South Coast Biosciences
Doctoral Training Partnership

Joining instructions

2024 Annual Conference
Hosted by the University of Kent
Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th of April 2024

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Welcome

We would like to welcome students, staff, and guests to the 2024 SoCoBio annual conference hosted by the University of Kent. This is an opportunity for all cohorts to share and discuss their projects and see the amazing research that has been undertaken by members of the SoCoBio DTP. We are joined by an exciting range of guest speakers and industry partners and will also be providing training and wellbeing workshops.

In this document, you will find all relevant information on how to find us the University of Kent and get an overview of what the conference will entail.

Travel information
The conference is held at the University of Kent (Canterbury Campus). The address is:

University of Kent
Canterbury
Kent
England
CT2 7ND

For travel instructions:
https://www.kent.ac.uk/locations/canterbury/directions

Accommodation
Students and guests who have pre-registered for accommodation will stay on the University of Kent campus, in Keynes College. These are en-suite single rooms and are available for guests travelling from other institutions. Check-in is from 14:00 on the 16th and check-out is by 10:00 on the 18th. Luggage can be left in room SR1 of Sibson building (conference venue) before/after check in/out.

Please visit Keynes College Reception to collect your room keys. Receptions will be open from 08:00 to 20:00 daily. If you need to check-in outside of these times, please call campus security from the phone at reception. Bedrooms are serviced daily and provided with towels, linen, and complimentary toiletries. Tea and coffee making facilities are also provided. Breakfast is provided in Dolche Vita, Keynes College between 07:45 and 09:30 and you will be required to show your room key to prove residency. Delegates are asked to familiarise themselves with the University's evacuation procedures, which are displayed on the back of the door in each bedroom.

Parking
Attendees are encouraged to take public transport, but parking permits will be available for parking on campus for those who have registered for them. These will permit attendees to park in any car parks excluding the barriered carpark on Giles Lane. We suggest using either Keynes or Chipperfield carparks.
Getting to accommodation/campus
Canterbury West train station is a half hour walk from campus. Alternatively, the Uni1 bus can be taken from the nearby Westgate towers bus stop to campus. The map below shows directions from Canterbury West to the University of Kent.

Getting to venue on campus and relevant sites on campus
The conference will be held in the Sibson building. Talks will be in lecture 1, and poster sessions, breaks and the networking event will take place in the foyer. If you wish to familiarise yourself with the venue prior to the event, please go to https://www.kent.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/venues/sibson.

Travel expenses
Students can claim expenses for return travel from their host partner institutions to the University of Kent in line with the DTP Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Policy.

Please note that DTP policy has been updated. This can be viewed at:

P06_POLICY_SoCoBio DTP Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Expenses
Here is a link to a map of the campus: https://www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury/canterbury-campus

Highlighted above are the conference venue (Sibson) and the accommodation in Keynes, which is also where some meals will be served.
Map between accommodation in Keynes College and Sibson conference venue:
Food and drink info

Breakfast will be available on the mornings of the 17th and 18th for attendees staying on campus this will take place in Dolce Vita. Lunch will be provided on both the 17th and 18th for all attendees and will take place at the conference venue in the Sibson building. Dinner will be provided on the 16th on campus and 17th in Canterbury (Cathedral lodge). Coffee and refreshments will also be provided between sessions.

Please inform us of any dietary requirements upon registration (prior to the event).

Conference meals- timings and locations with directions

Dinner on the 16th will be held at 7pm on the University Campus in Keynes College.

The conference dinner on the 17th will be held in the Cathedral lodge at 7pm. This is in the centre of Canterbury, adjacent to the cathedral. We will meet on campus at 6:00pm to walk down to town together, or else attendees can meet us at the following address:

- Canterbury Cathedral Lodge Hotel
- Cathedral
- The Precincts
- Canterbury
- CT1 2EH

The Uni1 or 2 busses also run every 15 minutes from campus into town.

Map showing directions and walking/bus times from Sibson to the Cathedral Lodge:
Wellbeing event

On the evening of the 17th of April between the conference and evening meal, an optional wellbeing event will be run by two of the DTP wellbeing leads: Jamie and Molly.

This involves a trip to the nearby Coastal town of Whitstable (famous for Beer and Oysters) and will be an opportunity to quickly explore the area, get some fresh air and relax. But don’t forget to be back in time for our conference dinner at Cathedral Lodge in Canterbury!

For more information about this event, please contact Jamie or Molly.

Whitstable Beach and Harbour
17/04/24 – 16:45-18:30
University of Kent → Whitstable
Triangle Services

Plan:
Individuals taking the bus will meet at Keynes College bus stop B at 16:45 and take the bus to Whitstable (~15mins). Those traveling by car can get free parking along the tankerton slopes. We’ll have ~1h15m to explore the pebble beach and Whitstable town centre – so come along for a stroll, a paddle or even a swim (if you are brave enough). Then at ~18:15 we will take the return bus into Canterbury city centre for the conference dinner.

