28th International Mass Spectrometry Conference

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Dr Lee's Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Kavli Institute for Nanoscience Discovery, University of Oxford; a pioneer of native mass spectrometry and Past President of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Dear Selection Committee,

I am delighted to support Liverpool's bid to host the **28th International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC 2030)**.

We are honoured to submit this proposal to the International Mass Spectrometry Foundation (IMSF) and to offer Liverpool as the host city for the world's leading international conference dedicated to mass spectrometry. For more than sixty years, the IMSC has brought together the global community to share scientific discoveries, inspire technological innovation and strengthen international collaboration. We are committed to delivering a conference that builds on this proud tradition while creating new opportunities for scientific excellence, partnership and impact.

Beyond the scientific programme, delegates will experience the distinctive character of one of Europe's most welcoming and vibrant cities. As the birthplace of The Beatles and a UNESCO City of Music, Liverpool offers a unique setting where world-class science is complemented by unforgettable cultural experiences.

It would be our privilege to welcome the global mass spectrometry community to Liverpool in **August 2030**. Together, we look forward to creating an inspiring and memorable congress that celebrates scientific discovery, fosters new international collaborations, showcases the very best of mass spectrometry, and leaves a lasting legacy for our community.

We thank the International Mass Spectrometry Foundation and its affiliate societies for considering Liverpool's bid and look forward to welcoming delegates from around the world to the conference.

Professor Dame Carol V. Robinson

Oxford, July 2026

Introduction

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Our commitment: *"To deliver an IMSC that honours the field's origins, drives its future, and remains responsible to the planet."*

On behalf of the British Mass Spectrometry Society (BMSS), the University of Liverpool, and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, we are delighted to invite you to Liverpool for the 28th International Mass Spectrometry Conference in August 2030. The host team brings direct experience organising both national and international mass spectrometry meetings – including service on the IMSC26 (Maastricht) organising committee – and the industry ties built through BMSS's annual conferences, underpinning a financially responsible delivery.

The UK holds a singular place in the history of mass spectrometry. The very first IMSC was held in London in 1958, and the field traces its origins to the pioneering work of Thomson, Aston, and their successors in British laboratories. The UK last hosted the IMSC in Edinburgh in 2003, and we believe it is time to bring this flagship meeting back to British shores – to a vibrant, welcoming city with stunning art and architecture, a dynamic scientific community, world-class conference infrastructure, and a proud tradition of international collaboration.

Our ambition for IMSC 2030 is to deliver a conference that advances the global visibility and impact of mass spectrometry while reflecting the values of accessibility, sustainability, and scientific excellence. Liverpool in August offers long evenings and temperatures in the low twenties – weather that makes a week-long conference genuinely enjoyable. Delegates will find a city that works at a human pace: compact, walkable, and with a food, music, and cultural scene that gives IMSC 2030 a strong work-life balance. Additionally, we have secured the cooperation of the Lyon and Chinese organising teams, so our IMSC inherits the operational lessons of both preceding meetings.

Equality, diversity and inclusion are built into the fabric of this bid. The BMSS Early Career Researcher and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion sub-committees will be embedded in the organising committee from day one, shaping the scientific programme, mentoring initiatives, and dedicated networking events for early-career researchers. Tiered registration fees, hybrid on-site and online conten, and satellite workshops hosted in partnership with societies worldwide will lower barriers to participation. Speaker selection and abstract curation will be guided by explicit global representation targets, and our already established EDI framework will be publicly reported before, during, and after the conference.

The programme will be world-class, built around five theme areas with underpinning focus on AI — Data Science & Digital Workflows; Life Sciences, Health & Pharma; Fundamentals, Instrumentation & Innovation; Chemistry, Materials & Environment; and Sustainability, Food, Resources & Energy – 40 sessions run in parallel, seven plenary sessions, and high-profile openings and closing lectures. Inclusion of all career stages is central to our vision: dedicated network sessions and a social programme inclusive for the next generation as well as Research Technical Specialists will make IMSC 2030 a career-defining week for all.

