



6th European Meeting of Animal Chlamydioses & Zoonoses (EMAC-6)



28-29th November 2023

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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Organising Society:
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Organising Society

European Society of Animal Chlamydioses & associated Zoonoses

Elected Council

President: David Longbottom, UK
Vice-President: Nicole Borel, Switzerland
Secretary: Maria Rosa Caro Vergara, Spain
Secretary: Karine Laroucau, France

Executive Council

Elected Council	President, Vice-President, Secretary
Past-President:	Konrad Sachse, Germany
Appointed Standard Members:	Simone Magnino, Italy
	Bryan Markey, Ireland
	Krzysztof Niemczuk, Poland
	Yvonne Pannekoek, Netherlands
	Daisy Vanrompay, Belgium
Webmaster:	Laura Del Rio Alonso, Spain

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For membership, details of constitution, activities and meetings see:

<https://www.um.es/esacz/index.html>



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Invitation to Edinburgh

Dear colleagues

A lot has happened since we all last met at the Fifth European Meeting of Animal Chlamydioses (EMAC-5) in Odesa, Ukraine in 2018. So it gives me great pleasure to invite you all to the sixth meeting (EMAC-6) which will be held in Edinburgh on the 28-29th November 2023. This will also be the first meeting organised by the newly founded European Society of Animal Chlamydioses and associated Zoonoses (ESACZ).

The conference will be held at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE), which is located in the centre of the City, very close to Princes Street, the historic Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyrood House, the official residence of King Charles in Edinburgh. The main conference will take place in the recently refurbished auditorium of the 'Physicians International Conference Centre' at the RCPE, with the poster session being held in the foyer alongside exhibitors and sponsors of the meeting. A drinks reception will be held during the poster session at the end of the first day, although posters will be available throughout the two days. The local organising committee has organised a pre-dinner drinks reception in the Victorian New Library followed by the conference dinner in the Victorian Great Hall at the RCPE at the close of the meeting on the second day. Your conference registration fee covers breaks, lunches, the two receptions and conference dinner.

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Conference and Programme

The conference and abstracts will focus on all aspects of animal chlamydioses and associated zoonoses. This includes topics in the areas of, but not limited to, Diagnostics, Epidemiology, Field Studies, Pathogenesis, Cell biology, Immunology, Animal Models, Vaccines, Zoonoses and Emerging Pathogens.

Provisional Programme

Tuesday 28th November

08:15 - 09:15 Registration at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE)

09:20 - 09:30 Welcome

09:30 - 16:30 Scientific Sessions

16:30 - 18:00 Poster Session & Reception

Wednesday 29th November

09:00 - 16:30 Scientific Sessions

12:30 - 13:30 *ESACZ Executive Council (Closed meeting)*

16:30 - 16:45 Election of ESACZ Office Bearers & Executive Council

16:45 - 17:00 Awards for Best Oral & Poster Presentations

17:00 Close of Conference

19:00 - 00:00 Conference Reception and Dinner at RCPE



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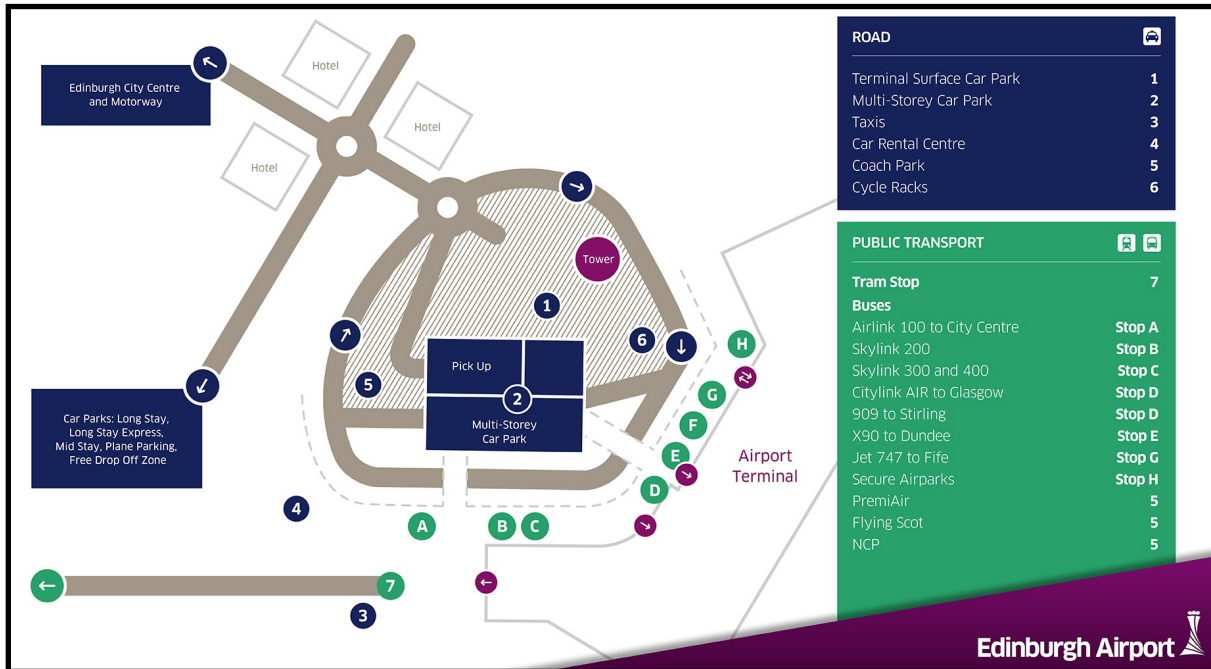
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Travel to Edinburgh

