

focus2003

13 - 15 May 2003

clinical diagnostics



MICC, Manchester, UK

Introduction

It will be different! Focus in 2003 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the founding of our Association. Professor Tom Whitehead reminded me "There is so much to be proud of. The ACB has made enormous contributions in so many areas but particularly to education, scientific development and publication". Tom is central to the planning of the celebrations and this Invitation to Participate goes out to all retired members.

May 2003 will be the second month of the rise in National Insurance to help new investment in the NHS. An extra £40 billion will be coming into the health service over the next five years. For many years diagnostics has remained a "best kept secret" but I am delighted to report that BIVDA has joined the local organising committee in appointing Citigate Communications to develop the meeting theme 'The promotion of diagnostics in healthcare'. Citigate already direct PR for the Human Genetics Commission and the NHS National Cancer Screening Programme. Their expertise is key to the organisation of two lunchtime debates, the provision of a brochure pack promoting the role of diagnostics and the co-ordination of media participation, PR and publicity in the months leading up to, and during Focus. Julian Barth's superb 'Clinical Diagnostics' scientific programme links in closely with the debate subjects (see back page) and also provides topics of interest to outside visitors. MICC's Great Northern Hall will provide the centrepiece for corporate/visitor/delegate interaction on company business suites where lunches and coffee will also be served and posters displayed.

The Department of Trade and Industry has already taken a keen interest in the meeting and, through BIVDA's initiative, has provided significant sponsorship. Take a few minutes to read this Invitation to Participate - more details of the evolving programme will be distributed in ACB News and other media. All the organisers look forward to welcoming you to Manchester!

Gilbert Winige



The Association of
Clinical Biochemists

Focus events

Monday 12th May

Training Day (1000-1645)

This day is organised by the ACB Education Committee and has proven very popular with those studying for examinations. There are two groups of trainees: Group A aimed at relatively new members of the profession (less than 2-3 years in training), and Group B, which is aimed at those who have, or are about to take, MRCPATH Part 1. The programme for this year will be:

Clinical biochemistry and gastroenterology

Dr David Andrews

Nutrition and clinical biochemistry

Dr Eileen Manning

Immunology: when it is good, it is very good, and when it is bad, it is horrid

Dr Joanna Sheldon

How to pass MRCPATH exams

Dr William Marshall

Evidence Based Diagnostics

This year the traditional management sessions will be replaced by a training day for evidence based diagnostics. The course will consist of a series of lectures interspersed with interactive group sessions. Topics will include identifying the clinical problem, study design, how to read a paper and systematic reviewing. This course will be suitable for all clinical biochemists interested in the diagnostic process but will be limited to 40 participants.

Informatics Training Workshop

The 3rd ACB Informatics Training session is incorporated into Focus this year. The theme will be looking at how informatics applied to the pre-analytical phase of the testing cycle can help us work 'smarter' and more safely. Novel developments in Intranet software, as well as wireless technologies, afford the opportunity to re-assess the way we 'front end' pathology services to our clinical customers. At the same time as improving access and communication to pathology services, we need to consider how informatics can be used to ensure best utilisation of our precious resources. These issues will be presented and debated in a lively session not to be missed.

Scientific Programme

Over the 50 years of the ACB, laboratories have faced an inexorable increase in the demand for diagnostic testing. This has been fuelled by public demand, as well as clinical need. Technology has facilitated the use of extra-laboratory diagnostic testing and patients can now purchase diagnostic tests from the supermarket shelf. The scope for rapid, high-throughput, complex laboratory-based testing has also increased. It is therefore timely to have 'Clinical Diagnostics' as our theme for Focus 2003.



The meeting, which is planned to last three days, will address three questions:

- What is a diagnostic test?
- What is the evidence for diagnostic tests?
- What is the effectiveness of diagnostic tests?

Mid-day Sessions. This year, there will be longer mid-day sessions for poster viewing, interaction with company business suites, formal debates on topical issues and, of course, lunch. This innovation for Focus 2003 will provide a forum for debate of controversial topics.