Liverpool Experience Campus (LEX) offers exclusive use of its purpose-built convention centre, with a 1,350-seat auditorium, 21 meeting rooms, and 3,725 sqm of exhibition space within a single venue. Should attendance exceed 1,500, the event can expand into the wider interconnected campus – linking convention centre, exhibition centre, and arena – providing scalability without compromising the delegate experience.

To support IMSC's sustainability commitments, the venue LEX will work with the organising committee to produce a pre-congress sustainability report, including an initial carbon footprint assessment and practical recommendations for reducing environmental impact. This embeds sustainability into planning from the outset rather than treating it as an afterthought. With an extendable budget for 1,350 up to 2,000 participants, we can offer competitive fees and accommodation options to attract the broadest possible global delegate base.

Liverpool: A compelling city. A mild, welcoming summer. A genuine commitment to the next generation. A conference infrastructure built for IMSC.

Scientific distinction — A programme spanning the full breadth of modern mass spectrometry, from single-cell proteomics to AI-driven data workflows, shaped by the UK's internationally connected MS community.

Genuine accessibility — A part of the large discount on the venue will be prioritised as following: reduced registration fees for delegates facing financial hardship and travel fellowships for ECRs.

A historic occasion — IMSC returning to its country of origin, in a city named the world's first UN Accelerator City for Climate Action — making 2030 the most symbolically and environmentally significant IMSC in the meeting's history.

Northern England – Where Mass Spectrometry Was Born

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The Atom, Defined in Britain

The concept of the atom dates to Democritus in the fifth century BC, but it remained philosophical speculation for over two millennia. It was **John Dalton**, working in Manchester at the turn of the nineteenth century, who transformed the atom from abstract idea into measurable science. His 1808 treatise A New System of Chemical Philosophy proposed that each element consists of atoms with a characteristic weight, the framework that gave chemistry its quantitative backbone and laid the intellectual groundwork for everything that followed in mass spectrometry.

Thomson, Aston, and the Birth of Mass Spectrometry

J.J. Thomson was born in North Manchester in 1856, and attended the University of Manchester at the age of 14, before moving to Cambridge where he became the Cavendish Professor of Physics in 1884. At the Cavendish Laboratory he built the first instrument capable of separating atoms by mass. In 1913, he observed two distinct traces for neon ions on a photographic plate: neon-20 and neon-22, the first evidence that a stable element could exist as more than one isotope. Notable students of Thomson include Nobel Laureates Rutherford, Bohr, Born, and Bragg, as well as Langevin and Oppenheimer.

Thomson's student **Francis Aston**, who had joined the Cavendish from Birmingham in 1910, then transformed this observation into a systematic science. After the First World War he built the first precision mass spectrograph, used it to identify 212 of the 287 naturally occurring isotopes, and established the whole number rule for atomic masses. His measurements also revealed the mass defect, later central to understanding nuclear binding energy. Aston received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1922, just three years after building his first instrument.

SIX NORTH (WEST) ENGLAND "INFLUENCERS" OF MASS SPECTROMETRY

James Chadwick (born 1891) – University of Liverpool
Discoverer of the neutron and involved in Manhattan Project. Worked with Metropolitan Vickers on early (MS1) commercial mass spectrometers.

John Beynon (born 1923) – ICI Blackley and University of Swansea
Developed the principles of accurate mass measurement – mass-analysed ion kinetic energy spectroscopy (MIKES).

Robert Craig (born 1926) – Metropolitan Vickers / AEI and VG Organic
Designer of the Nier-Johnson MS9 double-focusing instrument with Alan Errock.

Brian N Green (born 1933) – AEI and VG
Early work on MS as an apprentice. Developed fast-scanning laminated magnets. Key role in the development of dioxin measurements. Early commercial implementation of Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB) and Electro Spray Ionisation (ESI). Haemoglobin studies.

Michael Barber (born 1934) – AEI and UMIST (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology)
Worked on early ion activation at AEI (with Keith Jennings at Sheffield). Developed FAB for study of polar organic and biological compounds.

Keith R. Jennings (born 1932) – University of Sheffield, University of Warwick
Groundbreaking work on collision-induced dissociation with Barber.

