



# Focus 2018

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## Manchester Metropolitan University Focus on Value Registration Information

### DEADLINES:

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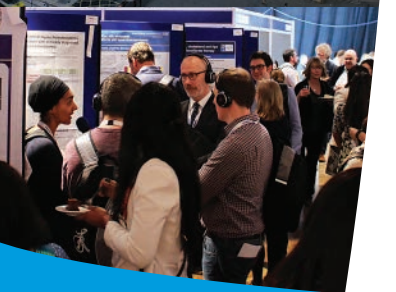
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## Welcome

I'm delighted and proud to invite you to Manchester for Focus 2018 – the ACB's National Meeting, where we will **Focus on Value**. The conference will be held in the modern and environmentally-friendly Brooks Building, part of Manchester Metropolitan University, in the heart of the city.

Manchester is the original modern city. What Athens was to Ancient Greece and Florence was to the Italian Renaissance, Manchester is to the modern scientific and industrial age. It remains a powerhouse of science and the arts, sport and music, and is home to the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Salford.

Following the hugely successful Focus in Leeds last year, we have kept to the two-day format for the meeting, and Chris Chaloner and the Scientific Programme Committee have put together a dazzling programme with something for everyone, encompassing current research, horizon-scanning, clinical skills enhancement and the realities of delivering value-added services to today's health care providers. The scientific programme includes plenary lectures, symposia and workshops, along with oral and poster presentations. Everyone involved in laboratory medicine will find something to stimulate their imagination and develop their career at Focus 2018, and we're looking forward to meeting you and sharing your vision.

The Brooks Building provides first class meeting and conferencing in a building with a stunning sense of light and scale, with five storeys of glass and spacious public areas. Outside, an attractive and green public space creates a modern 'piazza' feel. The lectures, exhibition and catering outlets will be situated on the main floor of the conference building and posters will be displayed both within the exhibition area and in the concourse to ensure their visibility and impact.

Focus 2018 will be packed with value – in the lectures, in the networking with colleagues and commercial partners and in the opportunities to broaden your horizons scientifically, socially and culturally. We've worked hard to make this a successful meeting on every level. We'd love to welcome you as a partner in that success.

**Mike Hallworth** *Chair, Focus 2018 Organising Committee*



### Further information available at:

Website: [www.acb.org.uk/focus](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus)

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## Training Day – Wednesday 6 June 2018

The Focus Training Day is aimed at members of the profession who are preparing for FRCPath examinations, covering topics which are not well taught in text books or which require practical experience. The morning, organised by the ACB Pre-Analytical Working Group, will centre on the importance of pre-analytical quality for laboratory medicine. The afternoon will feature lectures covering the management and interpretation of requests for biochemical analysis of non-blood samples: FIT, CSF and non-standard fluids.

For detailed information see [www.acb.org.uk/focus/trainingday](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus/trainingday)

# Focus on Value

## Wednesday 6 June 2018

1730 **Opening Lecture followed by Reception**

## Thursday 7 June 2018

0845 **Opening Ceremony**

0900 **ACB/AACC Transatlantic Lecture**

Drug screening in paediatrics

*Dr Dennis Dietzen, President AACC*

0945 **Break & Industry Sponsored Workshops**

1030 **Parallel Sessions**

### Paediatrics for the Non-specialist/ DGH Clinical & Laboratory Teams

Time to be on alert for paediatric AKI

*Prof Rachel Lennon, Manchester*

Investigating hypoglycaemia - when laboratory medicine is the icing on the cake!

*Dr Mars Skae, Manchester*

Disorders of sexual development: what support can a DGH lab provide?

*Dr Leslie Perry, Croydon*

Old and new approaches to paediatric reference ranges in 2018

*Dr Tim Lang, Durham*

### New Approaches to Clinical Problems & Drug Assays

How to set up a UKAS accredited clinical TDM service

*Dr Edward Hinchliffe, Manchester*

Changing trends in street drugs: the greatest challenge facing clinical toxicology screening services

*Dr Loretta Ford, Birmingham*

Immunobiologics and antibodies to them

*Dr Mandy Perry, Exeter*

PCSK9 Mabs: new lipid modifying therapy

*Dr Handrean Soran, Manchester*

### Point of Care Testing (POCT)

The value of POCT: an acute care perspective

*Dr Dominic Giles, Norwich*

The value of POCT in primary care

*Speaker tbc*

Debate: Does POCT add value?

*In favour: Prof Sverre Sandberg, Bergen*

*Against: Dr Danielle Freedman, Luton*

1230 **Exhibition, Posters & Lunch  
Industry Sponsored Workshops**

1430 **Parallel Sessions**

### Access and Equity in Laboratory Medicine

Parity for mental and physical illness. Everybody's business?

*Professor Dame Sue Bailey, Preston*

Equally well: improving joint working with mental health service and promoting equal access to results

*Dr Paul Rowlands, Derby*

POCT in the community

*Dr Amir Hannan, Hyde*

Improving access to health for hard to reach communities: the Health Mela model

*Prof Ramesh Gupta, Bolton*

### ACB Medal Award

Oral communications session

1630 **ACB Foundation Lecture** (1700 finish)

Increasing access and equity in laboratory diagnostics

*Dr Martin Myers, Preston*

## Friday 8 June 2018

0900 **RCPath Flynn Lecture**

Demand optimisation – defining value in laboratory services

*Dr Bernie Croal, Aberdeen*

0930 **Break & Industry Sponsored Workshops**

1030 **Parallel Sessions**

### Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT)

New methodologies in SCT and what I need from the lab

*Prof Robert Wynn, Manchester*

Combined renal and SCT to achieve tolerance

*Prof Nizam Mamode, London*

SCT and immunological disorders

*Dr Stephen Hughes, Manchester*

Immunosuppressant drugs: effective use and monitoring

*Dr Prashant Hiwarkar, Manchester*

### Horizon Scanning: Adding Value with New Markers

The laboratory evaluation of vitamin B12 status: no easy task

*Dr Dominic Harrington, London*

Laboratory diagnosis of stroke: Is eotaxin the answer?