Workshops (0800-0845)

These remain a popular way of exploring a wide range of subjects by interested delegates led by an experienced organiser.

Oral Presentations. There will be two sessions for oral presentations: a free communication session chosen from abstracts submitted by delegates and a second session of papers presented by ACB members under 35 years for the prestigious Bayer Award.

Poster Sessions. Posters will be displayed this year during the 3 days of the conference. Poster topics will be arranged to coincide with relevant scientific programme days. Time will be allocated during the middle of the day for poster viewing with presenting authors in attendance.

This year we will be displaying 10 posters throughout the conference. These will be selected from submitted abstracts and will represent the shortlist for the DPC poster prizes. The length of abstracts has been increased this year from 200 to 300 words to aid this process. DPC have increased the size of the bursary and will now make awards to the three best posters. Please note that abstracts selected for oral presentation will only be considered for a prize if a poster is additionally submitted. Refreshments with cheese and wine will accompany the poster display on Tuesday afternoon.

Published Abstracts

Abstracts which have been accepted for presentation at the meeting will be published in the Proceedings of the National Meeting of the Association of Clinical Biochemists.

Bayer Award

This award is made on the basis of an oral communication presented by a Member of the Association under 35 years of age at the time of the competition. The winner receives a silver medal and a cheque for £500.

Professors' Prize

Sponsored by the UK Heads of the Academic Departments of Clinical Biochemistry, this award is for an outstanding scientific contribution by a person under 40 years of age.

AGMs

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Clinical Scientists will be held on Monday 12th May at 1715. This will be followed by the Association of Clinical Biochemists Annual General Meeting at 1800.

CPD Accreditation

Focus 2003 will be fully accredited for CPD schemes of the Royal College of Pathologists and the Institute of Biomedical Sciences.





ACB 50th Anniversary

At Focus 2003 in Manchester we are privileged to host the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Association of Clinical Biochemists. The inaugural meeting of the Association, which was held at the Hammersmith Hospital in March 1953, attracted 75 delegates - we certainly hope for a significantly greater number at the MICC in Manchester! In particular, we would like to extend a warm invitation to all our founder and retired members. It is fitting that this particular Focus should mark our golden jubilee since we believe it will set the trend for a new style of meeting looking outwards to promoting the expanding role of diagnostics. There will be no better time to celebrate both our past and our future.

The anniversary theme will be present throughout the meeting. There will be a display of historical equipment. We encourage delegates of all ages to visit the exhibition and study these items carefully as their knowledge will be tested and prizes awarded! On Wednesday afternoon we have enlisted the help of Professor Tom Whitehead to organise a special symposium which celebrates past achievements and bravely attempts to predict future goals in the key areas of education, publications, professional affairs and scientific achievement. In the evening, the beautiful lakeside setting of Mere Golf and Country Club provides the perfect venue for the anniversary banquet. There will be an opportunity for styles of dancing to suit all ages and tastes with music spanning the last 50 years.

We believe Focus 2003 is truly an occasion not to be missed. The inaugural meeting in 1953 proved a formidable competitor for both the University boat race and the Grand National (see Venture Publications, *The First Forty Years*, Broughton and Lines) - fifty years on we look forward to sharing the premier event of 2003 with all our members, past and present.

Social Programme

Monday 12th May

Opening Mixer

Meet with old friends and make new ones at this informal event which will be held at the focal point of the Focus 2003 meeting, amongst the business suites in the Great Northern Hall of the MICC. Afterwards, come along to the Focus Fringe and finish off the evening with live musical entertainment provided by ACB members.

Tuesday 13th May

The Lowry Art Gallery

See the works of L S Lowry, Manchester's most celebrated artist at the Lowry Centre, Manchester's National Landmark Millennium Project for the Arts.

Hill Walk

Should you prefer the outdoor life, blow off the cobwebs and enjoy the Lancashire countryside with a walk up to Saddleworth's "Pots and Pans". Experience the magnificent views from this site, reputed once to have been a place of Druids' worship. Alternatively, if you prefer a less energetic walk you can take a stroll around the picturesque Dovestone reservoir. Afterwards refuel with food and drink in a local hostelry.

