



# NeuroTrauma 2024

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# Introduction

**On behalf of our colleagues in Cambridge and the wider neurotrauma community in the United Kingdom, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the 2024 NeuroTrauma Meeting of the International Neurotrauma Society. This will be the 16th such meeting.**

Cambridge is an historic city recognised internationally for its University and its architecture. It is a truly stunning place to visit. We will be hosting the conference in the heart of our city at the Corn Exchange (built on a site dating from 1224) with all the scientific venues, College and hotel accommodation within easy walking distance.

We are proposing an excellent scientific programme addressing the basic translational and clinical aspects of research into brain and spinal cord injuries. The programme will consist of a combination of plenaries, breakouts, posters and other sessions. Themes will cover mild, moderate and severe brain injury with several specific topics relating to novel scientific therapies, clinical management, brain physics, brain chemistry, imaging, mild traumatic brain injury; particularly related to sport and the long-term sequelae of traumatic brain injury.

We are encouraging early-career researchers to present their work by offering financial assistance.

September is the perfect time to visit Cambridge in terms of the weather and delegates will be able to enjoy several social opportunities within the city and its surroundings. London's airports are very close making the city very accessible and ideally suited to hosting a conference of this importance.

We are planning to coordinate dates with the International Spinal Research Trust meeting which is held in London.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cambridge for what we envisage will be an inspiring meeting, both scientifically and socially.

## **Peter Hutchinson**

Professor of Neurosurgery  
University of Cambridge

## **David Menon**

Professor of Intensive Care Medicine  
University of Cambridge

# Local Organising Committee

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# International/National Scientific Committee



## **PROFESSOR PETER HUTCHINSON**

**Professor of Neurosurgery  
University of Cambridge**

Peter Hutchinson BSc (Hons), MBBS, PhD (Cantab), FRCS (Surg Neurol) FMedSci is Professor of Neurosurgery, NIHR Research Professor and Head of the Division of Academic Neurosurgery at the University of Cambridge. He is Director of Clinical Research at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

He holds an Honorary Consultant Neurosurgeon post at Addenbrooke's Hospital with a sub-specialist interest in the management of neuro-trauma, specifically head and traumatic brain injury. He has a research interest in acute brain injury, utilising monitoring technology to increase the understanding of the pathophysiology of brain injury, and in the investigation and treatment of concussion. He also leads the international RESCUE studies evaluating the role of decompressive craniectomy in traumatic brain injury. He was awarded the Olivecrona Prize (the "Nobel Prize for Neurosurgery") for his work on cerebral metabolism in acute brain injury.

He has co-authored over 500 publications (including NEJM, Lancet and Brain) and been lead applicant in over £15m of grants (including MRC and NIHR). He is joint editor of the Oxford Textbook of Neurological Surgery and "Head Injury – A Multidisciplinary Approach".

He is Director of Clinical Studies at Robinson College, Past President of Clinical Neurosciences Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, Director of the Research Fund of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, Treasurer of the International Neurotrauma Society and Chief Medical Officer for the Formula One British Grand Prix.



## **PROFESSOR DAVID KRISHNA MENON**

**Professor of Intensive Care Medicine  
University of Cambridge**

David Krishna Menon trained in Medicine, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at the Jawaharlal Institute in India, Leeds General Infirmary, The Royal Free Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, and was an MRC Research Fellow at the Hammersmith Hospital prior to coming to Cambridge.

He is Professor and Head of the Division of Anaesthesia, Principal Investigator in the Wolfson Brain Imaging Centre, and Co-Chair of the Acute Brain Injury Program at the University of Cambridge; and Professorial Fellow in the Medical Sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge.

In 2006 he was appointed to the British Oxygen Professorship at the Royal College of Anaesthetists. He serves on the Board of Management of the Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre (ICNARC), as Co-Chair of the Executive Board of the European Brain Injury Consortium, and on the Executive Board of the International Neurotrauma Society.

He is a Founding Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, was re-appointed Senior Investigator of the National Institute for Health Research (UK) for a second term in 2014, and was appointed a member of the Founding Board of the UK Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine in 2010. He currently acts as one of two Coordinators of the CENTER-TBI project, a €30 million European multicentre study of precision medicine and comparative effectiveness research in traumatic brain injury.



### **GAIL ROSSEAU**

**Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery George Washington University, Washington, D.C.**

Professor Gail Rosseau is Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery and skull base neurosurgeon at George Washington University; her clinical practice is with veterans. She is currently the World Federation of Neurosurgical Society World Health Organisation (WFNSWHO) Liaison Committee Chair; a member of the Executive Board of the Foundation for International Education in Neurosurgery and the International Initiatives Chairperson of ThinkFirst Head and Spine Injury Prevention Association.

Gail has been elected to senior leadership positions in the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), Société de Neurophysiologie Clinique de Langue Française (SNCLF) and the WFNS. Her interests include pituitary and cranial base surgery, microvascular compression syndrome, stereotactic radiosurgery and Global Neurosurgery.



### **FRANCO SERVADEI**

**Professor of Neurosurgery Humanitas University Hospital, Milan.**

Professor Franco Servadei is Neurosurgery Professor at Humanitas University and Research Hospital, Milan.