*Dr George Allen, Exeter*

Liver fibrosis markers and their application in primary care pathways to improve cirrhosis detection

*Dr Ankur Srivastava, London*

Diagnosing and managing pre-eclampsia

*Ms Pensee Wu, Stoke-on-Trent*

### 'Film at Focus'

Purposeful testing and harm avoidance - 1

*Speaker tbc*

Purposeful testing and harm avoidance - 2

*Dr Tom Lewis, Barnstaple*

Building organisational resilience

*Dr Bridget Wilkins, London*

Choosing wisely and demand management - stories from clinical biochemistry

*Dr Lance Sandle, Trafford*

1230 **Exhibition, Posters & Lunch**

1320: FCS Annual General Meeting

1340: ACB Annual General Meeting

1430 **Parallel Sessions**

### Impact of Laboratory Medicine on Patient Outcomes

Relating lab testing to outcomes – delivering patient-centred laboratory medicine

*Mike Hallworth, Shrewsbury*

Evaluating clinical effectiveness

*Dr Philip Monaghan, Manchester*

### Clinical Cases

Interactive clinical cases challenges

1600 **Closing Ceremony** (1615 finish)

Focus 2018 will be fully accredited for the Royal College of Pathologists CPD scheme and recognised by the Institute of Biomedical Science CPD scheme



# Registration Information

All delegates are advised to register in advance of the meeting.

Registration is available via [www.acb.org.uk/focus/registration](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus/registration)

## Full Conference Package

All delegates registered to attend Thursday and Friday will receive the following:

- ◆ Access to the programme via the Conference App, abstract publication and other associated materials
- ◆ Name badge permitting access to all sessions
- ◆ Access to the exhibition and Industry Sponsored Workshops
- ◆ Lunches and refreshments throughout the meeting
- ◆ Admission to the Conference Dinner on Thursday

## 1-Day Registration

One-day registrations include:

- ◆ Access to the programme via the Conference App, Abstract publication and other associated materials
- ◆ Name badge permitting access to all sessions on the chosen day
- ◆ Access to the exhibition and Industry Sponsored Workshops on the chosen day
- ◆ Lunch and refreshments on the chosen day

Please note that the Conference Dinner is not included in the one-day fees.

## ACB Temporary Membership

Non-members of the ACB are welcome to register at the ACB Temporary Member fee.

## Registration Desk

The Registration Desk will be open on:  
Wednesday – 0900 to 1730  
Thursday – 0800 to 1700  
Friday – from 0800 hours

## Accommodation

Please note that accommodation is not included in registration fees. Delegates should make their own arrangements where required. Please see the website for accommodation options to consider.

## Registration Fees

To take advantage of the reduced early registration rates, all registration forms and payment in full must be received by 8th May 2018.

The registration fees are as follows:

### FULL REGISTRATION

**Early Registration** (on or prior to 8th May 2018)

- ◆ ACB Member £280
- ◆ ACB Member (pre-registered trainee\*) £260
- ◆ Temporary Member £360

**Registration** (after 8th May 2018)

- ◆ ACB Member £350
- ◆ ACB Temporary Member £450

### 1-DAY REGISTRATION

**Early Registration** (on or prior to 8th May 2018)

- ◆ ACB Member £160
- ◆ ACB Member (pre-registered trainee\*) £130
- ◆ Temporary Member £200
- ◆ Student £80

**Registration** (after 8th May 2018)

- ◆ ACB Member £200
- ◆ ACB Temporary Member £250

### ADDITIONAL SESSIONS:

#### Training Day

- ◆ ACB Member £100
- ◆ ACB Temporary Member £175

### ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- ◆ Exhibition Only (Breaks & Lunch) £60
- ◆ Conference Dinner £60

\*pre-registered trainees are trainees working towards gaining either HCPC or GMC registration

## Payment

Payment of fees or a purchase order must accompany all registration forms. Registration will not be confirmed until payment is received; all payments must be in POUNDS STERLING using one of the following methods:

### 1. Credit Card/Debit Card

This is the preferred method of payment. The following credit cards are welcome: Visa & MasterCard. Unfortunately American Express and Diners Club cards cannot be accepted.

### 2. Personal or Company Cheque

Payment by personal or company cheque will only be accepted if drawn on a UK bank and should be made payable to ACB.

### 3. Invoice/BACS (accompanied by an official institutional Purchase Order)

Delegates requiring invoices should provide an official purchase order alongside a completed registration form. Invoices will not be issued before receipt of an official purchase order.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO OTHER METHODS OF PAYMENT CAN BE ACCEPTED

## Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be sent in writing or emailed to the Focus Secretariat c/o The ACB Office.

**Registration fees:** Cancellations received on or before 8th May 2018 will incur an administrative fee of £50 which will be deducted from any refund issued. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after this date.

### Contact Focus 2018

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**Delegates with special requirements should contact the Focus 2018 Secretariat in advance for assistance.**

## Conference Dinner – Thursday 7 June 2018 pm

The Conference Dinner provides a great networking opportunity and some fun!

The traditional Focus conference dinner will be held at The Monastery, a former Franciscan monastery transformed into a spectacular events venue and winner of the events industry's Most Unusual Venue 'Oscar'!



Register online: [www.acb.org.uk/focus](http://www.acb.org.uk/focus)