Proposer

National Affiliate Representative

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Kathryn Lilley


Andrew Ray


Claire Eyers


Frank Sobott


Richard Scheltema

The IMSC 2030 Local Organising Committee is led by four internationally recognised mass spectrometrists with complementary expertise spanning the full breadth of modern mass spectrometry. The committee operates as a genuine team, with responsibilities distributed across all four leads. Their careers are anchored in the institutions and communities that will shape the next decade of the field.

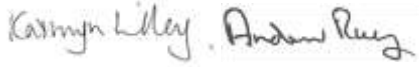
Kathryn Lilley (University of Cambridge) established the Cambridge Centre for Proteomics in 2001 and has built one of the UK's most productive programmes in quantitative proteomics and spatial cell biology, recognised by the Juan Pablo Albar Proteome Pioneer Award (EuPA, 2017) and the HUPO Distinguished Achievements in Proteomics Award (2018). As Conference Chair she brings the scientific vision to construct a programme reflecting the full scope of modern mass spectrometry, alongside a track record of organising international meetings — from EuPA and the British Society for Proteome Research conference to Keystone Symposia and the ASBMB Advanced Proteomics Meeting.

Andrew Ray (Chair, British Mass Spectrometry Society; recently retired AstraZeneca, Macclesfield) ensures that IMSC 2030 reflects the full intersectorial character of the global MS community. Working in the New Modalities Product Development group at AstraZeneca, with its Macclesfield site a major centre for MS-driven drug characterisation, he applied mass spectrometry to pharmaceutical products. As current BMSS Chair he provides direct national society ownership of the bid and extensive experience organising the society's annual national meetings, while his industrial perspective ensures the programme speaks equally to academic, industrial, and clinical delegates.

Claire Eyers (University of Liverpool) is Professor of Biological Mass Spectrometry and Director of the Centre for Proteome Research. Her work sits at the intersection of MS instrumentation and cell biology, focused on post-translational modifications and their role in cellular ageing and disease. A recipient of the RSC Jeremy Knowles Award, trained under Prof. Simon Gaskell (Michael Barber Centre for Mass Spectrometry), she brings deep technical authority alongside direct institutional leadership. Her conference-organising record — BMSS meetings, the HUPO steering committee, and many years of the Chester ProteoMMX conference — together with the local scientific network, is what will make IMSC 2030 work in practice.

Frank Sobott (University of Leeds) holds the Chair of Biomolecular Mass Spectrometry at Leeds (Astbury Centre for Structural Molecular Biology) and a Distinguished Professorship at the University of Eastern Finland. His group develops and applies native MS, ion mobility, HDX-MS, and covalent labelling to the structural analysis of biomolecular complexes — the interface of biology, chemistry, and physics that defines some of the most dynamic areas in modern MS. As Conference Chair, he brings international experience and a strong collaborative network in the roles of Editor-in-chief of the RSC book series on New Developments in Mass Spectrometry, lead of a previous EU COST Action on structural MS, and organiser of ASMS Sanibel, Symposium for Structural Proteomics and other international meetings.

Richard Scheltema (University of Liverpool) serves as Secretary to the Local Organising Committee, a role grounded in both mass spectrometry expertise and direct conference-organising experience. His career has spanned method development in high-resolution MS, data analysis, and proteomics at the interface of structural and cell biology, trained with Prof. Matthias Mann and holding positions in the lab of Prof. Albert Heck before Liverpool. He has organised NVMS annual meetings, the Rolduc joint Belgian–Dutch meeting, and the Symposium for Structural Proteomics, and served on the IMSC26 (Maastricht) organising committee — knowledge of the logistical, scientific, and community-facing demands of the conference that no general event management experience can substitute for.



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Conference Organisation

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Local organising committee



The wider committee unites passionate, internationally recognised researchers from across the UK - spanning Universities from Liverpool, London, Leeds, Birmingham, Warwick, and beyond; covering the full disciplinary range of mass spectrometry from fundamental instrumentation and methodology through to biological, chemical, and clinical application.