By train: Edinburgh is served by frequent direct train services from London to Waverley Station, and is easily reached from other main English towns and cities, though you may have to change trains en route.

By air: Edinburgh Airport is approximately 7 miles to the West of the city and is served by direct international flights from many countries in Europe or via connecting flights eg London and Amsterdam.

Edinburgh city centre can be easily reached by bus, taxi or tram:



Travel

BUS: Tickets for the **Airlink 100**, taking you straight to the city centre, can be purchased from the driver as you board using contactless card payment, m-tickets (using mobile app) or the **exact** cash fare.

Airlink 100 to/from St Andrew Square

Goes to St Andrew Square, close to Princes Street, and close to all central hotels and the meeting venue.

Arrivals: Hop on at Stop A (next to the Plaza). Departs airport every 10 minutes during the day (04:30 - 01:00) and every 30 minutes during the night (01:00 - 04:30) Monday to Sunday

Departures: Departs South St David Street (at St Andrew Square) every 10 minutes during the day (04:00 - 00:10) and every 30 minutes during the night (00:30 - 04:00).

Average journey time is 30 minutes. **Adult single fare £5.50. Adult open return ticket £8.00.**

TRAM: Trams are one of the easiest ways to get to and from the airport with fast and frequent services to Edinburgh city centre. Trams depart every 7 minutes, between 7am and 7pm, and every 15 minutes out-with these hours, with an end-to-end journey of just 30 minutes.

Adult single fare £7.50. Adult open return £9.50. Central Edinburgh stops: West End, Princes Street and St. Andrew's Square. Ticket must be purchased **before** getting on tram at vending machine at tram stop or **online** and presented to ticket inspector on the tram.



TAXI: Just a 20 minute drive to the city centre depending on traffic.

If you're arriving at the airport, find a taxi or a private hire vehicle in the East Terminus facility located just across the plaza from the main terminal (up ramp to left of trams). **Typical cost is £36-£40.**

