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Dear participant,

Thanks for registering to our short course on “Model fitting and inference for infectious disease dynamics”, 8–10 July at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). A few notes ahead of the course:

1. Remember that you are expected to bring your own laptop with R installed. If that is a problem, let us know and we will be able to provide a solution. We will also have some replacement laptops available, in case something breaks during the course.
2. An internet connection will be required for the course. The easiest way for most of you is probably to connect through *eduroam* — if you haven’t got this set up on your laptop it might be worth checking how you can get access. If you are not based at an academic institution or can’t get access to eduroam for another reason, we will set you up to connect through LSHTM’s own wireless network.
3. You will find attached an introduction to the R commands and concepts we will use during the course. If you don’t use R in your daily work, it would be useful for you to work through this ahead of the course. Even if you are a regular R user, it might be worth having a quick read to make sure we will be on the same page. Please note also that you should update your R installation to the latest version, to make sure we won’t run into trouble because of incompatible or changed packages. Further instructions are in the attached document.
4. Also attached is a timetable. We will start at 10am on Tuesday 8th, and close at 3pm on Thursday 10th. Lunches are not included in the course fee. There are plenty of very reasonably priced lunch options in and around the London School — we will give you more information on this during the course.
5. We have booked a nearby restaurant serving simple English cuisine for Wednesday, 9th July, 7pm. We are hoping that as many as possible of you can join — if you already know that you won’t be able to come to this, please let us know to facilitate planning. The price of the dinner will be covered by the course fee. There will be vegetarian options – if you have any other dietary requirements, please let us know as soon as possible.
6. Note that the Tour de France is passing through London on 7th July. If you want to spend an extra day in London, it will probably be very busy, but also a unique opportunity to see some top cycling going right through the heart of the city (if you can make it through the crowds).
7. We are hoping for an interesting and stimulating course. If there are any burning issues on your mind that you would like discussed, please let us know and we’ll try our best to accommodate your wishes.
8. Any further questions, please do not hesitate to email us at [mfiidd.lshtm@gmail.com](mailto:mfiidd.lshtm@gmail.com)

See you soon in London,  
Sebastian & Anton