In 1981 he became Resident Neurosurgeon at Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden; from 1980 to 1989 he was first Resident Neurosurgeon and successively Staff Neurosurgeon at Bellaria Hospital, Bologna, Italy; from 1989 to 2007 he was first Consultant of the Department of Neurosurgery-Neurotraumatology and successively Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery-Neurotraumatology at Bufalini Hospital, Cesena, Italy; from 2007 to 2017 he was Director of Neurosurgery Department at IRCCS "ASMN" Hospital of Reggio Emilia, Italy; from 2007 to 2017 he was Chairman of the Department of emergency medicine at University Hospital of Parma, Italy.

He is currently President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies.



### **ANTHONY FIGAJI**

**Professor of Neurosurgery, Head of Paediatric Neurosurgery and Neurocritical Care, Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, Cape Town.**

Professor Figaji is Head of Paediatric Neurosurgery at the University of Cape Town and at Red Cross Children's Hospital.

He is the National Research Foundation SARChI Chair of Clinical Neurosciences; he is the current Secretary and past scientific chair of the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery, and current scientific chair of the Society of Neurosurgeons of South Africa.

He is the immediate past president of the International Neurotrauma Society and a founder member of GlobalNeuro, an organisation formed to teach neurotrauma across the world.



### **ROBERT VINK**

**Professor and Pro Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences, University of South Australia, Adelaide.**

Professor Robert (Bob) Vink is a neuroscientist whose research has focussed on identifying secondary injury factors following central nervous system injury, and the development of novel pharmacotherapies that improve functional outcome.

During his early career, he characterised the role of magnesium in traumatic brain injury while more recently, his research has focussed on characterising neurogenic inflammation in acute and chronic brain injury, particularly its role in brain oedema, the development of elevated intracranial pressure and in repeated concussion / chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

He has played an active role in organising scientific conferences over the years including the Australian Workshops on Computational Neuroscience in 2010 and 2012, the Australian Neurotrauma Forums in 2014 and 2015, the 2003 International Magnesium Society Meeting in Cairns, the highly successful 2004 International Neurotrauma Symposium in Adelaide and more recently the 2020 International Neurotrauma Symposium, Melbourne.

He is currently a consultant for higher education and biotechnology and holds the honorary position of Emeritus Professor at the University of South Australia.



### **MICHAEL FEHLINGS**

**Professor of Neurosurgery, University of Toronto, Toronto.**

Dr. Fehlings is the Vice Chair Research for the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto and heads the Spinal Program at Toronto Western Hospital.

A Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto, he holds the Gerry and Tootsie Halbert Chair in Neural Repair and Regeneration. He is a Scientist at the McEwen Centre for Regenerative Medicine, and a McLaughlin Scholar in Molecular Medicine.

Dr. Fehlings was appointed the inaugural Director of the University of Toronto Neuroscience Program and Co-Director of the newly formed University of Toronto Spinal Program.

In 2014, he was elected to the fellowship of both the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

# Green and Inclusive

## An environmentally friendly congress, open to all.

The local organising committee recognise the impact that business events have on the environment; we will seek to minimise any negative environmental impact of NeuroTrauma 2024 by **conserving resources and reducing the carbon footprint**.

**Venues have been selected for their suitability and for their commitment to sustainable practices** and since they are close to one another there will be no need for transport once delegates have arrived in the city.

Those attending will **have free access to a bespoke congress app** which will contain maps, programmes, speaker details and supplementary information, negating the requirement for printed collateral. Poster sessions will be conducted electronically, using the latest technology.

Additional initiatives include discouraging single use plastic and **reducing food miles by creating innovative menus** using locally sourced ingredients.

We have the option to extend the reach of NeuroTrauma 2024 by offering remote access. If required, we will offer a **high-quality broadcast with a host of interactive elements** guaranteeing that remote delegates will have the same incredible experience as those who attend in person.

The programme will also include a **public lecture and a round table discussion on the theme of concussion in sport**, including treatment following the injury, return to play and the long-term risks.

NeuroTrauma 2024 will be an inclusive congress, as well as ensuring accessibility at all venues, we will also provide a parenting hub, **a safe, comfortable, and practical space where parents can gather to nurse babies or simply to take some time out with their children** whilst also being able to engage in sessions or catch up on emails.

A formal childcare setting will also be arranged if there is sufficient demand from delegates.

# Letters of Support



To the President of International and National Neurotrauma Societies

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Dear Sir,

The Society of British Neurological Surgeons strongly supports the application by Professor Hutchinson, Professor David Menon and colleagues for Cambridge UK to host the International Neurotrauma Society Symposium in 2024.

UK Neurosurgery has a strong track record in research and advancing the clinical management of patients with head and spine injury and we look forward to inviting members of the International Neurotrauma Society to Cambridge in 2024. There is no doubt this will provide an excellent forum for networking and collaboration.

Thank you for considering awarding this symposium to Cambridge in 2024.

Yours sincerely

Alistair Jenkins  
SBNS President

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MC2021/08306/DC  
26 April 2021

Dear President,

**Letter in support of Cambridge's bid to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium 2024**

As the Secretary of State for the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), I am keen to support Cambridge's bid to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium in 2024.

