

IARU Presidents' Meeting  
University of Cambridge, 23-25 May 2022

## Travel Information & Meeting Guidance

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### Program at a Glance

*Meeting Venue: Assembly Room, Howard Building, Downing College*

#### Monday, 23 May

- 14:15 Wren Library visit and tour, Trinity College (Optional)
- 15:15 *Bus transportation from Trinity College to Downing College for those who visited the Wren Library.*
- 15:30 Welcome afternoon tea reception (all meeting attendees)
- 16:15 Welcome address from the IARU Chair
- 16:30 **Session 1: International scientific collaboration**
- 17:30 End of first day

#### Evening

- 19:00 Pre-dinner drinks, Graham Storey Room, Trinity Hall (*smart casual attire*)
- 19:30 Welcome Dinner, Graham Storey Room, Trinity Hall

## Tuesday, 24 May

- 08:15 Refreshments will be on offer to attendees on arrival
- 08:30 **Session 2: Presidents' Regional Roundup – reflecting on university leadership today**
- 10:00 Morning break
- 10:30 **Session 3: Maintaining connectivity while reducing our carbon footprint**
- 12:00 Presidents' photo session, followed by private lunch for the Presidents at 12:15. The lunch will take place in the West Lodge, close to the Howard Building.
- 12:00 Lunch (non-Presidents)
- 13:00 **Session 4: Building a mentoring culture for successful academic careers**
- 14:00 Short break
- 14:15 **Session 5: What does it mean to be a global alliance in an age of growing nationalism and regionalism?**
- 15:45 Short break
- 16:00 **Session 6: Selected IARU Group Presentations**
- 17:00 End of second day
- 17:30 Evensong service at King's College Chapel (Optional). Attendees will be led from Downing College to King's College (a 15-minute walk).

### Evening

- 19:00 Pre-dinner drinks, Old Senior Combination Room, Queens' College (*formal business attire*)
- 19:30 Formal Dinner, Munro Room\*, Queens' College

*\* Please note that due to minimum guest requirements, dinner will no longer be served in the Old Hall as originally planned.*

## Wednesday, 25 May

- 08:15 Refreshments will be on offer to attendees on arrival
- 08:30 **Session 7: The future of work**
- 09:45 **Session 8: IARU Chair and Secretariat 2023–25**
- 10:00 Morning break
- 10:30 **Session 9: IARU Business Matters**
- 12:00 Concluding remarks
- 12:10 Lunch
- 13:00 *Bus transportation from Downing College to Cambridge University Botanic Gardens*

13:15 Visit to Sainsbury's Laboratory, followed by reception in the Botanic Gardens (Optional)

15:00 End of meeting

*Bus transportation from Botanic Gardens to University Arms Hotel*

## Travel Information

### Getting to Cambridge

The nearest major airport to Cambridge is London Stansted, although most visitors will arrive at London Heathrow or London Gatwick airports. The Cambridge train station is approximate 20 minutes' walk from the centre of Cambridge. Taxis are available straight outside the main station entrance and the cost of the journey to the University Arms Hotel is approximately £10.

### Travelling from London Heathrow

- Take the Heathrow Express train from Heathrow Central to Paddington, before changing onto the London Underground (either Hammersmith and City, or Circle Lines) to Kings Cross Station. You can then change to national rail services to Cambridge. Trains run approximately every 30 minutes. The journey time from Heathrow to Paddington is around 15 minutes and, depending on the service, the journey between Kings Cross and Cambridge is between 50 minutes and 1.5 hours.
- Alternatively, there is also a National Express coach service from Heathrow Airport to Cambridge. The journey time is around 2.5 hours.

### Travelling from London Gatwick

- Take the Thameslink train to London St Pancras International; the journey time is around 45 minutes. Kings Cross Station is next to St Pancras International and you can take national rail services to Cambridge from there. Trains run every 30 minutes and, depending on the service, the journey is between 50 minutes and 1.5 hours.
- Alternatively, there is also a National Express coach service that goes via Heathrow airport to Cambridge. The journey time is around 4 hours.

### Travelling from London Stansted

- There are direct trains from London Stansted airport to Cambridge with a journey time of 30 minutes.
- There are also frequent National Express coach services to Cambridge with a journey time of 1 hour.