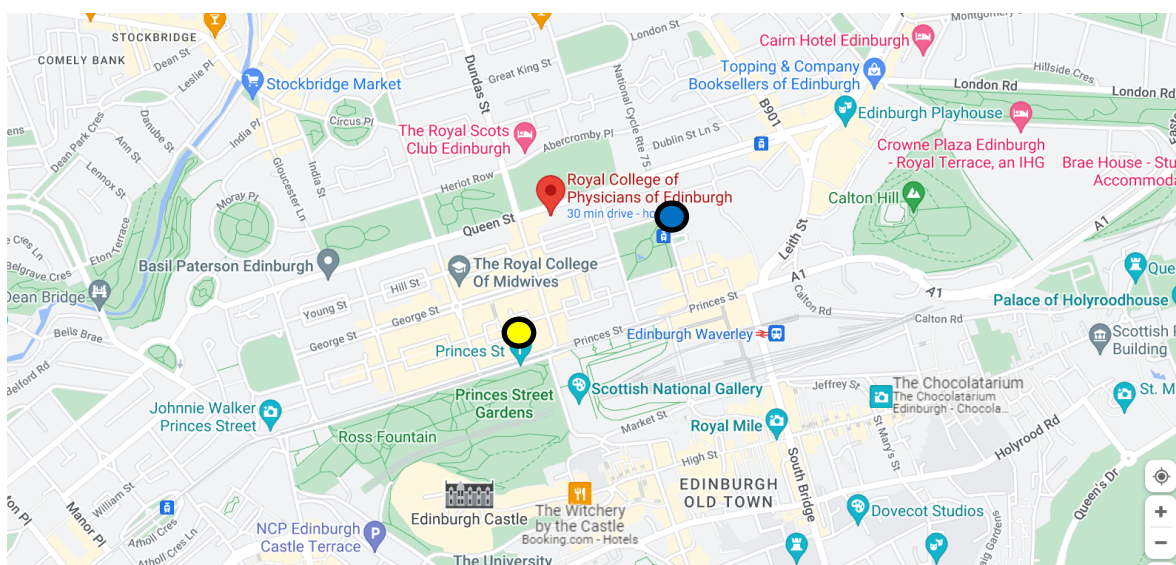
Hotels in Edinburgh

There are approximately 150 hotels and 37 hotel chains in Edinburgh. Around 92 of them are independent hotels.

This provides plenty of choice and a range of price points. Edinburgh is also a very popular tourist destination and prices do rise as rooms are booked and depending on season.

Therefore, it is very important to book your hotel as soon as you commit and register to attend the meeting, as prices will rise.

Although there are plenty of hotels in central Edinburgh, there are also many hotels in the West side of the city along the tram route from the airport to the city centre that you can also consider. The centre of Edinburgh is easily accessible via the tram line (nearest stops to conference venue are Princes Street (yellow circle) and St. Andrew's Square (blue circle) stops).



We recommend that you use a reliable hotel search site such as [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and [Visit Scotland](https://www.visit-scotland.gov.uk) to get up to date prices and the best rates available. Often quoted prices are for a room only basis, but there will be some rates with breakfast added in.

While we are not endorsing any specific hotel here are a few examples of some centrally located hotels not too far from the conference venue.

[InterContinental Edinburgh The George](#) Classic/historic hotel, 4 star

[Apex Waterloo Place Hotel](#) Business/city view, 4 star

[Ten Hill Place Hotel](#) Green/mid-range/owned by The Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh, 4 star

[Market Street Hotel](#) Contemporary/City views, 4 star

[Ibis Styles St Andrew Square](#) Green/centrally located, 3 star

[Edinburgh City Centre \(York Place/St James Quarter\) | Premier Inn](#) Quiet/central/tram stop to Edinburgh Airport, 3 star

[Ibis Edinburgh Royal Mile](#) Centrally located, 3 star

[Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh](#) Centrally located/close to Waverley train station, 3 star

[24 Royal Terrace Hotel](#) Charming/luxury, 3 star

Hotels in Edinburgh

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh have also negotiated special rates for delegates and guests attending events, focusing on accommodation that is within an easy walk of the College. To ensure you get the appropriate pricing please mention the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh when you are booking and use the appropriate code (see below). These special rates may depend on availability at the hotels.

Hotels

IBIS Styles Edinburgh ★★★
St Andrew Square
19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1AU
T: 0131 292 0200 | E: H9058@accor.com
W: www.ibis.com
Distance to RCPE: 0.1 mile/2 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE
(quote *Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh*)

Village Hotel ★★★
Edinburgh
140 Crewe Road S, Edinburgh EH4 2NY
T: 01925 873285 | E: corporate@village-hotels.com
W: www.village-hotels.co.uk
Distance to RCPE: 2.1 miles/48 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: from £90 (quote *RCPED*)

Kimpton ★★★★★
Charlotte Square
38 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HQ
T: 0131 240 5500
E: groups@kimptoncharlottesquare.com
W: www.kimptoncharlottesquare.com
Distance to RCPE: 0.5 mile/10 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: 15% off best available rate
(quote *Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh*)

YOTEL Edinburgh ★★★
68–73 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 4NA
T: 0131 558 4950 | E: edi.reservations@yotel.com
W: www.yotel.com/en/hotels/yotel-edinburgh
Distance to RCPE: 0.4 mile/8 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: when available, 10% off best available rate (quote *RCPE01*)

Motel 1 ★★★
18–21 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1BL
T: 020 7365 0519
E: res.edinburgh-princes@motel-one.com
W: www.motel-one.com
Distance to RCPE: 0.4 miles/8 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: from £79 corporate rate
(quote *Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh*)

