

SPA2007 JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

VENUE

SPA2007 will take place at Homerton College, Cambridge with all accommodation and conference sessions taking place within the college campus.

Homerton College, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 2PH
Conference phone line: 0870 760 6863. Email admin@spaconference.org

TRAVEL TO THE VENUE

(Please note that on Sunday the 25th March, clocks in the UK change to day-light saving time!)

By train:

Homerton College is 1 mile from Cambridge Railway station. There are usually plenty of taxis at the station and Citi1 bus (to Fulbourn) runs every 30 minutes on a Sunday (every 20 minutes on Monday) and stops right outside the college. Unfortunately there is engineering works on BOTH routes from London on the Sunday. The line from Liverpool Street station is closed that day. The line from Kings Cross has a bus-replacement for part of the journey. Please therefore check with National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950 (or +44 20 7278 5340 from outside UK) or www.nationalrail.co.uk.

By air:

The closest airport is Stansted which is approximately 30 minutes away from Cambridge (via the M11 Motorway). A regular bus service and direct train service run from Stansted to Cambridge. Heathrow and Gatwick are both linked directly to Cambridge with frequent coach services, or via London by rail.

By road:

(see attached maps)

Driving From London

Follow directions to Cambridge along the M11. At Junction 11 take the A1309 into Cambridge. At the second set of major traffic lights, ignoring all pedestrian lights, keep in the right hand lane and turn right into Long Road (signposted to Addenbrookes Hospital). Continue to next main crossroads. Turn left into Hills Road and Homerton College is approximately half a mile on the left-hand side. Access to the car park is via Harrison Drive

Driving in from North

Follow directions to the A1 south and follow the A1 and A1(M) until it joins the A14. Take the A14 as far as the M11, and then take the M11 to Junction 11 and follow A1309 into Cambridge. At the second set of major traffic lights, ignoring all pedestrian lights, keep in the right hand lane and turn right into Long Road (signposted to Addenbrookes Hospital). Continue to next main crossroads. Turn left into Hills Road and Homerton College is approximately half a mile on the left-hand. Access to the car park is via Harrison Drive

Car Parking

There is ample parking at rear of the venue, access via Harrison Drive (first turning on left after the college main entrance). Access to the car park is normally via a security barrier which requires the following Access Code **3125**. If you have a lot of luggage to unload, you may pull into the main entrance, leave your luggage at the registration desk and then park your car. There is only space for a couple of cars at the main entrance, so please do not use these spaces for anything other than briefly unloading.

REGISTRATION

Registration takes place on Sunday 25th March in the Mary Allan Building (see map). The registration area will be clearly signposted from the car park. At registration, you will be given your copy of the event documentation and administrative information. Your room key will be available from the Porters Lodge.

Registration on Sunday is from 11.00 hrs. The SPA2007 registration desk closes at 20.00 hrs on Sunday. If you plan to arrive on Sunday after this time, please inform the organisers in advance. You will still be able to collect your bedroom key from the Porters Lodge and attend the evening reception and you can then complete the registration process on Monday morning.

For those participants who are not able to arrive and register on Sunday 25th March, the registration desk will be open from 08:00 on Monday 26th March.

SUNDAY SESSIONS

There is no additional charge for attending Sunday afternoon Working Groups but you must register in advance. If you have not already let us know which session you would like to attend, please email admin@spaconference.org. Some of these sessions have a limited number of places. A sandwich lunch will be available from 12 noon for those participants registered for a Working Group.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided for three nights from Sunday 25th March unless you have booked additional nights. The accommodation consists of single en-suite bedrooms for single occupancy. All rooms have a desk, direct telephone line with voicemail (requires purchase of phonecard), and wired Internet connectivity (requires purchase of access card)

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

All meals and refreshments will be provided. Please contact admin@spaconference.org with any dietary requirements if you have not already done so, as it is essential that these are pre-arranged.

MESSAGES

Incoming messages can be left for delegates on 0870 760 6863. In an emergency, the Porters Lodge can be contacted on 01223 507111 (24 hour). Any messages received will be posted on the conference contact board. Incoming faxes can be sent to delegates on 0870 011 8281.

INSURANCE

Neither the SPA2007 organisers, the BCS SPA Specialist Group nor Homerton College can accept any responsibility for the loss of, or damage to participants' personal possessions while attending the event. We therefore recommend that you make your own insurance arrangements.

DRESS CODE, DIVERSIONS ETC

The dress code at SPA is casual and the bedrooms and conference venue is kept warm. However we will need to move between different parts of the college campus and a number of our social activities this year will be taking place outside, so please bring some warm clothing too.