### Travelling by Car

- If an alternative to public transport is desired, the University has used Blue Rose Cars for its senior leadership in the past. To book a driver to or from Cambridge, please contact [blurosecars@btinternet.com](mailto:blurosecars@btinternet.com)

### Hotel

University Arms Hotel  
Regent Street

Cambridge  
CB2 1AD  
+44 (0)1223 606066  
[Enquiries@universityarms.com](mailto:Enquiries@universityarms.com)

## COVID-19 Travel Information

For overseas attendees, please be aware that you must comply with the United Kingdom's rules for travellers arriving in England. **Before travelling, we strongly encourage you to read [the latest online guidance](#).**

At the time of writing this guidance, whether you are vaccinated or not, you do not need to complete a passenger locator form before arriving in the UK, take any COVID-19 tests before or after you travel to the UK, or quarantine upon arrival.

The Secretariat will monitor the situation and keep all attendees informed in case of major disruption. If any attendee tests positive for COVID-19 shortly before travelling and is unable to travel, or if travel becomes difficult due to unexpected changes in national travel rules, please email the Secretariat as soon as possible and hybrid meeting details will be distributed so that affected attendees can participate remotely.

Please take care to check travel requirements for the airlines you intend to fly with, and entry requirements for your home country applicable to those travelling from the UK.

## COVID-19 Testing

If your home country requires you to complete a COVID-19 test before your return journey, the [Cambridge Regenerative Clinic](#) is located 5 minutes' walk from the University Arms Hotel and offers Fit-to-Fly testing and documentation.

## COVID-19 Regulations in the UK

Within the UK, all domestic restrictions related to COVID-19 have been removed. There is no requirement to wear a mask either indoors or outdoors, but transport providers and transport hubs may encourage you to do so. UK public health information about how to reduce the spread of respiratory communicable diseases like COVID-19 is available [online](#).

The meeting room will be well-ventilated when possible and hand sanitizer will be made available for attendees. Attendees are free to wear masks if they feel more comfortable doing so.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive while in the UK there is no legal requirement to isolate, although the UK Government guidance is still to avoid close contact with others where possible. We ask that you do not continue to attend the meeting and contact the Secretariat as soon as possible. We will do our best to support you during your visit.

Moreover, if you test positive while in the UK this may affect the travel and arrival requirements for your home country. We encourage you to check the relevant rules before travel.

## Meeting Information

### Meeting Tome access

In the spirit of sustainability, the Presidents' Meeting 2022 Tome will only be provided online via the Presidents' Meeting webpage: <http://www.iaruni.org/about/pm2022info>

The log-in details for the IARU website are:

**Username:** iarumtgs

**Password:** iaru-d0cs

You may wish to download a copy of the Tome to your device before the meeting. The agenda on the Presidents' Meeting webpage provides direct links to each of the session papers, for ease of reference. If you encounter any problems accessing this material, please let the Secretariat know.

### Downing College wifi access

Individual log-in details for Downing College's wifi network will be given to you at registration and will be printed on the back of your name tag. Please do let the Secretariat know if you encounter any problems joining the wifi network.

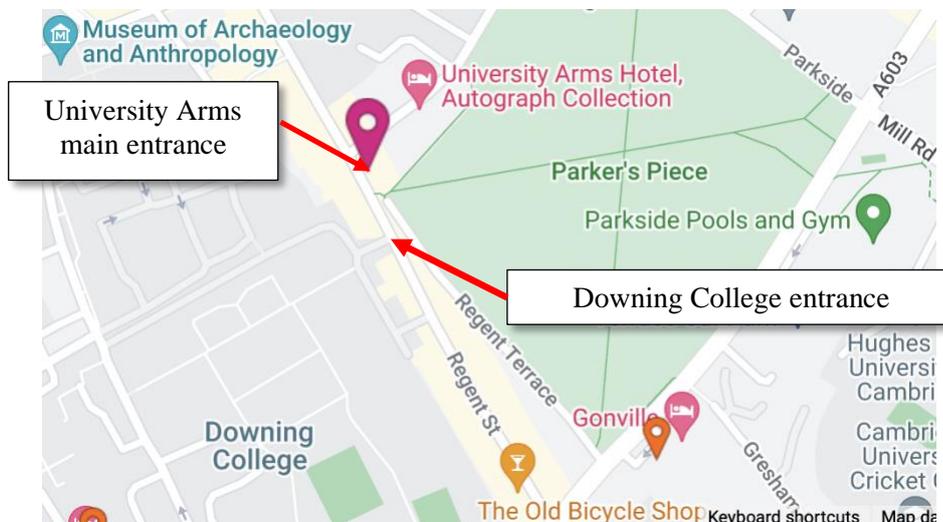
When joining the network, your laptop will most likely discover it automatically. It broadcasts its name as 'UniOfCam' and is unencrypted. You can accept the connection when prompted, or if it doesn't appear automatically, you should find it and connect via the 'wireless networks' manager on your computer.

