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Institute for Women's Health

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International Meeting

INNOVATIONS & PROGRESS IN HEALTHCARE FOR WOMEN

The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, UK
7-8 April, 2008

**ABSTRACT
DEADLINE
EXTENDED TO
FEBRUARY 22
2008**



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Preliminary Programme & Call For Abstracts

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IMPORTANT DATES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Deadline for the submission of abstracts

February 22, 2008

REGISTRATION

Earlybird Registration

Until December 24, 2007

Early Registration

Until February 22, 2008

Late Registration

From February 22, 2008
until March 28, 2008



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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Colleagues

It is a great pleasure to let you know about “**Innovations and Progress in Healthcare for Women**” a major international meeting convened by the **UCL Institute for Women’s Health** from April 7–8, 2008 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster. You will notice that the registration fee is extraordinarily low for a 2 day meeting of this quality at such a prestigious venue. This is possible because of generous sponsorship the Institute has received and is a deliberate effort to ensure that participants from a range of backgrounds and seniority in women’s health are able to register for the meeting.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to engage talented and committed individuals with **the mission of the Institute to make a difference to the health of women nationally and globally**. We are keen to involve staff in training posts as well as those more senior from a broad range of disciplines including nurses, doctors, midwives, surgeons, laboratory scientists, epidemiologists, sociologists, geneticists, psychologists and others. Participants are encouraged to submit abstracts and there will be both oral and poster presentations alongside the invited expert talks.

As you will see from this second announcement, the meeting will bring together a group of international experts (note the outstanding list of confirmed speakers) to address a range of ‘Themes’:

- **Maternal and Neonatal Healthcare**
 - **Reproductive Health**
 - **Cancer**
- and a series of cross cutting ‘Topics’:
- **Advances in Basic Science**
 - **Progress in Translational Research**
 - **Innovation in Clinical Care**
 - **Developments in Public Health & Health Care Organisation**
 - **Implications for the Developing World**

The timetable has also been carefully organised so that participants can either focus on each of the three ‘Themes’ or organise their schedule around one of the cross cutting ‘Topics’ in several ‘Themes’.

This meeting is a key step in the development of the UCL Institute for Women’s Health which was established in 2004 with the objective of making a major contribution to the health of women, in the UK and internationally through research innovation, educational programmes and clinical excellence. Our objective is to involve a broad range of researchers, educators and clinicians with a focus on women’s health issues. This meeting will bring together individuals from a broad range of disciplines who share a determination to bring an integrated holistic approach to research and education in women’s health which will have an impact on patient care and the health of women.

I hope very much that you will **register to participate, submit an abstract, contribute to the success of the meeting and establish an ongoing link with the work of the Institute**. Your involvement will be enormously welcomed and valued.

Best wishes



Professor Ian Jacobs
Director UCL Institute for Women’s Health

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Adeola Olaitan

Donald Peebles

Nicola Robertson

Judith Stephenson

Melissa Whitten

David Williams

SCIENTIFIC OUTLINE

The programme will focus on clinically relevant key advances in the area of Women's Health.

The content will be based around three key themes, which will run throughout the meeting.

The three themes will maintain the interest of all participants throughout and are as follows:

- **Maternal & Neonatal Healthcare**
- **Reproductive Health**
- **Women's Cancers**

The meeting will run over two days and will be centred around five plenary sessions based on the following topics:

- **Advances in Basic Science**
- **Progress in Translational Research**
- **Innovation in Clinical Care**
- **Developments in Public Health & Health Care Organisation**
- **Implications for the Developing World**

The plenary sessions will be interposed by five parallel sessions of three individual subject areas.

These sessions will be staggered so that attendees with a specific medical interest can attend all the sessions relating to their interest.

The sessions will focus on the following topic areas:

- **The State of the Art in Neonatal Care**
- **Key Advances in Maternal and Obstetric Health**
- **Reproductive Health: Progress and Challenges**
- **Screening and Prevention for Women's Cancers**
- **New Directions in Cancer Therapy and Diagnostics**
- **Advances in the Basic Science of Women's Health**
- **Innovation and Progress in Clinical Care**
- **Developments in Health Care Organisation**
- **Women's Health in the Developing World**

PLENARY SPEAKERS (AS OF NOVEMBER, 2007)

TITLE	SPEAKER
HRT, Cancer and Women's Health	Prof Valerie Beral (Oxford)
Progress in the organisation, delivery and results of cancer treatment in the UK	Prof Mike Richards (National Cancer Director, Guys & St Thomas', London)
Progress in Neonatal and Maternal care across the globe	Prof Antony Costello (UCL)

PROGRAMME TITLES AND SPEAKERS (AS OF NOVEMBER, 2007)

