

18th International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides
8th National Scientific Meeting of UKINETS
1st National Meeting of NET Patient Foundation

Sunday 5 - Wednesday 8 September 2010
Belfast, Northern Ireland.



Important dates:

Deadline for abstract submission:	April 30, 2010
Acceptance for abstracts:	May 31, 2010
Early bird registration:	July 20, 2010

UKINETS

www.ukinets.org.uk

NET Patient Foundation

www.netpatientfoundation.com

Welcome to Belfast 2010

The scientific and organizing committee in Belfast would like to extend a very warm welcome to participate in the 18th International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides which will be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, from 5 to 8 September 2010. The first International Symposium on Gastrointestinal Hormones was held in California in 1976 and twenty years later the society expanded its scope in recognition of the role of gut peptides outside the digestive tract when the meeting was renamed the International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides. We are pleased to welcome this Symposium to Belfast. On this occasion the Symposium will join together with the UK and Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society, UKINETs, for their 8th annual scientific meeting and we also have the very great pleasure of hosting the 1st International Neuroendocrine Tumour Patient Foundation Symposium.

It is planned that REG PEP2010 will be a forum for regulatory peptide research from secretin and gastrin, being the first peptides to be discovered to the peptide that was isolated last month and has not yet been named. The meeting will be divided into four sections. Peptide and receptor discovery, peptide processing and secretion, peptide function and peptide related drug discovery. On the first day UKINETs will focus on diagnosis, treatment and research into neuroendocrine tumours. In parallel to these sessions on Monday we plan to have technical presentations and demonstrations.

Our objectives for these three days in Belfast is to bring together investigators from multiple disciplines who are undertaking cutting edge research on regulatory peptides derived from the diffuse endocrine system. We hope that the meeting will be a forum for new ideas and a place of education. The scientific committee has planned a programme of the highest standard. Plenary sessions will include state of the art lectures and oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts. The programme will encompass topics enabling participation for basic scientists in all of the biological sciences and for those involved in applied medical research from all branches of medicine. Inclusion will span from basic peptide chemistry in the laboratory to medical application in the clinic and with the inclusion of the NET Patient Foundation Meeting this should become a reality.

A major aspect of the meeting will be the poster presentation session that will extend throughout the three days. This will permit opportunity for discussion and development of ideas and collaboration. We also plan to include many oral communications in the main sessions selected from submitted abstracts.

Belfast is a historical city. In 1177 John de Courcy built a castle on the site where Belfast began to develop in the very early 1600's. Belfast is famous for the first aviation company worldwide, Short Brothers and Harland, the Titanic which sank on its maiden voyage and political unrest for some 30 years from 1969. Lord Kelvin of degrees Kelvin fame was a Belfast man and James Galway, the flautist is a native of the city too. Belfast is now a vibrant welcoming city. In 2007 Lonely Planet placed Belfast in the top ten of 'must see' places world-wide. If you have never been to Belfast you should take this opportunity to come and stay a while. If you have been before I know you will wish to return.

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Venue: Europa Hotel & Conference Centre, Great Victoria Street, Belfast



www.hastingshotels.com

The Conference Venue is the Europa Hotel & Conference Centre in the centre of the city. There are a number of other Hotels within 500 metres and as Belfast is a small city there are many places of interest within easy walking distance of the venue.

General information

Local organizing committee

Professor Joy Ardill (Chair)
Dr Lee Armstong
Dr Jim Curry
Dr Brian Johnston
Dr Fionnuala Lundy
Professor Aaron Maule
Professor David McCance
Ms Joanne McCullagh (Secretary)
Professor Finbarr O'Harte (Co-chair)
Professor Chris Shaw (Co-chair)
Dr Irina Tikhovnova

Registration and fees

REG PEP registration includes the UKINET meeting and/or any parallel sessions. Lunches, morning and afternoon tea/coffee, Sunday Opening Ceremony and Civic Reception, Monday evening Dinner at the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum and Tuesday evening Gala Dinner (Accommodation is not included and should be booked through the link.)

Registration	£450
Young Investigator (<30years)	£300
Corporate Registration (per person)	£600
Accompanying Persons	£150

This does not permit entry to the symposium but includes the Opening Ceremony, Memorial Lecture & Civic Reception and Dinners on Monday & Tuesday evenings

After June 10 there will be a £50 surcharge on all categories of registration.

Registration payment

By transfer to:

Northern Bank Lisburn Road
Benmore House, 353 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7EP

IBAN: BG50DABA5013260102792
SWIFT-BIC: DABAGB2B
Account: 95013260102792
Account: REGPEP2010&UKINETS BELFAST

Credit or Debit Card Payment (see Link for bank credit card/debit card on the home page of this web site)

Registration will be acknowledged on receipt of registration form.

Registration will be confirmed on receipt of payment.

Cancellation Policy:

80% of registration fee will be returned with cancellation before July 1.

50% will be returned between 1 July and August 31.

No refund will be possible for cancellation after 31 August.

Accommodation

The Belfast Visitor and Convention Bureau have negotiated preferential rates with several hotels close to the Venue. Booking of accommodation at the Europa Hotel or other Hotels should be made using the link below

<https://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/BLFPEPTIDES2010>

For information about day trips, tours and other tourist attractions contact the Belfast visitor and convention bureau through their website.

www.belfastconventionbureau.com

Belfast also boasts an excellent modern Youth Hostel <1km from the venue

Belfast International Youth Hostel

www.hini.org.uk