

Wessex DTN 2018



The Wessex DTN Student Congress is a student led conference bringing together 200 early career scientists from the SPITFIRE, GW4+ and Oxford Environmental Research Doctoral Training Partnerships. It provides an opportunity to present your work in a supportive environment, all whilst networking with fellow peers.

Following the success of previous years, in 2018 the Congress is to be hosted by the SPITFIRE DTP and the University of Southampton. The gathering seeks to offer a great opportunity to hone your presentation skills, learn about the current research in your broader discipline and develop new skills through training opportunities. As such, we very much hope that you can join us!

This document contains information regarding the structure and organisation of the event, however if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please contact Camilla Cassidy (camillacassidy@soton.ac.uk) in the first instance.

Please register for the conference at the below link; places are limited, and if oversubscribed will be allocated primarily on a first-come, first-served basis, whilst preference will also be given to students in the early years of their studies. Successful applicants will be contacted when all places have been filled.

<https://goo.gl/forms/zu3dFCOWFosDRzwb2>

We look forward to seeing you!

Best regards,

The Wessex DTN Team
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Structure

The conference takes place on the 22nd-23rd March, 2018. The conference begins promptly on the morning of the 22nd, so travel to Southampton is recommended the day prior.

After registration, and a welcome talk, delegates will be free to move between three themed parallel sessions of contributed talks. There will be regular breaks for refreshments, and buffet lunch.

Both days will share this structure of contributed talks, and an afternoon poster session; posters are to be set up on arrival and taken down at the end of the day, and guests are invited to view the posters at their leisure as well as during the dedicated poster sessions.

At the end of 22nd March, we will enjoy a keynote speech from one of Southampton's leading lecturers, about the work and innovation in Ocean & Earth science being done at the National Oceanography Centre. A three course dinner will then be served in the Grand Harbour Hotel.

Across the two days, delegates will work in groups with a mentor on a task related to locating research gaps and writing grant proposals. There will be a prize on offer for the best group, and the optional opportunity to pursue these proposals further.

We will send out a full program including timings a month in advance of the congress.

Posters & Presentations

Students are encouraged to present their research in either a poster, or short or long (5 or 15 minutes) presentation form.

For first year students, or otherwise those who do not yet have finalised results to show, we still recommend that you present some summary of your field, the unanswered research gaps and how your work will move to further these questions. We appreciate that students may never have presented at a formal conference before, but we emphasise the importance of being exposed to others within your field, and being afforded the opportunity to meet and network with your peers.

Presentations will take place in parallel sessions divided into three themes (likely approximating 'Earth sciences', 'Biology', and 'Climate and systems', though these will be tailored according to the proposed presentation subjects), with each poster session also containing a mix of themes.

We have availability for 100 posters, and approximately 40 presentations.

Venue & Accommodation

The conference will be hosted at the Grand Harbour Hotel, located in central Southampton (West Quay Rd, Southampton, SO15 1AG). The Grand Harbour Hotel is a 15 minute walk from Southampton Central Railway station, and a 10 minute walk from Southampton Coach Station. A number of bus routes service the surrounding area, including nearby stops for the First X4/X5 at Queen's Terrace, and Unilink U1C at WestQuay.

Within short walking distance to the Grand Harbour Hotel are a number of low cost hotels, listed below.

The Grand Harbour Hotel is happy to store luggage for those who will be bringing it with them to the second day of the conference. Parking for delegates at the Grand Harbour Hotel is free, but on a first-come, first-served basis.

Nearby hotels:

- Mercure Southampton Centre Dolphin, 34-35 High St, Southampton SO14 2HN

- Premier Inn West Quay, Harbour Parade, Southampton SO15 1BA

- Travelodge Southampton Central, Castle Way, Southampton SO14 2BW

- Ibis Southampton Centre Hotel, 9 West Quay Rd, Southampton, SO15 1RA

Tour of NOCS

We are happy to organise a tour of the National Oceanography Centre for visitors; please register your interest on the sign-up form, and we will be in touch.