

SYSTEMATICS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Orientating yourself

Princes Street forms the centre of Edinburgh. It is the main city centre shopping area, and the railway and bus stations are close by. It also offers a spectacular view of Edinburgh castle. The Royal Botanic Garden is to the north of Princes Street, Pollock Halls are to the South, and Our Dynamic Earth is to the east.

From the airport to the city centre

To get from the airport into the city, the most economical route is to take the Airlink bus. This costs £3 single, £5 return and can be joined just outside the terminal building. This bus terminates at Waverley train station which is the best place to get off for onward travel to either Pollock Halls or the Royal Botanic Garden. There is also a taxi rank at the airport, but expect to pay around £20 to get into the city centre.

Arriving by inter-city bus

Inter-city coaches arrive in St Andrews Square located almost directly across Princes St from Waverley Train Station.

Arriving by train

Edinburgh's main railway station is Waverley Station also next to Princes St. Some trains also stop at Haymarket Station, at the west end of Princes St – but for all the conference venues it is best to get off at Waverley Station.

From the city centre to the Royal Botanic Garden (RBGE)

From Waverley train station and the Bus station – it is a 20-25 minute walk (downhill) to the Royal Botanic Garden (the return journey is steep!). See the attached map. There are also frequent buses (exact fare needed, £1) to the Royal Botanic Garden from the city centre. Lothian Buses 23 and 27 run from Hanover St (just off Princes Street) to the Royal Botanic Garden. A taxi to the RBGE will cost around £7 (a taxi rank is located inside the train station next to Platform 11).

From the city centre to Pollock Halls

To get to Pollock Halls from Waverley station will take 20-25 minutes on foot (see map). To take a bus, go to Princes Street and take the 30 or 33 bus. Ask the driver for Pollock Halls or the Commonwealth Swimming Pool on Dalkeith Road (exact fare needed £1).

From Pollock Halls to the Royal Botanic Garden

For delegates staying in Pollock Halls, coaches will be running every morning and evening between Pollock Halls and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. Coach pick up points are outside the main reception area at Pollock Halls, and the RBGE science buildings at 20 Inverleith Row.

Day	Pollock Halls to RBGE	RBGE to Pollock halls
Tuesday	8.10	19.30
Wednesday	8.10	17.45
Thursday	8.10	17.45
Friday	8.20	17.20

Lothian Bus no. 8 (exact fare needed £1) runs between South Clerk Street (close to Pollock Halls) and the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh every 15 minutes during the day, as well as a more reduced service in the evening.

Getting to Our Dynamic Earth

Our Dynamic Earth (venue for conference dinner) is centrally located at the bottom of Holyrood Road (see map for location). It is close to the Scottish Parliament and Holyrood Palace and is a very distinctive shape with a white curving roof and external suspension.