Chinese Banquet

Come to China Town and sample a top quality Chinese banquet at Manchester's famous Yang Sing restaurant.

Velodrome

Whether you are a complete novice or a competent cyclist, put your cycling skills to the test at Manchester's Velodrome, Britain's only indoor Olympic cycle track.

Brewery Tour and Curry

Take a tour of Hyde's historic brewery and learn about the art of brewing. Sample some of the ales then finish the evening off with a curry at one of Manchester's Indian restaurants.





Travel

By Air: Manchester has the largest airport in northern England, with direct flights from 20 locations in the UK and Ireland, plus many other services from Europe and north America. Details can be found on their web site (www.manchesterairport.co.uk) or from their telephone enquiry number (0161-489-3000). 24 hour train and coach services link the airport and city centre.

By Rail: Inter-city services terminate at either Manchester Victoria or Manchester Piccadilly Stations. Timetabling may be found on the National Rail web site (www.nationalrail.co.uk) or from the general rail passenger enquiry telephone number (08457-484950). Both stations have Metrolink tram stops which allow easy onward passage to the MCCC during the working day.

By Road: National Express inter-city coach services terminate at the Chorlton St Bus Station (see www.gobycoach.com or telephone 08705-808080 for details). Manchester is well connected to the motorway network. Public car parks near the MCCC are located beneath G-MEX, and also within the recently renovated Great Northern Railway Company's Goods Warehouse site.

Canal Boat Trip

Sit back, relax and see Manchester from its waterways with a canal boat trip, enjoying a meal on board. Your journey will start at Castlefield, Britain's first Urban Heritage Park, following the Bridgewater canal to the newly constructed lock at Pomona. You will then sail towards Salford Quays, one of the world's leading waterside developments, home to the famous Lowry theatre and the impressive Imperial War Museum North.

Theatre

Enjoy a production at one of Manchester's premier theatres. Programme to be confirmed. Contact the Focus office for further details.

Golf

Put your handicap to the test on one of Manchester's local courses.

Dinner in hotel

For those not taking part in any of the social events.

Wednesday 14th May 50th Anniversary Banquet

The 50th anniversary of the Association of Clinical Biochemists will be celebrated with a banquet in the beautiful surroundings of Mere Golf and Country Club. Founder and retired members of the Association are invited to attend for this special occasion. The meal will be followed by dancing to music from the past 50 years.



Useful Contacts

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Tourist Information

Manchester Tourist Board: 0161 234 3157
www.visitnorthwest.com
www.virtualtourist.com



Scientific Programme

Tuesday 13th May

0800-0845

Workshops

Hyperbilirubinaemia (W1)

Dr Paddy McClean, Leeds

NHS R&D (W2)

Prof Iain Broom, Aberdeen

Neurological emergencies, psychosis, coma,

status epilepticus (W3)

Dr John Land, London

Novel bone markers (W4)

Dr Aubrey Blumsohn, Sheffield

Effective use of Medline (W5)

Dr Andrew Fielding, Swansea

Problems in tumour marker analysis (W6)

Dr Cathie Sturgeon, Edinburgh

Laboratory-clinical interface (W7)

Dr Jonathan Kay, Oxford

0900-0915

Opening Ceremony

0915-1000

Roche Award

What is a diagnostic test?

Prof George Lundberg, New York, USA

1000-1200 Parallel Sessions

Cancer

CA125

Prof Gordon Rustin, Mount Vernon

Tumour marker kinetics

Prof Jean-Michel Bidart, Villejuif, France

Plasma DNA for mutation detection in lung cancer

Dr Miguel Taron, Barcelona, Spain

Evidence for the use of tumour markers

Dr Jo Duffy, Dublin

Toxicology

Current interventions in drug overdose

Dr Simon Thomas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Drug abuse in the criminal justice system

Dr Maria Leitner, Liverpool

Prospects for salivary testing for drugs of abuse

Dr Brian Widdop, West Wickham

Evidence for utility of drug testing in the addict

Dr Sue Reuben, Liverpool

ACB/BIMDG

Joint Symposium

The role of the non-specialist laboratory in the diagnosis of metabolic disease

Blood ammonia: a critical measurement

Dr Mike Champion, London

Amino acids: diagnoses that should not be missed

Dr Philip Mayne, Dublin

Protocols and guidelines

Dr Chris Hendriksz, Manchester

Part of a network

Dr Jim Bonham, Sheffield

1200-1500

Debate

Attended Poster Session

1500-1630 Parallel Sessions

Diagnosis in Iron Metabolism

Can iron deficiency be diagnosed?