We would be delighted to extend a warm welcome to you and your delegates in Cambridge, England. While the global spread of coronavirus has of course temporarily paused the world's ability to travel, meet and innovate face-to-face, the UK is looking forward to facilitating research, development and innovation through events as soon as it is safe to do so. The UK's continued success with administering the Covid-19 vaccine should support us in inviting international delegates back soon.

The UK is renowned for offering conference delegates an unforgettable experience whilst here. When conference business concludes, Cambridge in particular offers a thriving artistic, cultural and leisure scene for your delegates to enjoy. Delegates can continue networking or relax with a stroll through the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens, a punting tour along the scenic River Cam or explore its engaging museums, many of which offer free admission.

Founded in 1209, the University of Cambridge has been known for centuries as an exceptional educational institution and is a European leader in medical and healthcare research and practice. With over 50 outstanding modern and historic venues, Cambridge hosts many significant international and national medical events, including the annual International Genetic Epidemiology Society conference and the annual British Paediatric Neurology Association conference.

The University of Cambridge has a rich and firm commitment to excellence in learning and aims to provide outstanding clinical research to improve medical practice that benefits patients and populations. Cambridge is well-versed in hosting educational conferences and this reputation means it is well-placed to host your symposium in 2024. The city centre is a short distance from international airports, including a 30-minute train journey from Stansted Airport or 45 minutes by train from London King's Cross Station, which is adjacent to St Pancras International where the Eurostar is served.

I am pleased to add my support and trust that we have demonstrated why Cambridge represents a strong and competitive option for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



**Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP**  
Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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07 May 2021

Dear President,

**Letter in support of Cambridge's bid to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium 2024**

As the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, I am delighted to support Cambridge's bid to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium in 2024.

The UK is ideal host for medical events, because we have such a commitment to medical science. Cambridge in particular is world renowned for its contributions to health science and innovation. For example, working in close partnership with the Department of Psychiatry, Genetics and Paediatrics, The University of Cambridge is determining how genetics and the environment interact to cause the major brain diseases that impact patients from childhood to old-age. Scholars and students at the university have led on identifying treatments now used internationally; these include preventing the loss of hearing and vision and developing new treatments to stop neurodegeneration and dementias including Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, the UK has led the development of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine and to date, we have provided a second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to over 10 million people in the UK (19% of all UK adults). Our quick pace to develop and roll-out the vaccine means the UK has already saved more than 10,000 lives.

This demonstrates that the UK government is deeply committed to being a leader in promoting the growth of technology in healthcare because innovative technology saves lives. This commitment has always been true and the UK has been the centre of many groundbreaking healthcare innovations from the discovery of the structure of the DNA molecule through work at London and Cambridge university colleges to the British scientist Sir Peter Mansfield co-inventing the MRI scanner. Furthermore, our National Health Service has been providing a guaranteed health-care standard, free at the point of use, since 1948. Since then, the NHS has continued to innovate and evolve, including the recent increase in the use of technology to support our Test and Trace programme to fight the spread of Covid-19.

I am pleased to add my support in Cambridge's bid to the International Neurotrauma Symposium 2024. I hope we will have the opportunity to welcome you and your delegates soon.

Yours ever,



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**Mayor's Office**

1 March 2021

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On behalf of Cambridge City Council, I absolutely support the bid of the local organising committee to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium 2024.

With excellent transport links, road, air & rail, Cambridge is easily accessible by both domestic and international delegates.

Cambridge is a spectacular city, steeped in history & architecture. It is one of the top cities in the UK for tourists. Visitors are particularly well catered for with accommodation, tours, sights and a huge variety of eating places.

We have many galleries & exhibitions, all amazingly high standards, displaying a huge variety of artwork both contemporary and historical.

Cambridge has several extremely modern shopping arcades and also olde-worlde shops along cobbled streets, a shopper's delight.

Cambridge has something for everyone & I cannot recommend it highly enough.

With kind regards,

Cllr Russ McPherson  
Mayor of Cambridge

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**Professor Stephen J. Toope**  
The Vice-Chancellor

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2 March 2021

On behalf of the University of Cambridge I fully support the bid of our local organising committee to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium 2024 meeting in Cambridge. The University will offer its venues to the meeting and will provide substantial administrative support from the very experienced local team who have successfully managed many conferences.

The University of Cambridge has long standing strengths in Neuroscience and a conference like the INTS would fit perfectly into this arena. Not only would this be an opportunity to present world class progress in the field of neurotrauma to an international audience but also to the many experts and interested parties locally.

Cambridge is an attractive venue for international conferences combining the uniqueness of the colleges and the flexibility and convenience of the Corn Exchange and Guildhall in the centre of town. Delegates, both national and international, will find the city easy to reach, with excellent transport connections. You can be sure that a Cambridge conference will make a major contribution to Neurotrauma and will also be a great success socially.

Yours sincerely,

**Professor Stephen J. Toope**  
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27 May 2021

Dear President,

**Letter in support of Cambridge's bid to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium 2024**

I am delighted to learn that Cambridge is bidding to welcome the International Neurotrauma Symposium in 2024.

I fully endorse this bid and I know that our partners within the UK Events industry will deliver a magnificent and successful event for all of your participants. Britain is one of the most dynamic and exciting global destinations and will be a popular choice for your delegates.