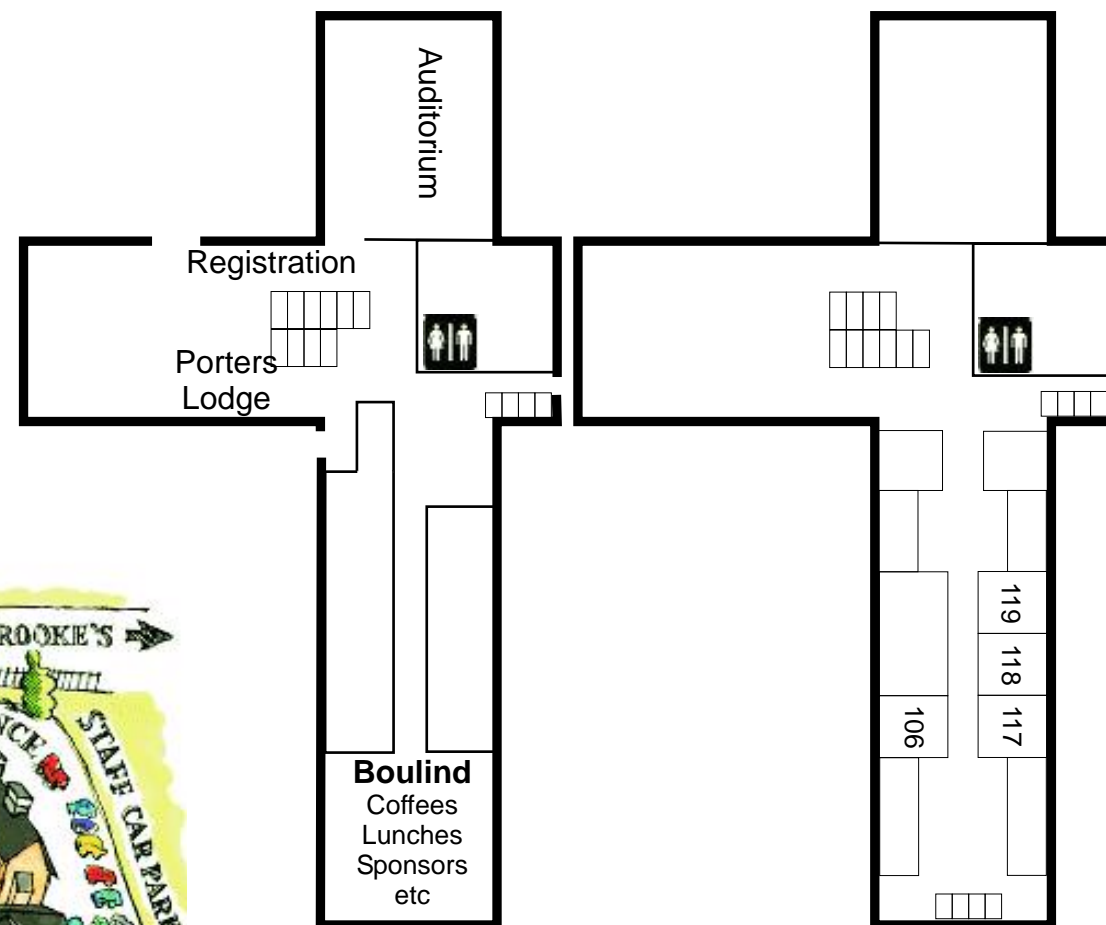
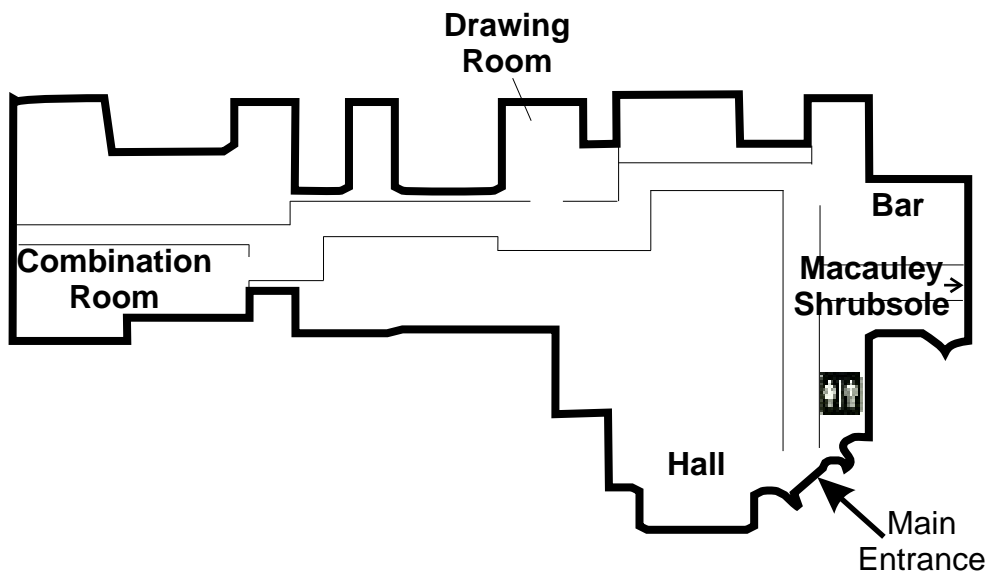
BOOKSTALL

We are delighted to announce that we will have a bookstall on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th provided by Heffers. They are working really hard to ensure they have a good selection of books, especially those recommend in our session and will also be offering discounts of 10% on book sales. Please do support our bookstall!