Dr Drew Provan, London

Use of ferritin to control erythropoietin prescribing in renal medicine

Dr Es Will, Leeds

Screening for haemochromatosis

Miss Caroline Jagger, Preston

Neurology

Dementia: what can we safely forget to assess in making a diagnosis?
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Xanthochromia: its place in the diagnosis of CT negative SAH

Dr Ian Watson, Liverpool

Homocysteine: what can it tell us about ourselves?

Prof Brian Fowler, Basel, Switzerland



DNA

Predicting drug toxicity

Dr D Campbell, GlaxoSmithKline, Stevenage

Phenotype and genotype interrelationships in cystic fibrosis

Dr Jean Kirk, Edinburgh

Porphyria: how molecular genetics has changed practice

Dr Mike Badminton, Cardiff

1645-1730

Professors Prize Lecture

DPC Poster Prize Viewing

Wednesday 14th May

0800-0845

Workshops

Hyponatraemia (W8)

Dr Mike Penney, Newport

EQA organisation (W9)

Ms Ann Trewick, Harrow

Ethics in collection of 'normal' samples (W10)

Dr Jane Cowan, Medical Protection Society

Report design (W11)

Prof Bill Fraser, Liverpool

Porphyria (W12)

Dr Felicity Stewart, Salford

Pleural fluid analysis (W13)

Dr Ann Tarn, Thornton Heath

and *Mrs Ruth Lapworth, Ashford*

Tandem MS (W14)

Mr Brian Keevil, Manchester

0900-0945

The Kone Award Lecture

What evidence is there for biochemical testing?

Prof Andrea Horvath, Szeged, Hungary



clinical diagnostics

1000-1200 Parallel Sessions Difficult Problems in Endocrinology

Joint symposium with **UKNEQAS**

Interfering antibodies in immunoassay
Dr Adel Ismail, Wakefield
Biochemical assessment of
vitamin D status
Prof Bill Fraser, Liverpool
Bioavailable or free testosterone?
Dr Mike Diver, Liverpool
Cushing's Syndrome
Prof Ashley Grossman, London

Cardiovascular

Prosper Study
Dr Alan Gaw, Glasgow
Hypertension: when to look for
something different
Prof John Connell, Glasgow
Catecholamines
Dr Bill Bartlett, Birmingham
Inflammation and CHD
Dr Naveed Sattar, Glasgow

Bayer Award

1200-1500

Debate

Attended Poster Session

1500-1630 Parallel Sessions

Thyroid

Hypothyroidism in pregnancy
Prof John Lazarus, Cardiff
What tests for the thyroid?
Dr Denis O'Reilly, Glasgow
Drug-induced thyroid disorders
Dr Geoff Beckett, Edinburgh

Immunology

IgA deficiency: how far should one
investigate?
Dr C Sewell, Lincoln
IgG subclass measurement: should we
bother?
Dr B Heelan, London
Does ANA negative lupus exist?
Dr S Misbah, Oxford

ACB: 50 years past and future

Education
*Dr Alan Bold, Birmingham and
Miss Janet Smith, Birmingham*
Publication
*Dr John Lines, Hythe and
Mr Stephen Halloran, Guildford*
Professional affairs
*Dr Keith Davies, Cardiff and
Mr Alan Penny, Leeds*

Scientific achievements
*Prof Vincent Marks, Haslemere and
Prof Bill Fraser, Liverpool*