The committee's industrial representation – anchored by industry lead **Mike Morris**, a former Waters employee (one of the world's leading MS instrument manufacturers), and complemented by AstraZeneca, Unilever, and other major MS users in the Liverpool city region – ensures that IMSC 2030 will reflect the full intersectorial breadth of the global mass spectrometry community: academic, industrial, and clinical.

Mark Barrow - with experience on the European FT-MS meeting - will lead programme development, ensuring all themes get equal attention. As BMSS General Secretary and incoming Vice Chair, he is closely involved in planning the Society's annual conference, and has organised meetings across the full range of scale, from the RSC Faraday Discussions to a session at Pacifichem 2025, the multi-society congress drawing some 10,000 delegates to Honolulu. He also brings the RSC's environmental and analytical networks to the programme. **Rhodri Owen** (current BMSS Treasurer) serves as conference treasurer. **Aneika Leney** and **Kish Adoni** will lead the early career researcher programme, ensuring it is fully integrated and appealing to researchers at all stages. All aspects of EDI will be overseen by the BMSS Diversity Committee, which has established processes to ensure full compliance with these principles.

As a truly new IMSC addition, development of the programme elements for Technicians and Research Technical Professionals (in collaboration with the UK Technology Specialist Network) will be led by **Victoria Harman** who has been instrumental in developing the Research Technical Professional Career Pathway at the University of Liverpool – the first university in the UK to do so.

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LCB will support the development of a bespoke social programme and fringe event calendar, drawing on its strong relationships with unique and iconic Liverpool venues not typically accessible through standard channels. Delegates can be supported with complimentary accommodation booking, curated downtime suggestions and a tailored welcome programme, alongside professional destination imagery and marketing materials designed for the IMSC audience.

Delegate & destination services LCB maintains strong relationships with a trusted network of local suppliers and is able to guide organisers towards suitable on-the-ground operational support throughout the conference.

Financial support A subvention of £100,000 for rent relief is provided. In addition, upon arrival in Liverpool (renowned as one of the UK's friendliest cities) IMSC delegates will be warmly welcomed from the very outset of their visit. A branded welcome screen will be prominently displayed at Liverpool John Lennon Airport and at Liverpool Lime Street train station.

Welcome flags and digital signage will be available at the venue to create a sense of arrival for delegates, while also raising local awareness that Liverpool is proudly hosting the IMSC 2030.

SAS Event & Association Management
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The IMSC 2030 organising committee is partnered with SAS Event & Association Management, a UK-based professional congress organiser with over 40 years of experience delivering large-scale conferences and association events across the UK, mainland Europe, and internationally.

A member of the Association of British Professional Conference Organisers (ABPCO), SAS offers a comprehensive end-to-end service encompassing project management, programme design, abstract and paper submissions, speaker management, delegate registration, accommodation management, sponsorship, and virtual and hybrid event delivery. Their portfolio spans major scientific and professional associations (including the European Conference on Applied Superconductivity (EUCAS), the Chromatographic Society in Liverpool, and the UK Society of Medical Oncology) reflecting deep experience managing the logistical and scientific demands of specialist academic congresses. SAS brings meticulous financial oversight, in-house design and communications capability, and a well-established record of long-term client partnerships. Sustainability is embedded in their operational practice: SAS applies a structured environmental framework to every event, including assessment of social and environmental impact from the outset, contractual sustainability clauses with all suppliers, active carbon emission monitoring and offsetting, venue selection prioritising ISO 14001 and BS 20121 certified facilities, and a comprehensive policy covering sustainable catering, waste reduction, and paperless communications. This commitment ensures that IMSC 2030 will be delivered to the highest professional standard.

