

# Holistic approaches to structural characterisation

13<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> November, Marriot Hotel Royal County, Durham

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Travel

For most travellers, the train will be a convenient option. The meeting venue is ~15 minutes walk from Durham station. Do be aware that tickets are often expensive on the East Coast Main Line if not booked in advance.

For participants travelling by car, the most convenient option will be to park at the hotel (entrance on the main street, Old Elvet). The cost is £6.50 per day. Overnight parking costs £7.00 and is only available to hotel residents. The hotel have agreed that the overnight fee will cover until the end of the meeting i.e. delegates who are staying for the full meeting and staying in the hotel will be charged £13.50. Pay for parking at the reception desk on arrival. There are some cheaper parking options (e.g. the council-operated Sidegate car park costs just £3.60 per day), but these are less convenient.

Newcastle airport is the most useful nearby airport, and is worth checking if other travel options are unsatisfactory. Allow at least 1 hour for travelling by metro + train from the airport to Durham railway station. Taxis are quicker (30 mins outside of peak times), but best pre-booked (e.g. Airport Cars Durham) if cost is a factor.

### Accommodation

Durham has a variety of convenient accommodation options. The meeting venue, the Radisson Blu (venue for the evening meal), Hotel Indigo (just opposite the meeting venue) and the Premier Inn (midway between meeting and dinner venues) are all central.

### Registration

The registration desk will be manned from 10–12 on the Tuesday. If arriving outside this time, please contact one of the organisers.

### Venue

The meeting (including exhibition stands and the refreshment area) will be held in the Cromwell Suite of Marriot Hotel Royal County. Free Wi-Fi will be available, with the access code BCAIG2018. Lunches on both days will be downstairs in the hotel restaurant area.

### Speaker information

The hotel will supply a projector and screen. Speakers are encouraged to use their own laptops (although we will have a laptop available if necessary). Mac users are recommended to bring their own VGA/HDMI adapters. Note that the projector and screen are set up for 4:3 (rather than widescreen) presentations. Please allow 5 minutes for questions at the end of talks.

## Discussion session

At the end of the first day of talks, we have scheduled a session to discuss challenges in structure solution. We see this an opportunity for delegates to be actively involved in the meeting. Please take some time ahead of the meeting to consider whether you have good examples of challenges, or solutions that other delegates in this mixed audience may be unaware of. There is the option of displaying a single slide (not a talk!) using the projector, if this would make it easier to discuss a specific case.

## Evening meal

The evening meal will be held in the Collage restaurant of the Radisson Blu hotel, which is a short walk (see below) from the meeting venue. Given the numbers, this will be a fixed menu, based on dietary preferences taken at registration. *Please amend your registration at least 1 week before the meeting date if you would prefer vegetarian / vegan or pescetarian options.*