TOPICS	THEMES		
	Maternal & Neonatal Healthcare	Reproductive Health	Cancer
Advances in Basic Science	Inflammation and the causes of Perinatal Brain Injury Prof Gena Raivich (UCL)	Ethics and Regulation in Stem Cell Research Prof Alison Murdoch (Newcastle) Why Does Embryonic Aneuploidy Occur? Dr Hayden Homer (UCL)	The role of epigenetic change in the development of cancer Dr Martin Widschwendter (UCL) Molecular targets for cancer therapy Prof Hani Gabra (Imperial)
Progress in Translational Research	Pre-eclampsia; what is the placental trigger? Prof Chris Redman (Oxford) Is there a role for gene therapy in obstetric practice? Mr Donald Peebles (UCL) Progress in translational research in neonatal care Lynn Chitty (Institute of Child Health)	How has Translational Research Benefited Reproductive Health? Prof Allan Templeton (University of Aberdeen) Impact of Early Life Events on Reproductive Health Prof Di Kuh (UCL)	The revolution in tumour targeting Prof Karol Sikora (Cancer Partners UK) The state of the art in ovarian cancer screening Dr Usha Menon (UCL) Genetics and predicting women's cancer risk Prof Doug Easton (Cambridge)
Innovation in Clinical Care	Prediction and prevention of preterm labour Prof Kypros Nicolaides (Kings) Predicting women's future health from pregnancy outcome Mr David Williams (UCL)	Who should take HRT and for how long? David Barlow, (University of Glasgow) The State of the art in Minimal Access Surgery Mr Alfred Cutner (UCLH) Progress, challenges and potential of Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis? Prof Peter Braude (Kings College)	Cervix Cancer Prevention in the post-vaccine era Prof Jack Cuzick (Barts) Strategies for extending survival in ovarian cancer Prof Jonathan Ledermann (UCL)
Developments in Public Health & Health Care Organisation	Framework for safe maternity services Prof Subaratnam Arulkumaran (PRCOG) (St. Georges, University of London) The State of the Art in the organisation of care in Labour and Delivery Dr Maggie Blott (UCL)	Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy Prof Kaye Wellings (London School of Hygiene + Tropical Medicine) Who, How and Why should we Screen for Chlamydia? Prof Judith Stephenson (UCL) What is the best way to organise sexual health services? Dr Chris Wilkinson (Margaret Pyke Centre)	Health Care Inequalities in cancer care Prof Rosalind Raine (UCL)
Implications for the Developing World	Fetal programming – a worldwide health issue Prof Mark Hanson (Southampton) Brain protection; potential for progress in the developing world Dr Nikki Robertson (UCL)	Future of Family Planning in Developing Countries Prof John Guillebaud (UCL) HIV and the impact of Microbicides in the Developing World Prof Jonathan Weber (Imperial College)	Screening for cervical cancer in the developing world Dr R Sankaranarayanan (IARC Lyon) Cervical Cancer Screening in the Uganda Women's Health Initiative Prof Ian Jacobs (UCL) Palliative Care in Africa Dr Anne Merriman (Hospice Africa, Uganda)

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Please note that speakers and titles are subject to change

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee is pleased to invite you to submit abstracts directly via the meeting website: www.womenshealth.uk.com for consideration by the Abstract Review Committee.

Original abstracts should be submitted on subjects relevant to the three following themes:

- Maternal & Neonatal Healthcare
- Reproductive Health
- Cancer

Authors must select one category from the above list that best describes the content of their abstract.

This category will be used for reviewing and indexing purposes.

- Abstracts must be received by the deadline date of February 1, 2008.
- Abstracts received after this deadline will NOT be accepted.
- Faxed abstracts will NOT be accepted.
- All abstracts will undergo peer review by the Abstract Review Committee and may be accepted for oral presentation, poster presentation or rejected.
- The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submitting it to the Scientific Secretariat.
- Submission of an abstract acknowledges your acceptance for the abstract to be published in the official Meeting Abstract Book.
- Poster sessions will be held during the conference in the exhibition area.
- Should you have any queries regarding your abstract after submission please contact the Meeting Secretariat on: IPHW08@confab-consulting.co.uk

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts must be submitted via the meeting website.

Please click on the Submit Abstracts button and follow the submission instructions carefully.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Allocations of all abstracts are determined by the Abstract Review Committee of the Meeting.
- Only registered delegates may present abstracts and submissions should be accompanied by a completed registration form and the appropriate registration payment.
- Abstracts are not edited by the organisers and author corrections will not be accepted after the final submissions deadline. Abstracts should be checked carefully for accuracy prior to submission.
- Author's names should be submitted in the format 'A. Smith'. The submitting author MUST be the presenting author.
- The title of the abstract should be a maximum of 150 characters.
- Please ensure that the first word of your title starts with a capital letter. All other words (apart from proper nouns) should be in lower case. Do not type your title in CAPITAL letters.
- The abstract may be a maximum of 300 words.
- Abstracts exceeding this limit will be truncated.
- The abstracts should be structured using the following headings:
Objective, Methods, Results and Conclusions

Please submit your abstract on the following website:

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REGISTRATION

Registration fees for the meeting are substantially subsidised by the UCL Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Institute for Women's Health and its sponsors.