Programme

Planned programme

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An optimal network opportunity: *"Opening mixer after the plenary sessions directly at the venue"*

Programme at a glance

7	40	5	6
PLENARY SESSIONS	SESSIONS IN PARALLEL	THEMATIC AREAS	SHORT COURSES

Conference week

SAT 17	SUN 18	MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THU 22	FRI 23
Short courses	Short courses + Opening & Plenaries	Parallel sessions Posters Workshops	Parallel sessions Posters Workshops	Parallel sessions Posters Workshops	Parallel sessions Posters Awards lectures Conference Dinner	Plenaries & closing

Session formats

- **Opening & closing lectures**
  TED-style keynote addresses from renowned British science communicators, designed to inspire and provoke
- **Plenary sessions (7)**
  Invited talks to the full audience in the 1,350-seat auditorium
- **Parallel topic sessions (40)**
  Invited and contributed oral presentations across 8 parallel tracks
- **Flash talks & poster sessions**
  Short presentations with dedicated poster viewing during the mid-day break
- **Vendor workshops**
  Manufacturer-led sessions on emerging technologies and applications

Inclusivity and global representation will guide the selection of all invited speakers and contributed abstracts. Gender balance, geographic diversity, and career-stage representation are core commitments.

Five thematic areas

1. **Data Science & Digital Workflows**
   AI-driven spectral interpretation, machine learning, big data workflows, computational spectrometry, pattern recognition, cloud processing, structural annotation
2. **Life Sciences, Health & Pharma**
   Quantitative proteomics, metabolomics, lipidomics, multi-omics integration, single-cell analysis, biomarker discovery, biopharma characterisation, drug development
3. **Fundamentals, Instrumentation & Innovation**
   Advanced instrumentation, ion mobility, novel ionisation methods, high-resolution analysis, imaging technologies, fragmentation strategies, emerging platforms
4. **Chemistry, Materials & Environment**
   Small molecule analysis, polymer characterisation, surface chemistry, catalysis monitoring, environmental contaminants, supramolecular chemistry, chemical imaging
5. **Sustainability; Food, Resources & Energy**
   Atmospheric analysis, food integrity, energy materials, sustainable chemistry, trace contaminant detection, climate studies, citizen science

Focus on AI / BIG DATA

The programme committee will include representatives from all five themes. Abstracts will be reviewed blind with respect to author institution. Early-career researchers will be prioritised for contributed oral slots.

Poster programme / commercial exhibition

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The exhibition and poster area will serve as the social heart of the conference. Refreshment stations will be strategically positioned to draw delegate traffic through both the vendor exhibition and the poster displays, ensuring sustained footfall and engagement throughout the day.

Poster programme

It is fully recognised that many attendees at IMSC will be required by their employers to present work at the meeting to promote themselves and their home institutions. As a result, the poster presentation sessions represent a key element of any scientific conference and offer the opportunity for one-on-one discussions between the conference attendees and the poster authors.

Poster sessions will mirror the main oral presentation programme, as well as offering opportunities for mass spectrometry disciplines that cannot be accommodated in the oral sessions.

The poster sessions will be housed in the exhibition area, with capacity for up to 800 poster boards fully equipped with display materials. Distributing posters across multiple sessions over the conference week ensures each presentation receives the attention and footfall it deserves.

Commercial Exhibition

The Organising Committee fully recognise the role that commercial organisations play in the advancement of the instrumentation and application of mass spectrometry. Encouraging commercial organisations to attend the meeting with appropriate exhibition material will be a key element of the financial support of the conference.

This will also present opportunities for exchanges of ideas, and the formation of (hopefully) fruitful collaborations between the exhibitors and the academic attendees of the conference, as well as interactions for industrial users of the technology.

At this early stage, support in principle has been collated from a number of instrument vendors and providers of software, ancillary equipment, reagents and standards. The exhibition will be accommodated in the same general space where refreshments (coffee breaks and lunches) are being planned, to foster close interactions among conference attendees, poster presenters and the exhibitors.

Commercial expressions of support:

JEOL

SHIMADZU
Excellence in Science

SCIEX

BRUKER

ThermoFisher
SCIENTIFIC

Waters
THE SCIENCE OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE.

Protein Metrics

Spectroswiss

To view these and additional letters of support for the BMSS bid to host IMSC28, please visit the BMSS Bid Resource Page:

https://www.bmss.org.uk/meetings/imsc-2030-bid-resources/

Strategy for diversity

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IMSC 2030 is designed to be accessible and inclusive at every level, from the physical environment to the composition of the scientific programme. We treat EDI not as a compliance exercise but as a scientific imperative: the strongest programmes draw from the broadest possible community.

