



Neuroanaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland 2012 ASM, Belfast

Venue information

Welcome to Belfast

We are delighted to host the NASGBI Annual Scientific Meeting in what has become a top conference destination. Belfast is rated as one of the most popular city break destinations in Europe. Discover a city of award winning venues, hotels, culture and legendary hospitality. <http://www.gotobelfast.com>



With three airports, direct sea crossings from Scotland and England and a direct rail link from Dublin, getting to Belfast and Northern Ireland has never been easier.

Belfast is served by two airports, Belfast International Airport, 17 miles north west of Belfast and the George Best Belfast City Airport, three miles east of the city centre. Regular scheduled ferry services to Belfast Port and Larne Harbour (35 minutes drive north of Belfast) operate from Stranraer, Troon and Cairnryan in Scotland, Fleetwood and Birkenhead (Liverpool) in England and Douglas in The Isle of Man. An Enterprise train service runs 8 times daily from Belfast to Dublin. There are a number of car hire companies with offices in Belfast. Most have depots at both the Belfast International and George Best Belfast City Airports.

Belfast Waterfront Hall

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The Annual Scientific Meeting will take place in the Studio of the Belfast Waterfront Hall. The Waterfront Hall is located just ten minutes walk from the city centre, adjacent to the Belfast Hilton Hotel. Since opening in 1997 it has welcomed more than five million visitors, hosted more than 2,000 national and international conferences and staged more than 3,400 arts and entertainment events.



The highlights of this year's Scientific Programme include:

- *Six CPD update sessions*
- *Anaesthesia for awake craniotomy* – Dr Judith Dinsmore, London
- *Cerebrovascular autoregulation* – Dr Arun Gupta, Cambridge
- *Extracorporeal lung support in the Neuro ITU* – Dr Simon Finney, London
- *RAIN Study: preliminary results* – Dr David Harrison, ICNARC
- *Anaesthesia for MRI- guided Neurosurgery* – Dr Sally Wilson, London
- *Emerging therapies in Interventional Neuroradiology* – Dr Peter Flynn, Belfast

We will also be running some parallel workshop sessions. These will take the format of case-based discussions and simulated scenarios. The number of participants to these will be limited so early booking at the time of registration is advised. The workshops include:

- *Care Pathways in Simulation*
- *Ethical Dilemmas*
- *Analgesic Techniques for Spinal Surgery*
- *Chronic Back Pain*

Titanic Belfast

This year marks the centenary of the tragic sinking of the Titanic on 15th April 1912. The NASGBI President's Reception and Annual Dinner will take place in the new Titanic Centre. This will be a "must see" visit in any tour of Belfast and Northern Ireland. It is located in the heart of Belfast, on the slipways where RMS Titanic was built. Inside this iconic building, visitors will re-live the entire Titanic story from her birth in Belfast to the fateful maiden voyage and her eventual discovery on the seabed.

The President's Reception is free for all registered delegates. The Dinner is priced at £60 and will follow the Reception. It will be served in one of the elegant Titanic Suites located on the 5th and 6th floors of the building. The Suites offer elegant surroundings in a unique design based on the original Titanic's opulent interior.

Visit <http://titanicbelfast.com> for more information and a virtual tour.