Registration fees for all delegates are listed below.

	Earlybird Registration	Early Registration Rate	Late Registration Rate	On-Site Registration Rate
	Until 24/12/2007	Until 22/02/2008	From 23/02/2008 until 28/03/2008	
Consultants/Nursing Consultants/ Academics/ GPs/Managers	£240.00	£260.00	£310.00	£350.00
Trainees/Junior Doctors/ Junior Scientists/Junior Nurses	£195.00	£206.00	£230.00	£255.00

Registration fees include:

Admission to Scientific Sessions
All meeting materials
Coffee/tea and lunches on both days
Cheese & Wine Reception on April 7, 2008
17.5% VAT

Please visit the meeting website: www.womenshealth.uk.com in order to register.

A valid email address will be required.

When internet is not available, please contact the Meeting Secretariat directly.

Registration and payment should be made by March 28, 2008.

After this date, the online system will be closed and registration will be only be available on site.

There will be **NO** accompanying persons programme for this meeting.

Cancellation Policies:

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing to the Meeting Secretariat (Confab Consulting Ltd) to: IPHW08@confab-consulting.co.uk.

Registration cancellations will be accepted until 21 March with a refund as follows:

- Emailed, faxed or postmarked prior to 29 February - Full refund (less 10% administration fee)
- Emailed, faxed or postmarked from 29 February to 21 March - 50% refund
- Emailed, faxed or postmarked after 21 March - No refunds will be given

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE & VENUE:

The International Meeting 'Innovations & Progress in Healthcare for Women' will take place from April 7-8, 2008 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London.

The QEII Conference Centre

Broad Sanctuary

Westminster

London SW1P 3EE

Telephone: 020 7222 5000. Fax: 020 7798 4200

E-mail: info@qeicc.co.uk

CRECHE:

Creche facilities will be available on-site. Please indicate your requirements when registering on-line.

EXHIBITION:

An exhibition will be held in conjunction with the meeting in the Benjamin Britten Lounge located on the 3rd floor and next to the main session hall. In addition to the trade exhibits, tea and coffee and lunches will be served in this area. For further information regarding the exhibition, please contact the meeting organisers on: IPHW08@confab-consulting.co.uk

LANGUAGE:

English is the official language of the meeting.

LIABILITY & INSURANCE:

The organisers are not able to take any responsibility whatsoever for injury or damage involving persons and property during the meeting. Delegates are advised to take out their own personal insurance to cover travel, accommodation, cancellation and personal effects.

SOCIAL EVENT:

All registered delegates and exhibitors are invited to attend a Cheese & Wine Reception on Monday, April 7 at the QEII Conference Centre from 17:30 – 20:00 hours.

SMOKING POLICY:

Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the venue and not immediately outside entrances.

As of 1st July 2007, smoking is not allowed in any public indoor areas in London.

TRAVEL:

The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre is located in the very heart of Westminster and can be reached by London Underground and mainline stations. The Centre's nearest underground station is Westminster but there are tube links from St James's Park and the centre is only minutes away from both Waterloo and Victoria mainline stations.

London is served by five international airports: Heathrow, Gatwick, London City, Stansted and London Luton. Heathrow airport is just 30 minutes away by car from the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre.

Please be advised that it is quicker and easier to travel here using public transport.

The Centre is however within easy reach of the A1, M1, M25, M11, M40, M4, M3, M2 and M23.

To plan your journey by road, please visit www.theaa.com (enter the postcode SW1P 3EE as your destination).

There is no car parking at the Centre however there are four public car parks nearby, for more information about car parking, visit www.ncp.co.uk

The Centre is located within the congestion charging zone. For more information about congestion charging, visit: www.cclondon.com

WEBSITE:

For further details on the meeting and continuous updates, please visit the meeting website:

www.womenshealth.uk.com

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The Princes Trust Women's Leadership Group (WLG)

WLG is happy to support The Institute for Women's Health through the 'Innovations & Progress in Healthcare for Women' Meeting.

The WLG vision is to concentrate the economical, financial and political power of women in the UK to help young disadvantaged women transform their lives through education and enterprise.

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The Eve Appeal is proud to work in partnership with the Institute for Women's Health in supporting this conference.

The charity fundraises for groundbreaking research into gynaecological cancers and welcomes any initiative, especially one of this gravitas, which helps build awareness and funding.

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