The EDI programme is overseen by a dedicated team from the BMSS Diversity Committee, who bring extensive experience from previous BMSS conferences and national meetings. Programme composition will be guided by the framework set out by *Shishkova et al. (JASMS, 2017, 28:2523)*, which provides evidence-based recommendations for achieving balanced representation across career stage, gender, geography, and institution type.

We will use registration-stage self-reported gender, career-stage, and country data (opt-out will be provided) to guide the design of the sessions.

We will use insights and statistics from the Lyon organisation to improve the design of the programme to prevent skew in all EDI areas.

Diversity among session chairs will be actively managed during programme design, ensuring balanced representation across gender, career stage, national origin, and sector.

Fully Accessible Venue

Lift access throughout · 33 accessible auditorium seats with PA bays · accessible toilets on all floors · induction loops · accessible parking at Kings Dock · assistance dogs welcome · AccessAble report available.

Dedicated Spaces

Exclusive use of the convention centre enables IMSC to allocate dedicated areas for quiet reflection, prayer, breastfeeding and low-stimulation environments, providing flexible, inclusive facilities that can be tailored to the needs of delegates throughout the event.

Balanced programme

Gender balance is a formal criterion at every level — invited speakers, session chairs, panels, and short-course instructors. Representation targets published pre- and post-conference.

Global & Career-Stage Inclusion

Tiered registration fees, ECR travel bursaries, and hybrid content delivery. BMSS early-career researchers embedded from the outset, shaping the programme.

Financial Accessibility

Bursary programme targeting ECRs and delegates from low- and middle-income countries.

Inclusive Catering

Halal, kosher, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and allergen-free options as standard – required number estimated through registration process. Allergen information displayed at all caterers.

Communication Access

Accessible slide design guidelines issued to all speakers.

Code of Conduct & Accountability

Publicly available CoC with named contacts and confidential reporting. Mandatory chair training. Pre- and post-conference EDI reports published against stated targets.

Workshops / Network Opportunities

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Satellite Meetings
IMSC 2030 will open with a dedicated day of short courses and satellite meetings organised by interest groups on Sunday August 18, making use of the LEX extensive breakout suite alongside the University of Liverpool's nearby campus facilities. Short courses will be designed to serve the full spectrum of the IMSC community, from graduate students and early-career researchers encountering advanced MS methodologies for the first time, to experienced practitioners seeking focused training in emerging techniques.

Networking opportunities
Great science happens in conversation as much as on the stage. Our evening programme is designed to connect early-career researchers with established leaders in the field through structured networking events that go beyond casual social interaction.

The aim is to give delegates genuine opportunities to build relationships that outlast the conference week. We will also support external organisers, including the LGBTQ+ STEM community, in hosting their own events within the programme.

An Exciting Agenda

Proposed topics include Research Technical Professionals, career development, FeMS, and many others. Satellite meetings organised by co-sponsoring and affiliated societies will run in parallel, providing dedicated community space for specialised interest groups. To build the final agenda we will liaise with IMSF focus groups. In addition, we will balance scientific with non-scientific workshops.

Expanding the Network of Mass Spectrometrists

Breaking Down Barriers: Career stage, institution, and nationality should never determine who gets access to the field's leading minds. Several evenings of IMSC 2030 will feature a structured, **opt-in** networking activity (alongside open social time) to ensure delegates attending their first international conference leave with as many new connections as those attending their twentieth.

Meet the speaker

Every plenary and keynote speaker that **opts-in** at IMSC 2030 is paired with a small group of delegates for an informal 30-minute conversation. Places are allocated by ballot at registration, with priority given to early-career researchers and delegates from low- and middle-income countries — ensuring that access to the field's leading minds is distributed on merit, not on who you already know.

The Buddy Lottery

Alongside the networking features built into the conference app, we are developing a "buddy lottery" scheme, which we are currently polling the community on. Delegates who **opt-in** at registration indicate their affiliation and career stage, and are then randomly paired into small cross-career groups for evening events, mixing early-career researchers with senior figures they might not otherwise meet. Initial feedback from the community has been encouraging.