Hotel Indigo ★★★★★
Princes Street
20 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2AN
T: 0131 556 4901 | E: info@hiedinburghcity.com
W: www.ihg.com/hotelindigo
Distance to RCPE: 0.3 mile/7 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: from £135 (quote *Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh*)

Holiday Inn Express ★★★
– City Centre
16–22 Picardy Place, Edinburgh EH1 3JT
T: 0131 558 2300 | E: reception@hiedinburgh.co.uk
W: www.hiexpress.com
Distance to RCPE: 0.4 mile/8 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: 15% off best available rate (quote *RCPE*)

InterContinental ★★★★★
Edinburgh
The George
19–21 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PB
T: 0131 225 1251
E: edinburghthegeorge@intercontinental.com
W: www.edinburgh.intercontinental.com
Distance to RCPE: 0.2 mile/3 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: 15% off best available rate
(quote *Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh*)

Malmaison ★★★★★
Edinburgh City
Buchan House, 21–22 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1AY
T: 0131 370 4600
E: reception.edinburghcity@malmaison.com
W: www.malmaison.com
Distance to RCPE: 0.1 mile/3 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: 10% off accommodation and breakfast (book on Malmaison website above – select corporate code and use *ROYCL900*)

Courtyard Marriott ★★★★★
Edinburgh
1–3 Baxter's Place, Edinburgh EH1 3AF
T: 0131 526 3778
E: reservationsmgr@courtyardedinburgh.co.uk
W: www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/edicy-courtyard-edinburgh/
Distance to RCPE: 0.5 mile/11 mins walk
Special rate to RCPE: 10% off best available rate
(select corporate/promo and add code *D15*)

Prices shown are correct as at February 2023



Map key

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1 IBIS Styles Edinburgh	6 InterContinental Edinburgh The George	11 The Balmoral Edinburgh
2 YOTEL Edinburgh	7 Kimpton Hotel Charlotte Square	
3 Holiday Inn Express	8 Hotel Indigo Princes Street	
4 Village Hotel Edinburgh	9 Malmaison Edinburgh City	
5 Motel 1	10 Courtyard Marriott Edinburgh	

venue.rcpe.co.uk

Sightseeing and things to do

Edinburgh is a very diverse city with plenty to keep you occupied outside of the conference or for any accompanying persons to enjoy. With its abundance of history (exploring the Medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town side by side separated by Princes Street), beautiful architecture, attractions, exhibitions, world-class festivals and not to mention the huge number of bars, pubs and restaurants, it is worth extending your stay a day or two to enjoy some of these. Check out [VisitScotland](#).

At the time of the conference Edinburgh will be just starting its [Winter Festival Programme](#), with different events going on around the city centre including the Christmas Market and ice-skating.



Edinburgh

In the meantime, here are some ideas of things that are available throughout the year to enjoy in the city (also check out [Tripadvisor](#)). Booking is essential for many of the venues. Check the respective website for further details. Also remember that Edinburgh has restricted daylight hours in November with the sun rising around 08:15 and setting around 15:45.

[Edinburgh Castle](#): 9.30—17:00 (last entry 16:00); £19.50 (online) / £22 (on the day)

[Camera Obscura](#): 09:30-19:00; £19.95 (online) / £20.95 (on the day)

[The Scotch Whisky Experience](#): 11:00-17:30

[The Real Mary King's Close](#): Tours half-hourly 10:00 - 18:00 (last tour 17:00); 1 hr; £21-£25

[Palace of Holyroodhouse](#): 09:30-16:30 (last entry 15:15); closed Tue/Wed; £18 (online) / £19.50 (on the day)

[National Museum of Scotland](#): *Great, particularly on a rainy day!* 10:00-17:00; free entry

[Scottish National Galleries](#): 10:00-17:00; Free entry - donation requested.

[Surgeons' Hall Museums](#): 10:00-17:00 (last entry 16:30); £9

[Royal Yacht Britannia](#): 10:00-17:00 (last entry 15:00); £18.50

[Underground Walking Tour in Edinburgh](#): Tours half-hourly 10:00-16:30; 1 hr; £18

[Edinburgh Darkside Walking Tour: Mysteries, Murder and Legends](#): 18:30; 2 hrs; £21.41

[Edinburgh Dungeons](#): *If you dare!* 11:00-15:45; £18.50+

[Fright Night Tour](#): 20:45; £18