After your basic wireless connection is established, you should open your browser. The UniOfCam log-on page will appear in place of any web page you attempt to access, until you enter the Ticket-Id and Password as prompted on the 'VISITORS' section on the right half of the logon page.

### Meeting Venue

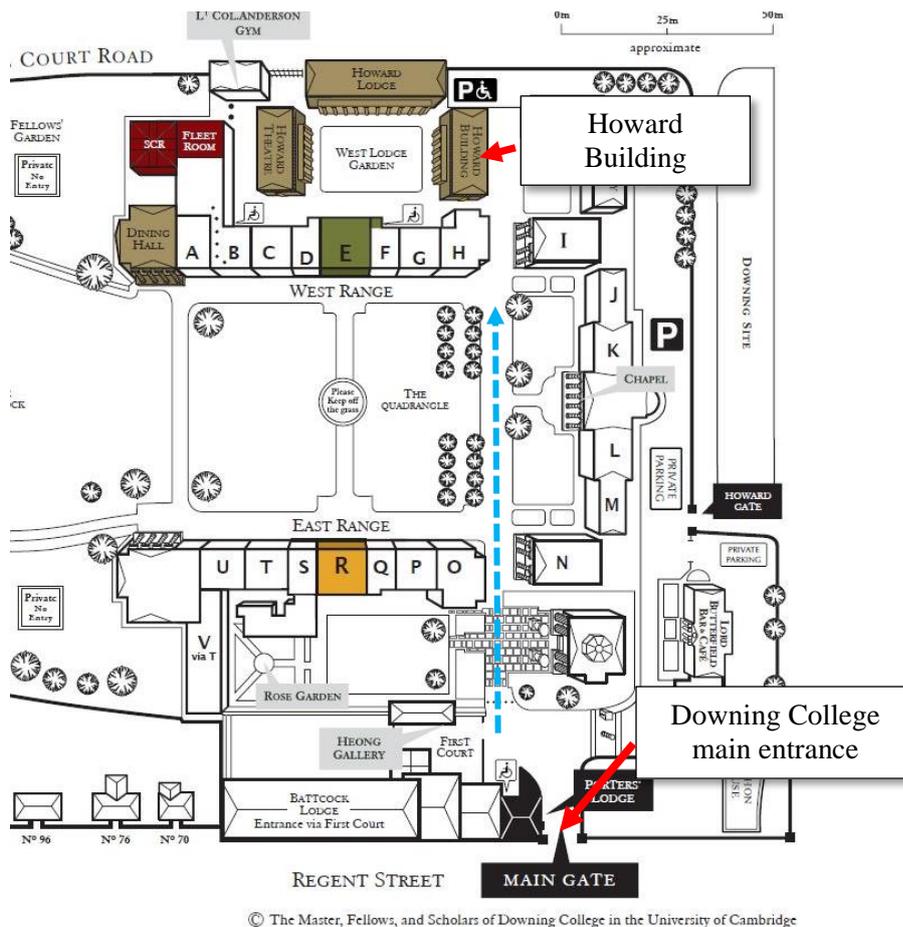
The meeting will be hybrid, to allow our colleagues at Peking University to participate and to ensure that any attendee who is unable to travel to the UK or attend due to COVID will still be able to join us.

All meeting sessions will be held in the Howard Building, Downing College. Downing College is conveniently located near the University Arms – exit the hotel from the main entrance, turn left and Downing College can be found across the road.



Signs will lead you from the main entrance of Downing College to the Howard Building. Refreshments and lunch will be available downstairs in the Reception Room, while the meeting sessions will take place in the Assembly Room on the first floor.