Cambridge, as the host destination, offers all the key ingredients for a successful conference. The facilities and the infrastructure developed to support events will complement your conference programme. You will be guaranteed a warm welcome and an unforgettable experience, one of the many reasons why Britain is the perfect choice for events.

Some delegates may have concerns about travelling to the UK now it has left the European Union. The UK remains open for visitors and business and is taking steps to make travel to the UK easier, including working with the UK's Visas and Immigration teams when major events are due to be hosted here.

As the national tourism agency for Britain, VisitBritain will work closely with our colleagues in Cambridge, England and throughout Britain, to ensure delegates are given every assistance to make the most of their visit to Britain. Naturally, we hope that many will choose to extend their visits to experience the rich history, culture and countryside.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Balcombe, CEO  
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24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Visit Cambridge our partners and Cambridge City Council, I fully support the bid of the local organising committee to host the International Neurotrauma Symposium 2024 in Cambridge.

With London Stansted Airport 30 minutes by either road or rail and central London only 45 minutes by train, Cambridge is easily accessible for both domestic and international delegates.

Cambridge is one of the UK's most iconic cities. Its elegant centre is framed by architectural triumphs and steeped with history as countless poets, philosophers, scientists, medics, engineers, actors, members of the Royal Family, prime ministers and Nobel Prize Winners have all left their mark on the city.

As the UK's 8th most popular city for inbound tourists, international visitors to Cambridge are welcomed and well catered for. Visitors can enjoy the quintessentially English pastime of punting along the River Cam or take one of Visit Cambridge's Official Guided walking tours that feature a privileged insight into the University of Cambridge colleges as well as the breathtaking King's College Chapel.

The city also boasts the country's highest concentration of internationally renowned collections outside London. There are a whole host of independent galleries and exhibitions to choose from that display pieces from local and international artists including the magnificent Fitzwilliam Museum (the arts and antiquities museum for the University of Cambridge) and contemporary galleries and exhibition spaces such as Kettle's Yard.

With the addition of a wide range of independent and national retail brands and an abundance of restaurants, cafes and bars, I am confident that the city of Cambridge would be a successful choice socially.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Sandison  
On behalf of Visit Cambridge



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# The Programme

Date	31 August – 1 September Saturday/Sunday	2 September Monday	3 September Tuesday	4 September Wednesday	5 September Thursday
07.30 – 08.30	Pre-conference course/satellite symposium	Breakfast Symposium	Breakfast Symposium	Breakfast Symposium	Breakfast Symposium
09.30 – 10.30		Opening	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
10.30 – 11.30		Coffee Break/Poster Sessions/Exhibition	Coffee Break/Poster Sessions/Exhibition	Coffee Break/ Poster Sessions/ Exhibition	Coffee Break/ Poster Sessions/Exhibition
11.00 – 12.00		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions
12.00 – 1.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.30 – 2.30		Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
2.30 – 3.00		Refreshments/Poster Session/Exhibition	Refreshments/Poster Session/Exhibition	Refreshments/Poster Session/Exhibition	
3.00 – 4.00		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	
6.00 – 7.00		Welcome Reception	Public Lecture	President's Dinner	Gala Dinner
8.00 – 10.00					

## Key Topics

**NeuroTrauma 2024 will include a wide range of topical sessions including:**

- ✓ Neurocritical Care
- ✓ Brain Physics
- ✓ Neurochemistry and Metabolism
- ✓ Advanced Monitoring and Personalised Care
- ✓ Clinical Trials
- ✓ Advanced Neuroimaging
- ✓ Big Data in Intensive Care
- ✓ Spinal Cord Injury
- ✓ Neuroinflammation
- ✓ Pre-clinical Models and Therapeutics
- ✓ Biomarkers
- ✓ Concussion/Mild TBI
- ✓ TBI in Low and Middle Income Countries
- ✓ Neurological Plasticity and Regeneration

This is an indicative programme only

# Welcome to Cambridge

Where a warm hello, good service and friendly smiles await...

Cambridge is one of the best small cities in the UK, situated in the East of England and 50 miles north of London. With a population of approximately 143,653 including 21,000 students; the world-famous University and its Colleges are at its core. Founded in 1209, it's the world's third-oldest University boasting 90 affiliated Nobel Laureates.

Visitors to Cambridge can immerse themselves in academic ambience and follow in the footsteps of famous Alumni in a city that has been at the heart of world-changing discoveries for centuries.

*“Cambridge is a place of innovation where entrepreneurial spirit is embraced and where ideas flourish”*

The city leads the way in innovation, research, science and technology; there's a tangible passion for the sharing of knowledge between academia and business, it's where great minds meet and where delegates can escape the norm for an experience like no other.

Being a compact city, the medieval streets of the historic centre are easily discovered on foot, or in the traditional way - by bicycle!



Delegates will find a vibrant arts and cultural scene, and an eclectic mix of museums, cinemas, art galleries, pubs and restaurants, all within a few minutes' walk from the meeting venues.

Accommodation options cover every preference and budget, from single study bedrooms to penthouse suites, in the University's Colleges, and at a range of 3\* and 4\* hotels, all situated throughout the centre and close to conference facilities.

