

## **3<sup>rd</sup> ECSJ**

### **Newsletter**

Welcome to the first of our ECSJ newsletters – we look forward to seeing you in Manchester in July.

### **Your Visit**

#### **Travel**

Manchester airport offers direct flights from nearly every major European city, including Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt and Amsterdam, as well as a large number of international destinations. The airport connects to Manchester City Centre by direct trains that run every 10 minutes to Piccadilly train station.

Manchester Piccadilly is one of three main stations in Manchester; there are 60 direct trains a day to London, taking just over two hours. If you book in advance there are substantial savings.

Apparently half of Britain's motorway network passes through the region, so travelling by car is also a simple option, however do check regarding parking at your Hotel or the venue.

Manchester City Centre is compact, but also has excellent public transport.

For more detail on transport visit: <http://www.esof.eu/about/esof-in-manchester/travel-to-manchester.html>

#### **Accommodation**

We have block booked rooms at two hotels at a discounted rate for ECSJ delegates, however these rooms are only held for a limited time. If you are also attending the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) then you should book accommodation via [ESOF](#) as we only have rooms at these rates for Friday 22 July and Saturday 23 July.

[Offer available until 17:00 Wednesday 8 June 2016](#) - IBIS Princess Street (Budget)

Bed & Breakfast - £104 (inc VAT) per room per night, single occupancy; £109 (inc VAT) double occupancy

Up until 17:00 Wednesday 8 June 2016 full refund available on cancellation, after 17:00 Wednesday 8 June 2016 the booking is non refundable

Ibis Manchester Centre Princess Street is a budget hotel. Book the hotel for a location less than 1 km from the city centre, close to the shopping and nightlife of central Manchester. Each of the hotel's 126 contemporary guest rooms comes with free wireless internet access and satellite TV. The café has hot and cold snacks 24 hours a day, and the friendly bar has a wide range of drinks. Manchester Oxford Road train station is 500m from the hotel.

[Offer available until 17:00 Wednesday 22 June 2016](#) - Mercure Manchester Piccadilly - Four Star

Bed & Breakfast - £113 (inc VAT) per room per night, single occupancy; £123 (inc VAT) double occupancy

Up until 17:00 Wednesday 22 June 2016 full refund available on cancellation, after 17:00 Wednesday 22 June 2016 the booking is non refundable

Overlooking Piccadilly Gardens, this 280 bedroomed hotel is situated right in the heart of the city centre, making it the perfect location to discover one of the liveliest cities of the North. The location of the Mercure is therefore perfect to take advantage of all the great facilities in its immediate vicinity. All bedrooms are climate-controlled and feature a flat-screen TV and complimentary high speed Wi-Fi.

To book your accommodation via the ECSJ please visit: <http://www.absw.org.uk/accommodation>

There are plenty of other options available in Manchester but booking early is advised due to the time of year and also the fact that ESOF is taking place with many individuals visiting the city.

## The Programme

Saturday 23 July - Timetable

<b>09:30 - 09:55</b>	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
<b>09:55 - 10:00</b>	<b>Welcome from Jens Degett, President EUSJA</b>
<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>Opening Plenary: Highway Robbery: Is Europe's independent science news being hijacked by vested interests?</b>
<b>11:10 - 12:10</b>	<b>Parallels One: Reporting on EU funded science 80 billion euro question &amp; Open data</b>
<b>12:10 - 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	<b>Parallels Two: Cross border investigative journalism: Resistant germs in Europe &amp; Starting new publications</b>
<b>14:40 - 15:40</b>	<b>Parallels Three: Perfect pitch &amp; The journalist's toolkit</b>
<b>15:40 - 16:00</b>	<b>Tea</b>
<b>16:00 - 17:00</b>	<b>Closing Plenary: Outside the consensus: Working for media that are sceptical about climate change</b>
<b>17:00 - 17:05</b>	<b>Closing words from Martin Ince, President, ABSW</b>
<b>From close of conference</b>	<b>Coaches leave for ABSW Science Writers' Awards for Great Britain and Ireland and the bluedot festival at Jodrell Bank</b>

Speakers include:

Deborah Blum, director of the Knight Science Journalism program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Publisher Undark; James Randerson, Assistant National News Editor, The Guardian; Sabine Louet, editor Euroscientist magazine, founder of SciencePOD, Dublin; Dino Trescher, journalist, Constart network, Berlin; Slobodan Bubnjevic, newspaper journalist/editor and now editor of Serbia's Elementi website and print magazine

For the full programme and speaker details to date visit: <http://www.absw.org.uk/news-and-events/events/3rd-ecs-j-programme>

We are still busy programming and confirming speakers so keep an eye on our website [www.absw.org.uk](http://www.absw.org.uk), look out for our newsletters, and follow us @absw #ecsj

## Entertainment

Friday 22 July, 18:00 until late. Drinks Reception

ESOF and the Marketing Manchester team invite all delegates arriving on Friday evening to Cloud 23 at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate. Cloud 23 will be setting up a science lab in an area of the bar and will have an ESOF themed cocktail. Come along, have a drink, meet the ESOF and Marketing Manchester team along with other delegates and representatives of the ABSW and EUSJA prior to the conference on Saturday.

Saturday 23 July, 17:30 until late. ABSW Science Writers Awards for Great Britain and Ireland and the [bluedot](#) Festival at Jodrell Bank

Awards ceremony for the 2016 ABSW Science Writers Awards for Great Britain and Ireland at Manchester Central followed by complimentary tickets to the [bluedot](#) festival at Jodrell Bank, where delegates will enjoy a reception with views overlooking the Lovell radio telescope before enjoying an evening of music by the likes of Jean Michele-Jarre and Air. Complimentary coach travel will take delegates to and from Jodrell Bank.

## Sponsors



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The ECSJ is pleased to announce Elsevier as our Lead Conference Partner. Elsevier have supported the ABSW's [UK Conference of Science Journalists](#) since its very beginning in 2010 and their support has been essential to the ABSW running these major Conferences at very low cost to our members and those in membership of other European Science Journalism Organisations.

Sponsorship opportunities still remain for the 3<sup>rd</sup> ECSJ for more information and a sponsorship brochure contact: Sallie Robins, [info@absw.org.uk](mailto:info@absw.org.uk)

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Why not extend your visit to Manchester and attend EuroScience Open Forum?

The 7th edition of the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) comes to the UK for the first time later this year. From 24th - 27th July many of the biggest names in the scientific world will arrive in Manchester, a city with impressive scientific credentials – it was home to Dalton, Rutherford, Joule and Turing.

Now well established; the conference attracts a global following with participants from all over the world. We are expecting Manchester to be the biggest ESOF to date attracting more contributors and delegates than ever before. The forum also attracts several hundred science journalists as well as communications professionals with topical sessions and breaking news, as those at the forefront of their industries discuss the latest research and ideas that are set to revolutionise our world.

Members of the press, science writers and communications professionals are eligible for media accreditation, which offers complimentary registration – more details of the application process can be found on [esof.eu](http://esof.eu)

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