



HOW TO GET THERE



From the M4

From the M4, exit at Junction 20 and join the M5. Exit at Junction 16. Take the exit signposted A38 South and Filton / Bradley Stoke. Keep bearing left for the next 5 turns (approximately 1 mile) and you will arrive at the Hilton Bristol hotel. The journey is less than 2 miles and should take around 5 minutes.

From the M5

Exit the M5 at Junction 16. Follow signs for the A38 South and Filton / Bradley Stoke. Keep bearing left for the next 5 turns (approximately 1 mile) and you will arrive at the Hilton Bristol hotel.

Travelling by Train

Take the train to Bristol Parkway station. Accessible Taxis are available at the station. The journey should take 10 –15 minutes to Hilton Bristol Hotel

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is not included in the Registration Fee.

Should you require accommodation please contact the Hotel directly at 01454 201144 or by email at reservations.bristol@hilton.com Contact details for other hotels in the area are listed on Page 2 of this newsletter.

HOTEL DETAILS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY. THEY DO NOT REPRESENT ANY "RECOMMENDATION" BY THE BBS. IT IS YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ANY HOTEL HAS THE ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES YOU REQUIRE.

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CONFERENCE SPECIAL

Coming To Conference?

CONFERENCE AND AGM 14TH and 15TH APRIL, 2007 AT HILTON BRISTOL HOTEL

We are delighted to let you know that the programme for the above has been agreed and a copy is in this "Conference Special" edition of our newsletter.

If you are coming to conference, or still thinking about it maybe I should let you know just a bit more about it....

The conference begins at 10 am on the Saturday and Dr Catherine De Vile, a paediatric neurologist from Great Ormond Hospital, London will start off the proceedings with a talk about bisphosphonates for adults and children but will include other relevant information. Then the AGM is at 11.30 am where, as you know, we must have 30 voting members present to make it quorate so we would be very grateful if you could come along.

A two-course lunch will be served on Saturday and Sunday in the restaurant, after this on the Saturday one of our members, Dominic Hyams from St Albans will give us a talk on some of his adventures in Europe. Then Karen Whyte from the Office will be speaking about Disability Rights. The final speaker on Saturday is another member, Nick Danagher from Walton-on-Thames about his experiences of living with OI.

On Saturday night there will be a disco for all to enjoy!

On Sunday at 10.45 am, one of our members Lizzie Owen is giving a talk about Dogs for the Disabled. Her dog, Bella is coming along as well so this should be really interesting.

Then Paul Ashley from The Eastman Hospital in London will be talking about Dentistry in OI then after lunch Ute Wallentin, the President of the European OI Federation will give a short talk about the OIFE.

To end the proceedings Karen Whyte from the office will talk about "Education - from nursery to University and Workplace".

The crèche on the Saturday will finish at 5 pm and at 4 pm on the Sunday. As usual there will be plenty for the children to do at the crèches and there will be lots of qualified helpers as well!

I am sure everyone coming to the conference and AGM will enjoy their time there and as always the staff from Dundee and the Trustees will be around from Friday until Sunday in case anyone wants to speak to them.

We all look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 14th April.

Sheena Moreland
Chairman Conference Sub-Committee





VOTE VOTE VOTE!

Many people regard the AGM as the boring bit of our conference weekend, but it is essential that we have one. However we do realise that it is not practical for you to travel maybe several hundred miles just to be at the meeting, but every member of the BBS has the right to vote at the AGM, even if you are not there.

This year we have 3 trustee vacancies and if we have more than 3 nominations there will have to be a vote at the AGM. We might also have to vote on other motions put forward at the meeting.

As a member you can ask another member, who is attending the AGM, to vote on your behalf, i.e. use your proxy vote.

If you want to do this please let us know as soon as possible who will be voting on your behalf as this helps us with the quorum for the meeting.

If you have any questions about the AGM please call or email me.

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Location, Location, Location?

Being a trustee can mean making important and difficult decisions and, believe it or not, one of the most difficult is choosing a conference venue every year!

Obviously we cannot please everyone every year, which is why we move around the country year after year. We often have people telling us that if they knew where the conference would be well in advance they may have been able to attend.

We have quite frequently been asked to have a conference in the south west, so this year we are going to Bristol. Of course this is a very long journey for our members in Scotland and northern England, so we had to decide where we will go in 2008.

Not everybody knows this but 2008 is the 40th Anniversary of Margaret Grant's first advertisement and the contacts from other OI people that led to the setting up of the BBS.

For this reason the city that will host the 2008 Conference is.....Dundee!

We are still looking at venues in the city, but we can say the conference will be in August/September, not April. This again is a response to questions raised by some of our members.

If Dundee is just too far north for you 2009 may be a better option as we plan to have the conference in the south east of England, possibly in Kent or a town on the coast. If you know of any hotels or conference centres that might be suitable for us please get in touch, after all if we tell everyone well in advance then we might get more people.

List of Hotels in Bristol area

If you are thinking of coming to conference but are having problems with accommodation here are a few other places you might like to try.

City Inn Bristol, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6BF
Tel: 0117 925 1001

Novotel Bristol Centre 1 Victoria Street
Bristol BS1 6HY
Tel: 0117 9769988

Holiday Inn Bristol Filton Road, Bristol, BS16 1QX
Tel: 0870 400 9094

Holiday Inn, Bristol Airport, Bristol, BS40 5RD
Tel 01934 861123

There are also a number of Premier Travel Inn hotels in the Bristol area, Bristol South Premier Travel Inn, BS14 0HR
Tel: 01275 834340

Chippenham Premier Travel Inn SN14 6UZ
Tel: 0870 197 7061

Alveston Premier Travel Inn BS35 3LL
Tel: 0870 990 6496

Bristol Airport Premier Travel Inn BS35 3LL
Tel: 0870 990 6302

City Centre (Haymarket) Premier Travel Inn BS1 3LR
Tel: 0870 238 3307

City Centre (King St) Premier Travel Inn BS1 4ER
Tel: 0870 990 6424

Cribbs Causeway Premier Travel Inn BS10 7TQ
Tel: 0870 990 6570

East (Emersons Green) Premier Travel Inn BS16 9PY
Tel: 0870 197 7042

Filton Premier Travel Inn BS34 7BR
Tel: 0870 990 6456

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BRITTLE BONE SOCIETY CONFERENCE 14TH & 15th APRIL 2007

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 14th April

- 10.00 am Coffee, tea etc. and Welcome
- 10.20 am Dr DeVile, Paediatric Neurologist, Great Ormond Hospital, London
- 11.30 am A. G. M.
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Dominic Hyams, St Albans – "Being Dom – Crip on a Trip"
- 2.15 pm Karen Whyte. Support Worker, Brittle Bone Society "Disability Rights"
- 3.00 pm Coffee, Tea etc
- 3.30 pm Nick Danagher, Walton-on-Thames – "OI & I"

Crèche finishes at 5 pm

Sunday, 15th April

- 10.30 am Coffee, Tea etc
- 10.45 am Lizzie Owen and her dog Bella, Leicester – "Dogs for the Disabled"
- 11.30 am Dr. Paul Ashley, UCL Eastman Dental Institute – "Dentistry in OI"
- 12.15 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Ute Wallentin, President of European OI Federation
- 2.00 pm Karen Whyte, Support Worker, Brittle Bone Society "Education – from Nursery to University and Workplace"
- 3.00 pm Coffee, Tea etc

Crèche finishes at 4 pm