In the wider region, visitors will discover excellent options for social activities and interesting places to visit; the home of horse-racing, Newmarket, the historic Wool Towns of Suffolk or the beaches of Norfolk are just a short distance away and together with London on the doorstep, the choice for day trips and pre or post conference vacations are endless.

*“  
Follow in the footsteps  
of famous Alumni in a  
city that has been at the  
heart of world-changing  
discoveries for centuries.  
”*





# The Cambridge Experience

## A host of visitor attractions and interesting activities ...

The essential part of any Cambridge experience is a **punting tour** along the River Cam through the famous College Backs. Under the guidance of expert chauffeurs, visitors can glide along one of the most beautiful stretches of river in the UK to hear Cambridge's story brought to life amongst spectacular scenery.

Every building has a story to tell, discover Cambridge's Royal connections or learn all about the city's incredible scientific pedigree on a range of **specialist walking tours**. Discover the College where Charles Darwin penned Origin of the Species, rooms where Isaac Newton developed the theory of gravity or a good old English pub where Watson & Crick announced they'd cracked the mystery of DNA! There's something for everyone and every interest.

With **seven square miles of green public space** to enjoy and one of the driest climates in the UK, there are lots of opportunities to get outdoors, from a stroll through the University's Botanic Gardens, with 40 acres of plants from all over the world, to riding some of the city's 80 miles of lanes and tracks dedicated to two wheels.

Cambridge has more **museums, galleries and collections** within a square mile than any other UK city outside of London. Offering free entry to visitors, the University's Museums house over five million works-of-art and antiquities in stunning surroundings.

The city is packed with iconic buildings, from **King's College Chapel**, which took 100 years to build to the Round Church, one of only five remaining in the UK. In quiet cloisters and medieval courts, visitors will find ancient buildings dedicated to academia and prayer.

Cambridge is a **haven for foodies**, there's a host of choice, from fine-dining in a two Michelin-starred restaurant to a range of artisan eateries, cafés, tea gardens, traditional pubs, micro-breweries, champagne and cocktails bars.

For those that like to shop, visitors will enjoy the choice of **two shopping centres**, high street stores, a daily market, designer boutiques and a range of independent stores.



# Getting to Cambridge

## A central location, less than an hour from London...

Cambridge is situated in the East of England, 50 miles north of London and well placed for easy access by road, rail and air.

Visitors travelling from central London and from the Eurostar terminus at St Pancras can be in Cambridge in approximately 60 minutes on one of the fast train services operating to and from London King's Cross.

London Stansted airport is situated 30 miles south of Cambridge and offers several routes to and from Europe and other UK destinations. For travel from the airport into the city, visitors can choose direct train or bus services, or Cambridge can be reached quickly and easily by taxi.

London Gatwick, London Heathrow and London Luton are all within 1-2 hours' drive of Cambridge and accessible by public transport via connecting bus and train services in London.

For those who prefer to drive from mainland Europe or further afield, the port of Harwich is less than 2 hours from Cambridge.



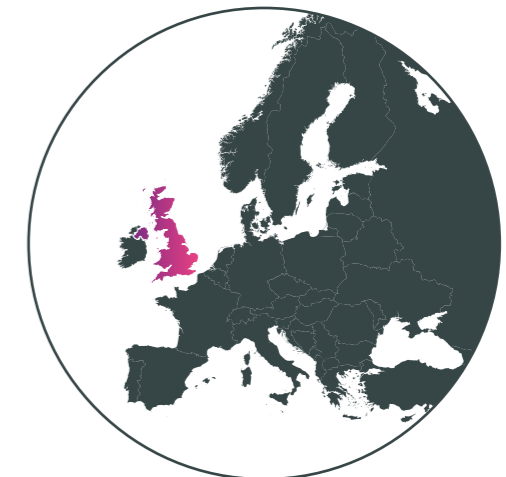
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Approximately an hour from London stations and Eurostar connections.



1-2 hours

from major airports



# Venues

**Unique, historic spaces in the very heart of Cambridge city centre...**

NeuroTrauma 2024 will be a unique, multi-site event where delegates will have an immersive experience; the city itself will be our venue! Plenary sessions will take place in Cambridge's iconic Corn Exchange with the exhibition, poster sessions and refreshments in the adjacent, historic Guildhalls. We have secured access to University of Cambridge auditoria for the parallel sessions and by special arrangement, the pre-conference course and side meetings will be hosted across the famous University of Cambridge Colleges.



