

EASDec 2016

European Association for the Study of Diabetes Eye Complications Study Group

26th Annual Meeting

23rd – 25th June 2016, Manchester, UK

1. MANCHESTER

The 26th Annual Meeting of EASDec will take place in Manchester, UK. All of the sights and attractions of Manchester are within walking distance. The three main venues for this year's EASDec meeting are: City Labs (located on the Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), the Renold Building at the University of Manchester and the Museum of Science & Industry.

i By Road

Manchester is well connected to the rest of the UK via excellent motorway links. Manchester's ring road connects Manchester to motorways north, south, east and west. Visit [Google Maps](#) to find out how to get to Manchester from where you are.

ii Air Travel

Manchester Airport is the only global gateway to Northern England. You can visit [Manchester Airport's website - www.manchesterairport.co.uk/flightinformation/](#) to find out more about flights to Manchester. The airport also has a mobile website [www.manchesterairport.co.uk/manmobile.nsf](#) for visitors wanting to access information via their smartphones. Manchester Airport is approximately 20 minutes taxi drive away from the centre of Manchester.

iii Rail Travel

Manchester is easy to travel to from other major UK cities. Direct services between Manchester and London run conveniently every 20 minutes with Virgin Trains. Local rail services connect Manchester Airport with Greater Manchester districts and the city centre. There are four key train stations in Manchester city centre - Deansgate, Piccadilly, Oxford Road and Victoria. Piccadilly is the main arrival point into the city centre. Visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](#) or call +44 (0) 8457 484950 for all trains times and fares.

2. MANCHESTER VENUES & TIMETABLE

Thursday 23rd June 2016 from 12.00 pm – 17.00 pm - Satellite Meeting to Easdec – *invitation only*
Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy in Europe – Impact of New technologies
Conference Rooms 1 and 2, Citylabs, Nelson Street, Manchester M13 9NQ

Thursday 23rd June 2016 from 17.15 pm – 18.30 pm – Satellite Meeting sponsored by Bayer
Conference Rooms 1 and 2, Citylabs, Nelson Street, Manchester M13 9NQ

Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 18.30 pm – 20.00 pm – Welcome Reception
Conference Rooms 1 and 2, Citylabs, Nelson Street, Manchester M13 9NQ

Friday 24th June 2016 – 8.30 am – 5 pm - EASDec Scientific Meeting and Posters
C8 & C15, Renold Building, University of Manchester, Altrincham Street, Manchester, M1 7JA

Friday 24th June 2016 at 7.30 pm - EASDec Annual Dinner
Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester, Castlefield, Manchester, M3 4FP

Saturday 25th June 2016 – 8.30 am – 1 pm - EASDec Scientific Meeting and Posters
C8 & C15, Renold Building, University of Manchester, Altrincham Street, Manchester, M1 7JA

3. TAXI SERVICES & METROLINK

There are a number of taxi services that operate through the city centre:

mantax - [mantax.co.uk](#) - 0161 230 3333

Manchester Cars - [ilovemanchestercars.co.uk](#) - 0161 228 3355

Streetcars Private Hire Manchester - [streetcarsmanchester.co.uk](#) - 0161 228 7878

Union Private Hire - [unioncars.co](#) - 0161 833 4141

Manchester's Metrolink tram system has been developed to encourage easier travel in the city centre. It connects all major railway stations and tourist attractions and runs every few minutes so you don't need a timetable. Don't forget to purchase your ticket from the machine at the platform before you board.

4. **PARKING**

Manchester is an extremely busy city and car parking is at a premium. There are lots of car parks operated by NCP, APCOA and Q-Parks, all in convenient city centre locations. View the [Manchester City Council's](http://www.manchester.gov.uk) parking page - www.manchester.gov.uk for information about on-street parking in Manchester city centre.

Citylabs is served best by Manchester Piccadilly (MAN) train station (approximately 1.5 miles, it's only a short walk or taxi ride (ask to travel to Citylabs, Nelson Street off Oxford Road, M13 9NQ). If you are travelling by car exit the motorways at signs for A34 and turn into Grafton Street. There is a multi-storey car park and the postcode is M13 9WL. If you are walking, Citylabs is a 15-minute walk from the city centre. It is best approached by walking down Oxford Road, past the Universities until you reach the Oxford Pub, Citylabs will then be on your left in front of you.

Delegates travelling to the **University** by car should enter M1 3BB in any SATNAV system. This will direct them to Charles Street car park, which runs adjacent to Sackville Street. The University is a couple of minutes walk from Picadilly Train Station. From the main train concourse follow the signs for taxis (downstairs), walk past the taxi rank and cross the road and bear to the right under the tram line and you will see the University on your left.

5. **ACCOMMODATION**

Please note that it is your responsibility to make your own accommodation arrangements. The accommodation booking service is now closed.

6. **REGISTRATION DESK**

For the main EASDec conference, the registration desk will be located in the Conference Foyer area C8 of the Renold Building. Registration desk will be open as follows:

Friday: 8.30 am - 12.00 pm

7. **EXHIBITION**

The exhibition will be located in the Renold Building, University of Manchester, Altrincham Street, Manchester, M1 7JA. The exhibition is free for speakers and delegates attending the meeting and will be open from 08.45 am – 5 pm on Friday and from 8.45 am – 12.00 noon on Saturday.

8. **RECEPTION at Citylabs on Thursday evening**

The organising committee would like to invite all delegates, speakers and exhibitors to the official welcome to open EASDec followed by drinks reception. This will take place on Thursday 23rd June 2016 from 6.30 pm in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, Citylabs, Nelson Street, Manchester M13 9NQ

9. **DINNER at the Museum of Science & Industry on Friday evening**

The organising committee would like to invite all delegates and speakers to the EASDec Annual Dinner on Friday 24th June 2016 at 7.00 pm at the Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester, Castlefield, Manchester, M3 4FP. Dress code: lounge suits. Please use the main entrance to the Museum. There is no car parking available at the Museum. We have arranged coach drops to various central points at the end of the night from 11 pm.

10. **DIETARY Requirements**

We will be providing a vegetarian alternative at all meals suitable for most dietary requirements. However, if you have a food allergy (for example nut / gluten), please contact the organising committee and we will order a specific meal for you.

11. **SECURITY**

Please note that delegates, speakers and exhibitors must wear their badge at all times. You must sign the attendance register on your first day of arrival at the meeting to collect your badge and programme etc

12. HOUSEKEEPING

There are no fire alarms planned in any of the venues during the conference. If the alarm sounds during the conference at any time, please follow direction from the staff who will guide you to the nearest fire exit.

13. INTERNET and WIFI

There is free wifi available throughout all of the venues. Manchester is also 4G connected. Where possible please use your own 4G connection as this will be faster than the wifi networks. Please note that for the University everyone has been allocated a unique code – this has been emailed and will be on the reverse of your badge. Please note that the University has been made aware of who has been assigned what password and login access. Please be aware that each account is to be used by 1 delegate only. The accounts are activated for the duration of the conference and will expire at 6pm on Saturday evening. Each delegate connects to the BSSID network name 'UoM_WiFi' and there is an acceptable use policy, which can be found at the following: <http://www.itservices.manchester.ac.uk/wireless/regulations/>

14. EATING OUT

Manchester has a great reputation for food and drink. Ever more restaurants, delis and shops are sourcing their produce locally. Visit Manchester has produced a variety of guides on eating out to suit all budgets and tastes – visit the website for more detailed information - www.visitmanchester.com/articles/top-5s

15. CURRENCY

Please note that all payments are made in sterling and euros are NOT accepted (unless there is a bureau de change in the Store).