DEPARTURE

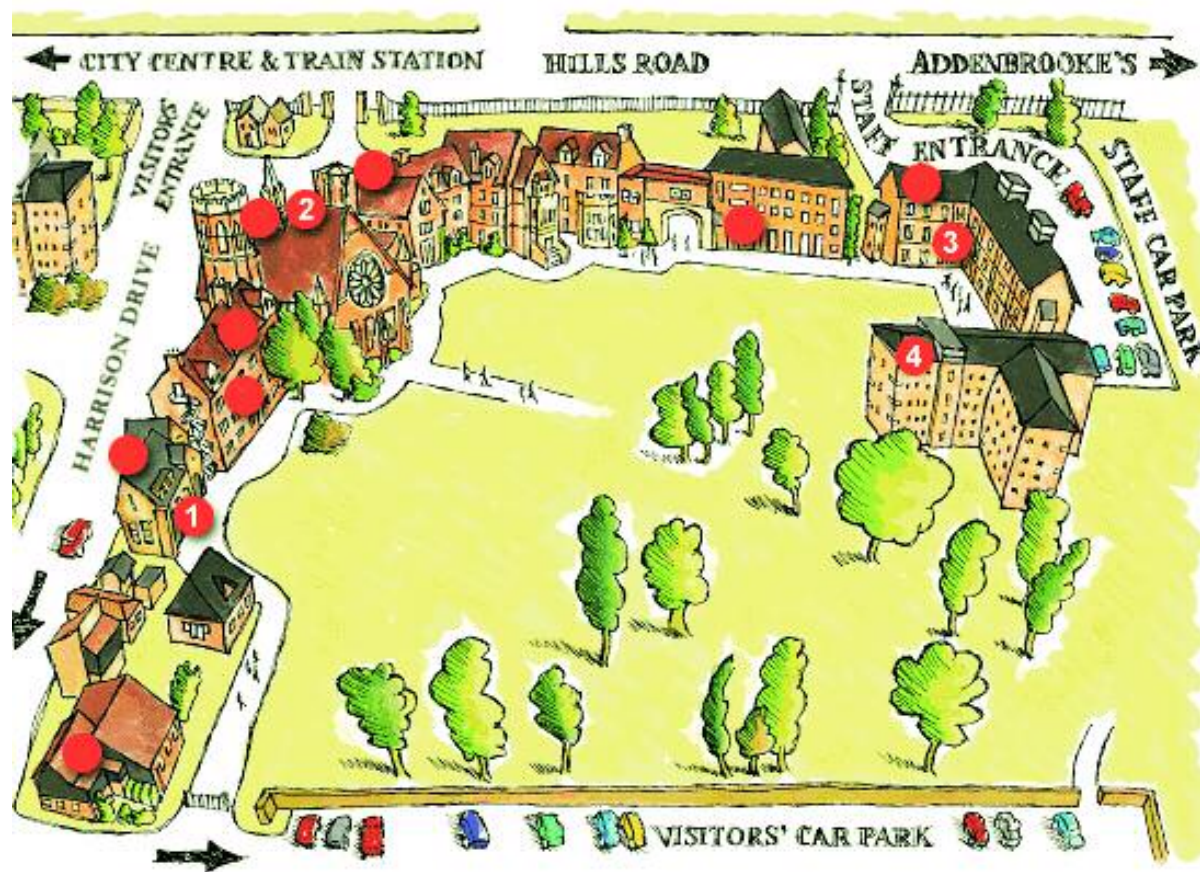
You will need to check-out of your room **by 0900 on Wednesday 28th March**. Luggage storage is provided via The Porters Lodge until required for the journey home.

We hope you will enjoy SPA2007 and look forward to meeting you at the conference. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries relating to your participation.



Mary Allen Building
Ground Floor

First Floor



Key

- 1 Combination Room - Evening lounge/ work area
- 2 Hall (dinner) + Bar
- 3 Mary Allen Building - Conference Sessions, Porters Lodge, conference help desk, lunches, sponsor stands
- 4 Bedrooms (West House)



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