## The Cambridge Corn Exchange

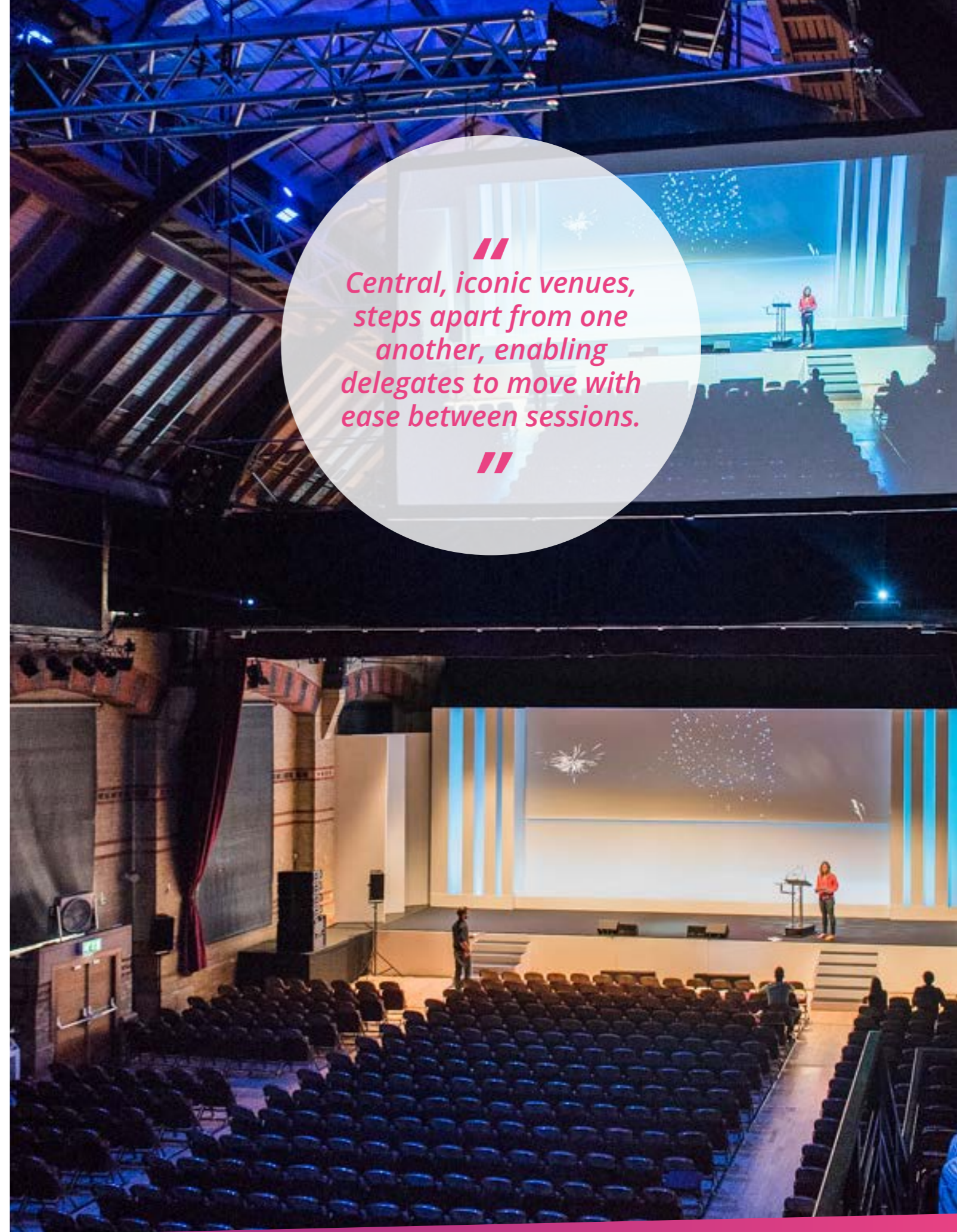
Dating back to the 18th century, the Cambridge Corn Exchange is an impressive example of Victorian and 1930s architecture featuring stunning, high vaulted ceilings and arched walls.

Grade II listed with 21st Century technology, the building is the largest event space in the centre of Cambridge, situated just steps away from the famous King's Parade and King's College Chapel, in the heart of the city's historic centre. At 456 square metres, the auditorium seats up to 1400 attendees, it offers a range of options including flexible staging, flat-floor and tiered seating, several smaller meeting rooms and a welcoming foyer area.



## The Cambridge Guildhalls

Poster sessions, refreshments and exhibition space will be in The Cambridge Guildhalls, directly opposite the Cambridge Corn Exchange. This historic building contains two large, flat-floored halls offering a spacious combined floor area of 330 square metres. A range of smaller meeting rooms and an impressive entrance foyer are also available for use. All the facilities are on first floor level with access by stairs or lifts.



**Central, iconic venues,  
steps apart from one  
another, enabling  
delegates to move with  
ease between sessions.**



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## Parallel Sessions

Parallel sessions will take place in sizeable modern lecture theatres at the University of Cambridge, selected to ensure sufficient capacity, as well as for their proximity to the Cambridge Corn Exchange, enabling delegates to move easily and quickly between sessions, the exhibition and the poster presentations.

## Pre-conference Course and Side Meetings

The historic University of Cambridge Colleges will provide additional meeting facilities including boardrooms, teaching rooms and smaller lecture theatres all chosen to complement the main venues and to offer flexible options for the pre-conference course and smaller gatherings.

## Highlights

- ✓ Unique spaces in the historic heart of the city
- ✓ Largest auditorium in Cambridge
- ✓ Accommodating up to 1400 delegates
- ✓ Two spacious exhibition halls
- ✓ Parallel sessions at University of Cambridge auditoria
- ✓ A range of smaller meeting spaces in iconic Cambridge Colleges

# Social Activities

**Exclusive, exceptional experiences offering a feast for the senses**

## Welcome Reception

**King's College, University of Cambridge**

The world-famous King's College perfectly befits the importance of NeuroTrauma 2024, delegates will be treated to an exceptional welcome experience against the backdrop of the iconic King's College Chapel, which took around 100 years to build!

