

VALIDATE Immunometabolism Workshop 2020 – Oxford

Venue

The VALIDATE Immunometabolism Workshop will be held at The Peter Medawar Building for Pathogen Research, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3SY from 22nd-24th April 2020.

Please note that there is no parking available near the Medawar, and public parking in Oxford is both limited and expensive, so we would recommend using public transport to reach the workshop. The Medawar is easily accessible by road, train, or bus. Buses from London and the airports as well as park&ride buses and local buses stop a short walking distance away (14min). Both the central train and coach stations are in walking distance or easily connected by bus or taxi.



Building Access: The Medawar is a research building with restricted access and does not have a reception. Upon arrival at the building you can use the yellow phone outside the building to call

the workshop organiser or a designated person who will then let you into the building. The phone numbers will be sent to participants shortly before the start of the workshop.

Getting to Oxford

Oxford is about an hour's drive from Heathrow, and 1.5hrs from Gatwick, so coming to Oxford by taxi is possible but expensive. Alternatives include:

Coach

Coaches run regularly between Heathrow/Gatwick and Oxford, or Central London and Oxford, and are the easiest and least expensive public transport to get to Oxford. You can book online, or buy a ticket from the driver on the day – prices and times can be found on the companies' websites:

London Heathrow - buses run approx. every 30 minutes. The journey takes 80-90 minutes. <https://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/heathrow/>

London Gatwick - buses run approx. every hour. The journey takes 2 hours 30 minutes (depending on traffic). <https://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/gatwick/>

London - Frequent 24 hour direct services connect Oxford with London (at peak times every 10-15 minutes). **The Oxford Tube** service goes regularly from Victoria Station via Grosvenor Gardens, Marble Arch, Nottinghill Gate, Shepherd's Bush and Hillingdon to Oxford (tel: 01865 772250).

Train

From Gatwick you will need to take the overland train into London; from Heathrow you can take the London Underground (the 'Tube'). Once in London you will need to take the Tube to Paddington or Marylebone [[London Tube map.pdf](#)], from where trains depart to Oxford regularly (note, trains with fewer stops are *much* quicker getting to Oxford than the many-stop cross-country trains). Train tickets can be bought in advance or on arrival at the departure train station (for train route, times and prices see National Rail Enquiries: Telephone +44(0) 8457 48 49 50 www.nationalrail.co.uk).

The Medawar is less than 1.5 miles away from [Oxford Central Station](#), which is serviced by frequent trains from London Paddington and many other parts of the country.

The Medawar is 4 miles away from [Oxford Parkway Rail Station](#), which is serviced by frequent trains from London Marylebone to Oxford; the station lies to the north of Oxford City Centre.

You can take a taxi or a local bus to the Medawar or your hotel (you could also walk 23 minutes from Oxford Central Station to the Medawar).

Buses within Oxford

There are two main bus companies [Oxford Bus Company](#) and [Stagecoach](#). If you want to take a bus to the Medawar you can either get off at Queen's Lane or Keble Road (if you come from Summertown).

Taxis

Private taxis: There are a number of companies offering pre-bookable airport transfers:

- Oxicars – Tel: 01865 875900 www.oxicars.com/index.html
- Baldwins of Oxford Chauffeurs – Tel: 07768 583822
<http://www.baldwinschauffeursoxford.com/>
- CCB cars – Tel: 01865 876699, mobile: 0775 400 5644, www.ccbcars.com

Local Taxis: Taxi ranks are located at Oxford Railway Station, Gloucester Green Coach Station and St Giles in the City centre; it is safe in the UK to just hail a taxi from the rank. Alternatively you can book a taxi in advance by calling the telephone numbers below, or using their Apps.

- ABC Taxis – Tel: 01865 770077 www.abcradiotaxis.co.uk/
- 001 Taxis – Tel: 01865 240000 www.001taxis.com/
- Royal Cars – Tel: 01865 777333 www.royal-cars.com/

Accommodation

Please find a few suggestions for accommodation in Oxford (unfortunately we have not stayed in them ourselves, so cannot guarantee their quality). Please liaise with your chosen guesthouse/hotel directly for your booking:

Listed by approximate price (lowest – highest)

Price/night £50-100

Pickwicks Hotel

<http://www.pickwicksguesthouse.co.uk/>

Travel Lodge Pear Tree

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/60/Oxford-Peartree-hotel>

The Conifers Guest House

<http://www.conifersguesthouse.co.uk/>

Sandfield Guest House

sandfieldguesthouse.com

The Dial House Guest House

<http://www.dialhouseoxford.co.uk/>

Rewley House University of Oxford

<https://rewleyhouserrooms.conted.ox.ac.uk/>

The Cotswold Lodge Hotel

<http://www.cotswoldlodgehotel.co.uk/>

Price/night £100-200

Parklands B&B

<https://www.parklandsoxford.co.uk/>

Tower House Guest House

<https://www.towerhouseoxford.co.uk/>

Best Western Oxford Linton Lodge

https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-linton-lodge-hotel-83647?utm_source=google_places&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Oxford

The Coach and Horses

<http://www.oxfordcoachandhorses.co.uk/>

Mercure Eastgate Hotel

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6668-mercure-oxford-eastgate-hotel/index.shtml>

Holiday Inn Oxford

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/oxford/ofduk/hoteldetail>

The Oxford Spires Hotel

https://www.oxfordspireshotel.co.uk/partner/oxford-spires/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=localSEO

De Vere Oxford Thames

<https://www.phcompany.com/de-vere/oxford-thames/rooms-suites/>

Malmaison

<https://www.malmaison.com>

Courtyard by Marriott Oxford City Centre

<https://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/oxfcy-courtyard-oxford-city-centre/>

Price/night >£200

Vanbrugh House Hotel

Prices start at £200 per night

<http://www.vanbrughhousehotel.co.uk/>

The Old Bank Hotel

Prices start at £200 per night

<https://www.oldbank-hotel.co.uk>

Randolph Hotel

Prices start at £250 per night

<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/macdonald-randolph-hotel/>

The Old Parsonage Hotel

Prices start at £350 per night

<https://www.oldparsonage-hotel.co.uk>

There may be some accommodation available within Oxford's colleges:
<http://www.universityrooms.com/>.

Weather

The UK's weather is very changeable – spring can be quite wet and still cold but you can also be surprised by warmth and sunshine! So we recommend keeping an eye on the weather forecast nearer to your visit: www.bbc.co.uk/weather/

Contact Details

For any queries regarding the meeting, please contact the workshop organiser:

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