1645-1730

Transatlantic Lecture

Thyroglobulin and recombinant TSH
testing in thyroid Ca
Prof Carole Spencer, Los Angeles, USA

Thursday 15th May

0800-0845

Workshops

What is new for diarrhoea? (W15)
Dr Andy Duncan, Glasgow
Fasting or postprandial glucose? (W16)
Dr Eric Kilpatrick, Hull
Obesity hormones (W17)
Dr L Ranganath, Liverpool
Copper disorders (W18)
Dr Godfrey Gillett, Sheffield
Which coronary risk factor table? (W19)
Dr P D Giles, Walsall
Vasculitis, which antibody? (W20)
Dr Phil Wood, Leeds
Metabolic acidosis (W21)
Dr James Hooper, London

0900-0945

Plenary Lecture

Cost effectiveness of diagnostic tests
Dr Carl van Walraven, Ontario, Canada

1000-1200 Parallel Sessions

Pathology & Politics

NICE and diagnostics
Mr Andrew Dillon, NICE, London
Revalidation (including scientists)
*Dr Clair du Boulay, Royal College of
Pathologists*
Role of the MDA as a regulator
Dr Sue Ludgate, MDA
Commissioning pathology by PCTs
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Patient Centred Diagnostics

An American approach to POCT
Dr Paula Santrach, Mayo Clinic, USA
Do RCTs for POCT justify their use?
Dr Jason Kendall, Bristol
Evaluating requirement and
introduction of POCT
Dr Joan Pearson, Leeds
POC in the pharmacy
*Mr Andrew Burr, Royal
Pharmaceutical Society*

Free Communications

1200-1400

Attended Poster Session

Meet the RCPATH President

SAS Lecture

Aluminium, the new toxic element:
from anaemia to Alzheimer
Dr J P Day, Manchester

1400-1530 Parallel Sessions

Big is Better

Specialist services
Prof Colin Self, Newcastle upon Tyne
Clinical communications and the
internet: experience from Denmark
*Mr Claus Deudal Pedersen, Odense,
Denmark*
Professional specialisation
Dr Graham Beastall, Glasgow

Primary Care

Primary care, NSF and the laboratory
Dr Robert Young, Salford
Clinical utility of LFTs
Dr S Ryder, Nottingham
Decision support for primary care
Dr M van Wijk, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Clinical Risk

Boundaries of responsibility
*Prof James Underwood, President, Royal
College of Pathologists*
Clinical incident reporting
*Chief Executive, National Patient Safety
Agency, London*
No risk management . . . ?
Mr Simon Myerson, Barrister-at-law, Leeds

1545-1630

Foundation Award

The challenge of delivering effective
pathology services
Dr Ian Barnes, Leeds



Guidelines for registration

Individual registrations can be made online via www.focus-acb.org and payment may be made by credit card submitted over a secure Internet site. Alternatively, the form in this brochure can be used for individual delegates **(i.e. not to be used for Corporate bookings)**.

Focus Resident Packages include: Admission to the Scientific Programme and Great Northern Hall (Company business suites), entitlement to book for Workshops and training day/evidence based diagnostics, coffee, tea, lunch, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, plus accommodation with breakfast for nights of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, in hotel category selected (standard or budget), social programme including evening meals as indicated and the Conference Banquet. Single and shared rooms are available in the standard hotels, and single rooms only in budget accommodation.

Focus Non-resident Packages include: Admission to the Scientific Programme and Great Northern Hall (Company business suites), entitlement to book for Workshops and training day/evidence based diagnostics, coffee, tea and lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Non-residents are welcome to also book evening social events, at the rates given on the registration form.

Focus Day Registration Delegates can book to attend one or more single days; day registration includes admission to the Scientific Programme and Great Northern Hall (Company business suites), entitlement to book for any Workshops or other sessions that day, coffee, tea and lunch.

ACB Members/Non-Members: ACB Members are entitled to the subsidised rates quoted and, to enable non-members to participate, Temporary Member rates are given. Temporary Members will not be entitled to any other member benefits or privileges. Day registrants not booking accommodation are welcome to book evening social events, at the rates given for non-residents on the registration form.

