest bar in Aberdeen, The Prince of Wales serves a range of traditional ales.

Soul Bar
Union Street Upmarket bar in a former church with outdoor seating if the weather allows!

Ma Camerons
Little Belmont Street Aberdeen's oldest pub dating back 300 years. Quiz night every Monday.

Archibald Simpsons
Castle Street On the site of the old North of Scotland bank, this Wetherspoons pub is cheap and cheerful. A similar establishment is the Monkey House.

Blue Lamp
Gallowgate Rustic, welcoming family pub, often with live music including jazz and blues.

Brewdog
Gallowgate A great chance to try some local craft beers and lagers.

Triplekirks
Schoolhill Particularly popular with students, night club upstairs.

Wild Boar
Belmont Street Good food. Live DJ, music and dancing every Friday and Saturday night.

The Old School House
Little Belmont Street Reasonably priced pub food. Sports are often shown on the large screens.

Illicit Still
Broad Street Celebrating the Highlanders attempts to avoid paying the 'malt tax' imposed in 1713 by making their own whisky. Great food and cocktails!