Delegates attending NeuroTrauma 2024 will be welcomed in style in a venue that befits this important occasion.

## President's Dinner

**Magdalene College, University of Cambridge**

Guests will be invited to join the president for a special gathering at Magdalene College, a Tudor building, founded in 1542 and situated on the banks of the River Cam. The College Dining Hall will be the setting for dinner; a beautiful 16th century room, where guests dine by candlelight below the stunning stained-glass windows and the Heraldic arms of Queen Anne.

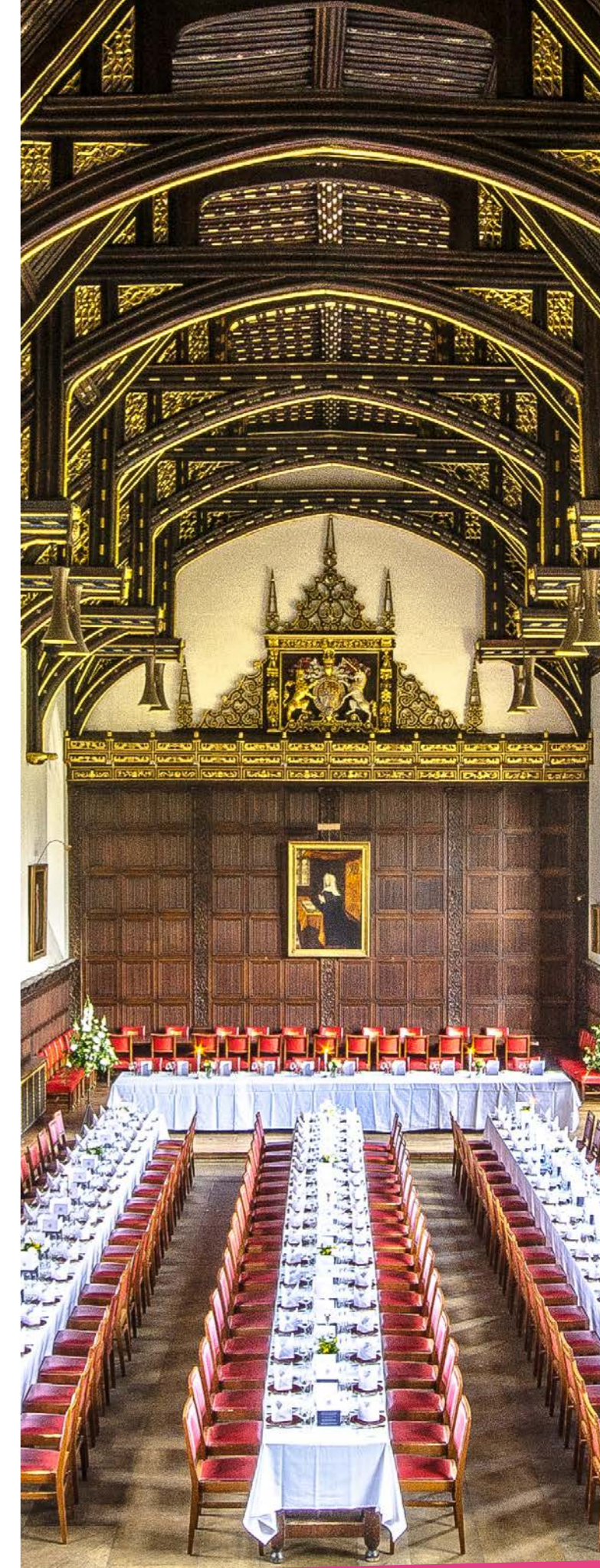
## The Gala Dinner

**The University of Cambridge Colleges**

The gala dinner will be hosted across several of the Cambridge Colleges giving visitors an exceptional and unique opportunity to experience Cambridge from the inside.

Dinner will be served in the traditional Cambridge style on long tables in iconic, ancient halls selected specifically for their stunning architectural beauty and historic importance.

Guests will enjoy pre dinner drinks in the College gardens before settling down to a gala feast of local food, fine wines and port.





# Accommodation in Cambridge

## Central locations, style and choice to suit every budget...

Delegates will be able to choose from a wide range of accommodation options all situated within a five to 20 minutes' walk from the Cambridge Corn Exchange.

### Stay in a Cambridge College

There can be no better way to experience the atmosphere of Cambridge, than to stay in one of its beautiful Colleges.

*“This is a unique opportunity to experience what life would have been like for famed thinkers, scientists, poets and mathematicians”*

This is a unique opportunity to experience what life would have been like for famed thinkers, scientists, poets and mathematicians as they walked in quiet courts and gardens or breakfasted in the College Hall.

By special arrangement, we aim to share this collegiate experience with NeuroTrauma 2024 delegates. Some of the most historic Colleges offer accommodation to the standards of leading hotels, and delegates to NeuroTrauma 2024 may choose to stay in excellent en suite rooms or single study bedrooms with shared facilities. They will eat breakfast in the Colleges.



The Colleges offer, single, double and twin rooms. Currently, the average nightly rate for Bed and Breakfast in a Cambridge College is £80 per person, per night, for a single en suite room and £62 per person, per night, for a bedroom with shared bathroom facilities.