Guests: Delegates are welcome to bring partners/guests who will be sharing accommodation; such guests should be registered separately, and are not entitled to any subsidised ACB member registration fees.

Accommodation for individual nights: Delegates staying for one or more single nights should book accommodation according to their required nights and choice of hotel category. Breakfast is included in the cost, together with the evening's social events/meal (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday only). Delegates booking a Focus resident package need not complete this section, unless they require additional nights.

Cancellation: In the event of cancellation after 1st April 2003, 50% of the total fees due or paid will be retained/payable.

Late Bookings: A late booking fee of £75 per transaction will be applied to all registrations received after 1st April 2003.

Please return the completed form to:

Focus 2003 Registrations, PO Box 409, Cambridge CB1 4QD.

Guidelines for poster abstracts

Abstracts should be received on or before **17th January 2003**. All presenting authors **must register as delegates** for Focus 2003.

The preferred method of submission is electronically via the web site www.focus-acb.org (please only submit abstracts once, in case of difficulties please telephone +44 (0) 1223 404830).

Alternatively, you can submit your typed abstract on the form to Focus 2003, PO Box 409, Cambridge CB1 4QD. **Faxed submissions will not be accepted.**

The title must not exceed 20 words and the text should be no more than 300 words. Figures and tables should not be included in the abstract.

Abstracts must:

- State the specific aim of the study.
- State methods used, if pertinent.
- Summarise results obtained.
- State conclusions reached.

Statements such as 'data will be presented' or 'results will be discussed' may lead to rejection.

You must select one topic code from the list below.

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Organising Committee whose decision is final.

Authors will be notified of acceptance by **7th March 2003**.

Detailed instructions on oral and poster presentations will be sent out with acceptance letters. Abstracts will be published in the Proceedings of the National Meeting of the Association of Clinical Biochemists.

Topic categories and codes

Clinical	Bone disease	BON	
	Cardiovascular	CVS	
	Diabetes	DIA	
	Endocrinology	END	
	Gut	GUT	
	Liver	LIV	
	Nutrition	NUT	
	Paediatrics	PAE	
	Renal disease	REN	
	Acute medicine	ACM	
	Biochemical	Carbohydrates	CHO
		Proteins/Enzymes	PEN
		Lipids	LIP
		Molecular Biochemistry	MOL
Hormones		HOR	
Proteomics		PRO	
Toxicology/TDM		TOX	
Trace elements		TRE	
Tumour markers		TUM	
Cytokines		CYT	
Analytical	Methods	MET	
	Instrumentation	INS	
	Extra-laboratory testing	EXT	
	Quality assurance	QUA	
Haematology		HAE	
Molecular Genetics		GEN	
Immunology		IMM	
Audit		AUD	
Management		MAN	
Computing		COM	
Case histories		CAS	
Miscellaneous		MIS	

Focus 2003 delegate registration form

You can also register online at www.focus-acb.org. This form is for individual delegates only and is not to be used for Corporate bookings. Delegates and guests should complete one form (or photocopy) each. Please refer to the guidelines before completing the form.

Your details (please ✓ appropriate boxes)

Are you an ACB Member Membership No Male Female

Title: Prof Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family Name: Forename:

Dept: Hospital/Company, etc:

Address:

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. Post Code:

Tel No: Fax No: Email:

Category: Delegate Invited Speaker Workshop Presenter Guest Business Suite Visitor Other

Any special requirements (e.g.: Dietary)

Registration & Accommodation Options (please circle requirements)

Focus Resident Package

	ACB Member		Temporary Member		Amount
	Share	Single	Share	Single	
Budget	N/A	£480	N/A	£530	
Standard	£475	£570	£525	£620	£ <input type="text"/>

If sharing, please provide name of sharer
 (THIS INDIVIDUAL MUST BE STAYING THE SAME NIGHTS, OR A SHARER OF THE SAME SEX WILL BE ALLOCATED TO YOU)

Are you a smoker?

