



# Presidents' Meeting 2022 Registration Guidance: Draft Outline Agenda and Meeting Information

## Introduction

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This guidance is intended to help you make travel and accommodation arrangements, and to decide if you would like to attend the side events that have been planned as part of the meeting programme. A final agenda will be distributed in advance of the meeting, along with additional practical information about Cambridge and the venues that will be hosting us. The main meeting venue is Downing College, in the centre of Cambridge.

We would be grateful if all attendees could register for the meeting using the link below:

[IARU Presidents' Meeting 2022 Registration \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

Thank you for registering, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Secretariat ([iaru@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:iaru@admin.cam.ac.uk)).

## Draft Outline Agenda

### Monday, 23 May

14:00 (Optional) Wren Library Visit  
15:30 Welcome Reception  
16:30 First Session (TBC)  
17:30 End of first day

19:00 *Drinks Reception and Welcome Dinner, Trinity Hall*

### Tuesday, 24 May

08:30 Second Session: Presidents' Regional Roundup & Discussion  
10:00 Morning Break  
10:30 Second Session: Topical Discussion '*Maintaining connectivity while reducing our carbon footprint*'  
12:00 Lunch  
13:15 Third Session: Topical Discussion '*What does it mean to be a global alliance in an age of rising nationalism and regionalism?*'  
14:45 Afternoon Break  
15:15 Fourth Session (TBC)  
16:00 Fifth Session: Presentations from IARU Groups  
17:00 End of second day  
17:30 (Optional) Evensong Service at King's College Chapel

19:00 *Drinks Reception and Formal Dinner, Queens' College*

### Wednesday, 25 May

08:30 Sixth Session (TBC)



- 10:00 Morning Break
- 10:30 Seventh Session: IARU Business Matters
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 (Optional) Visit to Sainsbury Laboratory, followed by refreshments until 15:00

## 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. The information provided here is taken from the UK Government's online guidance and is correct at the time of circulation. Please remember that rules may subsequently change.

**Before travelling, we strongly encourage you to read the UK Government's online guidance about the following:**

- [COVID-19 entry requirements for overseas travellers arriving in England](#)
- [What it means to be 'fully vaccinated' and what proof of vaccination you must be able to provide](#)

In summary, **if you can show that you are fully vaccinated** you will not need to take any COVID-19 tests before or after you arrive in the UK, and you will not need to quarantine. You will, however, need to complete a passenger location form in the three days before you arrive in the UK. **If you are not fully vaccinated**, you will need to take tests before and after you arrive in the UK – please see the online guidance (linked above) for further details.

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.

## Getting to Cambridge

The nearest major airport to Cambridge is London Stansted, although most visitors will arrive at London Heathrow or London Gatwick airports.

### 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.

## Booking Accommodation



As with all IARU meetings, attendees are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. **The University Arms Hotel** is the recommended hotel for this year's Presidents' Meeting. The hotel, one of the oldest in Cambridge, opened in 1834 and recently underwent extensive renovations. It is approximately 2 minutes' walk from the meeting venue at Downing College. Most university buildings, colleges, and Cambridge town centre attractions are within easy walking distance.

The Secretariat has secured special rates for PM 2022 attendees. The standard room available is the Cosy room. For those who would like more space, the King Classic and Superior rooms are also available.

[The booking link can be accessed here](#), and is also provided as part of the online registration form.



We ask you to indicate if you intend to stay at the hotel as part of your registration. **We encourage you to book at your earliest convenience, since the hotel is unable to hold rooms.** Should you wish to stay elsewhere, other hotels in or near the centre of Cambridge include:

- The Regent, Regent Street (2 minutes' walk from Downing College)
- The Hilton Cambridge City Centre, Downing Street (5 minutes' walk)
- The Graduate, Granta Place (15 minutes' walk)

## Side Programme Information

### Visit to the Wren Library, Trinity College (Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May)



In honour of the IARU Presidents' Meeting, we have arranged a private visit to the renowned Wren Library at Trinity College, designed by Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1695. The library houses a great number of rare books and manuscripts, including the Capell collection of Shakespeariana, many books from the library of Sir Isaac Newton and over 1,200 Western manuscripts from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The Wren Library Archivist has kindly agreed to exhibit some of the treasured items from the library's outstanding collections. Those attending this special tour will then be able to join the welcome reception at Downing College at 3:30pm. The Wren Library is 15 minutes' walk from the University Arms and Downing College.



## **Welcome Dinner, Graham Storey Room, Trinity Hall (Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May )**



Our Welcome Dinner takes place on the first evening of the meeting in the Graham Storey Room at Trinity Hall, one of the oldest colleges in Cambridge. Founded in 1350 and situated in the heart of Cambridge, Trinity Hall blends traditional and modern architecture. Its award-winning Jerwood Library overhangs the River Cam and is

a well-recognised landmark in the city. Surrounded by the college's historical buildings and beautiful gardens, the Welcome Dinner will be an enjoyable opportunity to reconnect with IARU colleagues in a relaxed setting.

The Graham Storey Room, named after an English Literature scholar who had a 50-year association with the college, dates from 1590 and enjoys views across Latham Lawn down to the river. Trinity Hall is a 10-minute walk from the University Arms. We will meet in the Graham Storey Room at 7:00pm for pre-dinner drinks, followed by dinner from 7:30–9:30pm.

## **Evensong at King's College Chapel, King's College (Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May)**





This is a wonderful chance to hear the world-famous King's College Choir in the magnificent college chapel. The chapel, which has the largest fan-vaulted ceiling in the world, was begun by Henry VI in 1446 and was completed over a century later. The choir comprises 14 male undergraduates and 16 boy choristers, and is regarded as one of the finest choirs in Anglican choral music.

The Evensong service is a centuries-old tradition and places particular emphasis on choral music. The service usually lasts around 45 minutes and attendees are not required to take an active part in worship. Many people, regardless of their spiritual beliefs, find the Evensong service a peaceful and contemplative experience. King's College is located 15 minutes' walk from Downing College.

### **Formal Dinner, Queens' College (Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May)**



Founded by Margaret of Anjou in 1448, Queens' College was later re-founded by her rival queen, Elizabeth Woodville, in 1465. The ancient collegiate buildings of Old Court, the famous Mathematical Bridge and the medieval cloisters all provide a quintessential Cambridge experience for visitors.

Our Formal Dinner will take place in the Old Hall, the original medieval dining hall of the College. The ornate and atmospheric hall is sure to make the dinner a particularly memorable occasion. Queens' College is a 10-minute walk

from the University Arms. Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Old Kitchens, a sympathetically restored space adjacent to the hall, with dinner in the Old Hall 7:30-9:30pm.

### **Sainsbury Laboratory and the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens**

**(Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May)**





The Sainsbury Laboratory, opened in 2011, is a pioneering research institute within the School of Biological Sciences at Cambridge, with an interdisciplinary focus on plant growth and development. The Institute combines cutting-edge laboratories, support areas and meeting spaces, together with the University's Herbarium, within a modern, award-winning building. Its state-of-the-art resources include advanced image facilities for scientists researching plant developmental biology and high-resolution scanning electron microscopy, supported by advanced bioinformatics, image processing and modelling software development.

This is an exciting opportunity to meet the director of the Laboratory, tour the facilities, meet researchers and learn about some of the projects currently underway. After the tour, we invite our guests to conclude their visit with refreshments in the delightful surroundings of the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens (weather permitting). Thereafter, attendees will be free to explore the historic gardens at their leisure. The Laboratory and Botanic Gardens are situated around 15 minutes' walk from the University Arms.