Contact: Jamie Thomas – 07435129395 – jlt1n21@soton.ac.uk
Contact: Molly Rutt – 07713505135 – mr1u21@soton.ac.uk
Or Contact through the Microsoft Teams Site
The conference venue (Sibson) is wheelchair accessible and hearing assisted technology will be used throughout the conference. In sessions, all speakers will be required to use a microphone, and we will have volunteers passing microphones around during the Q&A. The accommodation (Keynes) is not wheelchair accessible.

All talks by invited speakers will be recorded and made available to participants for a month following the conference via the SoCoBio Conference Teams channel.

We encourage discussion relating to information presented on posters either via in person conversations or ‘post it’ questions on paper. Post it notes will be made available to all participants and can be left on posters with contact details. This will allow a variety of interactions as well as offering poster presenters opportunities for breaks.

Sibson has plenty of comfortable seating and is surrounded by greenspace which attendees can use if they need some quiet space.

If you would like further information about accessibility at Sibson or would like to familiarise yourself with the building, you can do so here:

https://www.kent.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/venues/sibson

Please let the DTP know if you have any additional accessibility requirements prior to the event so we can cater for all attendees’ needs.
Emergency procedure

The fire assembly point for the Sibson building is Chipperfield Car Park. Upon sounding of the fire alarm, follow exit signs to the nearest exit and assemble here.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the best talk/poster from each year (2, 3 and 4) on each of the days. Winners will receive a certificate and £50 Amazon voucher.

There will also be a £50 prize for the networking quiz on the 18th!

Social media and photography

Please follow us on X @socobiodtp and share your experiences of the conference.

Please note that photographs will be taken throughout the event and will be displayed on the DTP’s website and social media. Please inform the DTP if you do not wish for your image to appear on these sites.
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<td>Profs Louise Serpell (Sussex)</td>
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<td>Data management module Year 1 (in person)</td>
<td>Dr Rob Exing</td>
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<td>16:00-17:00</td>
<td>Plenary Talk: Nanotechnologies for Cell Manipulation' Chaired by Johanna Fish</td>
<td>Dr Ciro Chiappini (Kings College London)</td>
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<td>17:00-18:30</td>
<td>Reflexivity for the Biosciences: Winning@Life A session to help identify and celebrate your successes.</td>
<td>Dr Jenny Tullet (Kent)</td>
<td>Kennedy SR1</td>
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<td>19:00</td>
<td>Dinner &amp; networking catchup with academic leads from your institution</td>
<td>Dolche Vita (Keynes college)</td>
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**Wednesday 17th April. Non-Case students.**

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<td>Lunch incorporating Personal Development Plan Discussions</td>
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<td>13:30-14:30</td>
<td>I did it my way: An unconventional path to success in academia</td>
<td>Sara Rankin – Imperial College London</td>
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<td>Coffee</td>
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<td>15:00-16:30</td>
<td>10-minute talks (Year 4)</td>
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<td>16:30-18:00</td>
<td>Organised (optional) trip to Whitstable</td>
<td>Wellbeing Champions (see poster in joining instructions)</td>
<td>Meet at Keynes Bus Stop B @16:45</td>
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<td>19:00</td>
<td>Conference dinner (Canterbury town centre)</td>
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**Thursday 18th April. Industry day with CASE student talks.**

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<td>&quot;Dreams, Goals and Impact: Scaling and Commercialising a Seaweed Technology Company.&quot;</td>
<td>Michelle Marin Chao – Nutri-San</td>
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<td>12:30</td>
<td>Dr Barrie Rooney – Royal Society Entrepreneur in Residence</td>
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<td>Discovery Park Networking Lunch with staff and students</td>
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<td>14:00-14:20</td>
<td>'Spun out on Research – a Translators Journey'</td>
<td>Renos Savva – Discovery Park</td>
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<td>14:20-14:40</td>
<td>&quot;UKRI and ICURE funding opportunities&quot;</td>
<td>Tobias Von der Haar – University of Kent</td>
<td>Sibson LT1 Chaired by Oya Canik and Anastasia Kolesnikov</td>
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<td>&quot;There and back again: a tale about research in academia and industry&quot;</td>
<td>Diego Gomez-Nicola – University of Southampton</td>
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<td>15:10-15:30</td>
<td>Industry Q&amp;A panel Chaired by Oya Canik and Anastasia Kolesnikov</td>
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<td>15:30</td>
<td>Concluding remarks</td>
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