Focus Non-Resident Package

ACB Member	£235	Temporary Member	£260	£ <input type="text"/>
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Focus Day Registration (Circle days required and enter total amount in end column)

	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Amount
ACB Member	£85	£85	£85	£ <input type="text"/>
Temporary Member	£95	£95	£95	£ <input type="text"/>

Accommodation for individual nights (Circle nights required and enter amount in end column, includes Evening Social Event for nights booked, supplements may apply. If booking a Focus package, **only indicate** any additional nights required)

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Subtotal
	Share	Single	Share	Single	Share	Single	Share	Single	
Budget	N/A	£75	N/A	£75	N/A	£75	N/A	£115	
Standard	£70	£110	£70	£110	£70	£110	£110	£150	£ <input type="text"/>

Workshop Bookings

(Please enter code from Scientific Programme. There is no charge for these.)

Tuesday AM	1st choice	<input type="text"/>	2nd choice	<input type="text"/>	3rd choice	<input type="text"/>
Wednesday AM	1st choice	<input type="text"/>	2nd choice	<input type="text"/>	3rd choice	<input type="text"/>
Thursday AM	1st choice	<input type="text"/>	2nd choice	<input type="text"/>	3rd choice	<input type="text"/>

Additional Sessions Booking

ACB Training Day on Monday 12th May 2003. Fee £50

Please complete the following details, then ✓ which Training Group you require

Present Position Pres Grade: A B Qualifications

Length of time in Clinical Chemistry Exams to be taken

Group A (for those with 2-3 years in the profession) Group B (for those who have, or are about to take, MRCPATH Part 1)

Evidence Based Diagnostics on Monday 12th May 2003. Fee £50

Informatics Training Workshop on Monday 12th May 2003. Fee £50

Subtotal £

Social Programme Booking

All delegates must book for all the events that they wish to attend, including the Opening Mixer and the Conference Banquet. All social events will be run subject to adequate numbers; some of the popular events, such as the theatre visits, have limited availability and early booking is advised.

Day	Event	Choice please ✓	Supplement for Resident Delegates	Supplement for Non-Resident Delegates
Monday	Opening Mixer	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	NIL
Tuesday	Lowry Gallery	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£25
	OR Hill Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£25
	OR Chinese Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£25
	OR Velodrome	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£25
	OR Brewery Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£25
	OR Canal Boat Trip	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£25
	OR Theatre Tickets	<input type="checkbox"/>	£15	£35
	OR Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£25
	OR Dinner in Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£20
Wednesday	Conference Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIL	£70

Subtotal £

Payment

Full payment can be sent with your registration (Cheques payable to: 'Association of Clinical Biochemists'), or payment can be made by credit or debit card. An invoice will be issued on receipt of your registration showing either the payment received or due to be paid by 1st April 2003 at the latest.

Total Registration & Accommodation fees	£
Additional Sessions fees	£
Social Programme fees	£
Total due by 1.4.2003	£

A Late Booking Fee of £75 per transaction will automatically be added to all registration forms received after 1.4.2003

Credit Card Details

Access, Visa or Switch Card No:

Valid From Date:

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Address:

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Signature:

Date:

Please return the completed form to:
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Focus 2003 abstract submission form

Name & Title of Presenting Author (who may be the presenting author on only two abstracts)

Address for Correspondence

Additional Authors (maximum 6)

Tel No:

Fax No:

Title and Abstract (separated by single line space)

Topic Code:

**Use this form
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to submit your abstract
electronically via
www.focus-acb.org**

This form may be photocopied

**Please read the rules
carefully before submission**

Please indicate if you **do not** want your abstract to be considered for Oral Presentation.

Please indicate if you wish your abstract to be considered for the Bayer Award (ACB members under 35 years).

Admin use only

MS No:

Poster No:

Please return the completed form to:

Focus 2003, PO Box 409, Cambridge CB1 4QD by 17th January 2003

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the promotion of diagnostics in healthcare

- This house believes that diagnostics should be available on the High Street
(12.45-14.15 Tue 13th May)
- This house believes that clinical diagnostics should be rationed
(12.45 - 14.15 Wed 14th May)

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