Please note that the meeting will be taking place during the Cambridge examination period. We therefore kindly request that, when on the grounds of the colleges that will be hosting elements of the meeting (Trinity College, Downing College, Trinity Hall, Queens' College), attendees please keep noise to a minimum. Colleges also ask visitors not to walk on lawns or smoke on college grounds. Attendees are welcome to enjoy refreshments and lunch in the West Lodge Garden immediately outside the Howard Building.



## Dinner Arrangements and Transport for Optional Visits

### Monday 23 May: Wren Library, Trinity College

Attendees can assemble outside the great gate of Trinity College on Trinity Street and will then be lead to the Wren Library for a private tour. Bus transportation will be provided at 15:15 to take delegates to Downing College for the welcome afternoon tea that will begin at 15:30.

### Monday 23 May: Drinks Reception and Dinner, Trinity Hall

Guests should enter through the main entrance to Trinity Hall on Trinity Lane, proceed through the Porter's Lodge, walk straight across the front courtyard, through two sets of double doors and then turn right into the Graham Storey Room. Signs will be provided.

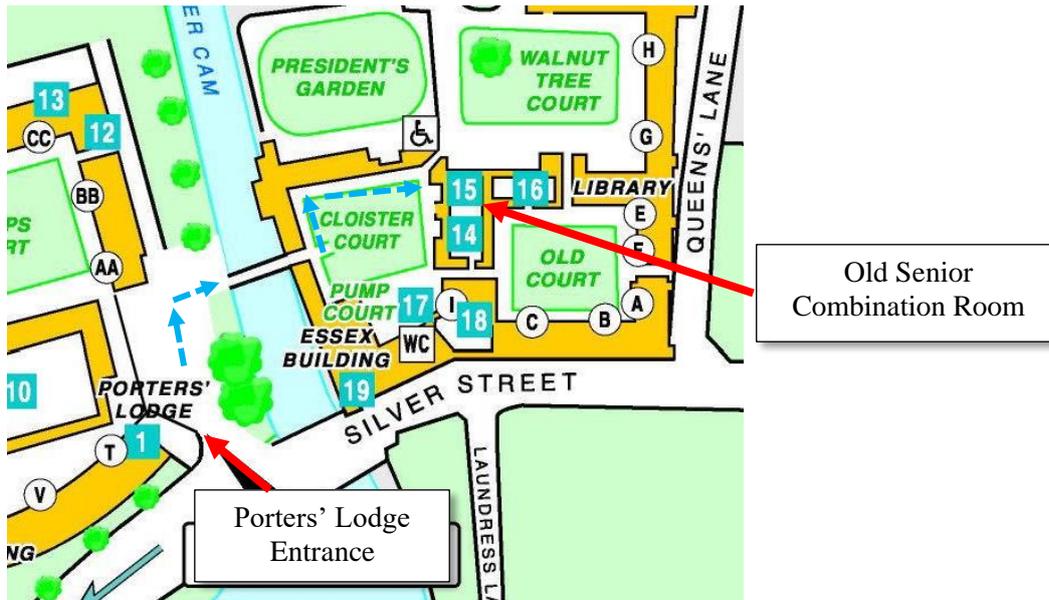


### Tuesday 24 May: Evensong, King's College Chapel

Attendees will be led as a group from Downing College to King's College Chapel for choral Evensong at 17:30.

### Tuesday 24 May: Drinks Reception and Dinner, Queens' College

Enter Queens' College through the Porters' Lodge on Silver Street by the bridge (you will need to press the buzzer for access). Walk through the Porters' Lodge to the riverside garden and cross the Mathematical Bridge. Cross Cloister Court and straight ahead there is a black door leading to the Old Senior Combination Room. Dinner will be served at 7:30pm in the Munro Room, next door. Signs will be provided.



### Wednesday 25 May: Sainsbury Laboratory and Botanic Gardens

Bus transportation will be provided from Downing College for those who wish to attend the tour of the Sainsbury Laboratory and reception at the Botanic Gardens. There are facilities to store luggage at the laboratory for those departing straight after the reception for Cambridge train station. Please inform the Secretariat in advance if you would like to store luggage at the laboratory.

### Useful Links

[Panther Taxis](#) – +44 (0)1223 715715

[Cambridge City Taxis](#) – +44 (0)1223 832832

[Cambridge Public Transport](#) – bus timetables and guided busway details

[Cambridge Tourist Information](#) – what's on, food and drink, shopping and attractions in Cambridge

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