### Hotels

The city offers a range of other lodging options in the central areas and further afield. Delegates can choose from budget accommodation as well as a range of 3\*, 4\* and boutique hotels.

The current average nightly rate for Bed & Breakfast in a central Cambridge hotel is £143 per room, per night for an en suite room.

### Serviced Apartments

A number of self-catering properties, offering flexible accommodation for families, can also be found in close proximity to the Cambridge Corn Exchange.



# Budget

## Registration fees

Earlybird registration	Fee
Full registration	£490.00
Resident, Postdoc, PhD Student registration	£350.00
One Day	£270.00
Regular registration	
Full registration	£550.00
Resident, Postdoc, PhD Student registration	£380.00
One Day	£290.00
Late/onsite registration	
Full registration	£650.00
Resident, Postdoc, PhD Student registration	£480.00
One Day	£370.00

## Provisional budget overview based on 490 registrations

Income	
Registration fees	£216,000
INTS support for speakers	£35,000
Sponsorship and advertising	£50,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£301,000</b>
Expenditure	
Marketing and promotion	£11,200
Audio visual equipment and staff	£50,000
Venue hire	£48,000
Invited speakers, chairs and prizes	£17,400
Social programme	£47,300
Catering	£32,000
Stewarding	£9,400
General expenses	£15,700
PCO fees, including staff, registration system, ticketing	£70,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£301,000</b>

The local committee is committed to ensuring that NeuroTrauma 2024 will be an inclusive congress; to extend the reach of the congress and to ensure it is accessible to attendees from low to middle income countries, we have the option to produce the event as a hybrid congress allowing remote access for an approximate additional expenditure of £60,000.

### The local committee declares that:

- INTS will not be responsible in the event of a revenue loss from hosting NeuroTrauma 2024
- Any profit will be shared
- An audited statement of account will be submitted to INTS within 9 months from the conclusion of NeuroTrauma 2024

### Travel Awards

A minimum of 20 awards of up to £500 per person will be available. Criteria will be based on abstract scores which will be weighted towards students, and attendees from low and middle income countries.

# VisitBritain Business Events Growth Programme

**As the national tourism agency, VisitBritain offers financial support to international events that are held in the UK.**

Through the Business Events Growth Programme, it is possible to apply for funds up to the value of £20,000 per event to boost international attendance.

Applications requiring more than £20,000 per event, will also be considered if they backed by a strong business case.

Should Cambridge be selected and if the programme remains in operation, we would be eligible to apply to this fund.



# Professional Conference Organiser Services

## Efficient solutions, strategic thinking and a creative approach...

NeuroTrauma 2024 will be working with Suzy Howes & associates ltd to deliver conference organisation services pre, during and post conference.

Suzy Howes & associates ltd. is an event management specialist, based in Cambridge, with over 20 years' experience in conferences and events. The business is based on an associate model, consisting of a team of experts with significant event experience in the USA, Europe and the UK.

Each associate has particular strengths and enthusiasms which when combined make for a powerful, committed team.

In addition to typical event-based knowledge, the associates bring compelling business connections and offer complementary skills including research, statistics and strategic marketing expertise.

They have extensive experience of working with the University of Cambridge and Cambridge venues and they offer a compelling combination of strategic thinking and meticulous attention to detail.

Suzy Howes & associates ltd. is a member of the Association of British Professional Conference Organisers.

## Current and past clients include:

### University of Cambridge

- ✓ Cambridge-MIT Institute
- ✓ Corporate Liaison Office
- ✓ Department of Biochemistry
- ✓ Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy
- ✓ Engineering Department
- ✓ Judge Institute of Management Studies
- ✓ Psychometrics Centre
- ✓ Sainsbury Laboratory
- ✓ Vice-Chancellor's Office

### Addenbrooke's Hospital

- ✓ Dept of Paediatric Gastroenterology
- ✓ Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- ✓ Wolfson Diabetes & Endocrine Clinic

- ✓ Alliance of Sector Skills Council
- ✓ Atlas Venture
- ✓ AWE
- ✓ British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies
- ✓ Bell English
- ✓ Cambridge Commonwealth, European & International Trust
- ✓ Cambridge Network
- ✓ Computer Science Department, University of Bristol
- ✓ Educational Centres Association
- ✓ Financial Dynamics
- ✓ Howard Foundation

- ✓ HSBC
- ✓ IDG Ventures
- ✓ National Nuclear Laboratory
- ✓ Natural England
- ✓ NHS SW Essex
- ✓ Omobono
- ✓ Ridgeons Ltd
- ✓ Saffron Hall
- ✓ Sagentia
- ✓ SAP Higher Education and Research User Group
- ✓ Society of Legal Scholars
- ✓ The Foundry House
- ✓ The Royal Society

# Conference and Events Bureau

## Creating exceptional events in Cambridge...

The local organising committee for NeuroTrauma 2024 is fully supported by Meet Cambridge, the Conference and Events Bureau for the city of Cambridge and the only official venue-finding service for spaces at the University of Cambridge and its Colleges.

Meet Cambridge is committed to supporting NeuroTrauma 2024 and offers a programme of free services including venue-finding, bid support and free marketing resources.

Meet Cambridge also provides a gateway to other city stakeholders allowing the local organising committee access to discounts on attractions, free visitor apps and other facilities.



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