



York Science Park are proud to be Members of IASP and are working with a number of partners to deliver an informative conference and exhibition which will provide many business and social opportunities to collaborate with colleagues in an informal and friendly environment.



About the conference theme

The IASP European Division Conference Theme is 'Science Parks, Stakeholders and Society: a European Perspective'.

This will address the question of how we (STPs and AOIs) "sell ourselves" to the people that matter and will ask:

Are we doing a good job to communicate the relevance and importance of our role?

Are we skilful enough to secure the continuous support of those who count?

We must remember that those who "count" are not only the public administration politicians or university rectors and presidents. Also the media, and very importantly, our fellow citizens who surround our STPs/AOIs, must know and understand who we are and what we do.

The sessions will allow delegates to exchange experienc-

es and learn from each other to deliver the very best engagement with our stakeholders and communities.

About the Speakers

All the speakers in the sessions will contribute their thoughts on the theme with a series of national perspectives. On the second day there will be sessions to summarise and synthesise the different presentations.

Our speakers will be covering a number of different countries, which are representatives of different parts of Europe and will include:

Josep Pique, La Salle Technova Barcelona, Spain.

Caroline Drabe, Vasteras Science Park AB, Sweden

Luis Sanz, IASP Director General, Spain



The United Kingdom Science Park Association Conference

The larger innovation and science park conference and exhibition will attract in the region of 400 delegates, but the IASP European Division conference sessions will be run in parallel within a specially constructed and discrete "IASP International Theatre" at the York Racecourse conference centre

Whilst the sessions hosted by York Science Park will be of

great interest to IASP Members, we also envisage that IASP Members may also be interested in attending other sessions within the wider conference.

The sessions at the UKSPA conference include:

- ◆ Connecting knowledge generators through infrastructure: Challenges and opportunities
- ◆ Developing successful BioParks: International Case Studies
- ◆ Translating science and technology into commercial reality
- ◆ Innovation ecologies: what are they and how do you brand them?
- ◆ Evolving innovation ecologies: Areas of innovation, Knowledge Quarters, Science Cities and Regional Powerhouses
- ◆ Nurturing and developing university spin-outs and start-up

Contributors will include:



- ◆ Dr David Canter, North Campus Research Complex (NCRC), USA
- ◆ Friso Lippmann Delft Science Park Technopolis,
- ◆ Dr Malcolm Parry, Surrey Research Park
- ◆ Irene Fialke INiTS, Vienn CEO
- ◆ Sabeena Kalla Eurasante, Lille Scientific Director
- ◆ Dr David Hardman, Chairman, UKSPA

(All speakers are subject to amendment and change).

Delegates hosted by York Science Park will also have ample opportunity to visit the Exhibition, and on the first evening be invited to a special reception in historic surroundings within the City of York, and also to attend the gala dinner and awards ceremony on the Tuesday evening.

About York

Famous for its beautiful historic architecture, York is a great place to live, work and do business. York has been voted 'Britain's most beautiful city and the place where

most people want to live'. It is a city with big ambition, where creative experimentation, technological innovation, economic growth and social progress converge.

Recognized as having the strongest and most flourishing economy in the north of England, York is a lure for businesses both large and small, with more than 7,500 businesses located there.

About York Science Park



The city is home to internationally competitive industries and a burgeoning research capability that extends through biosciences, healthcare, medical research, bio-renewables as well as environmental research, IT and digital and creative technologies. Many businesses within these sectors are based at York Science Park.

About the logistics

Conference registration and a more detailed itinerary will be provided in due course, but we anticipate IASP Members would:

Monday 8th May – Arrive in York and register for the conference during the daytime. At 7:00pm attend the IASP dinner hosted by York Science Park in a historic location.

Tuesday 9th May – Attend the IASP European Division meeting, followed by gala dinner and awards evening at York Racecourse.

Wednesday 10th May – Attend the IASP European Division meeting until lunchtime. If there is sufficient demand from IASP Members, we will arrange study tours to York Science Park and other Science Parks in the area, or simply arrange leisure time activities for delegates to experience the wonderful City of York.

York also offers excellent transport links due to its central location in the UK, with quick and easy rail, road and air links to the UK's major cities and internationally.

A wide range of hotel accommodation is available for our guests with details at www.iasp-york.com.