Gala dinner

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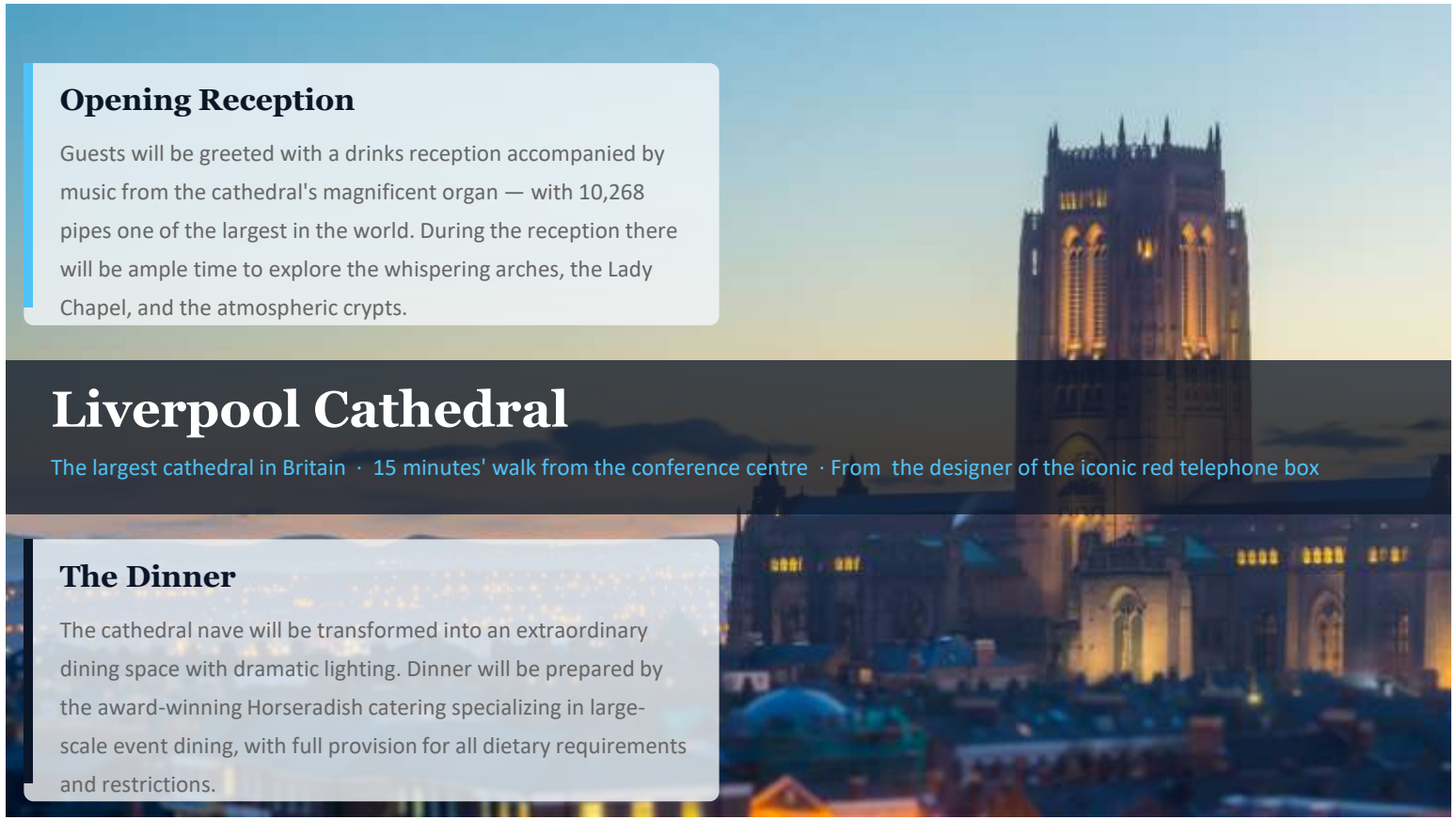
For less mobile visitors: *"a coach service will be provided for those who prefer not to walk"*



Opening Reception

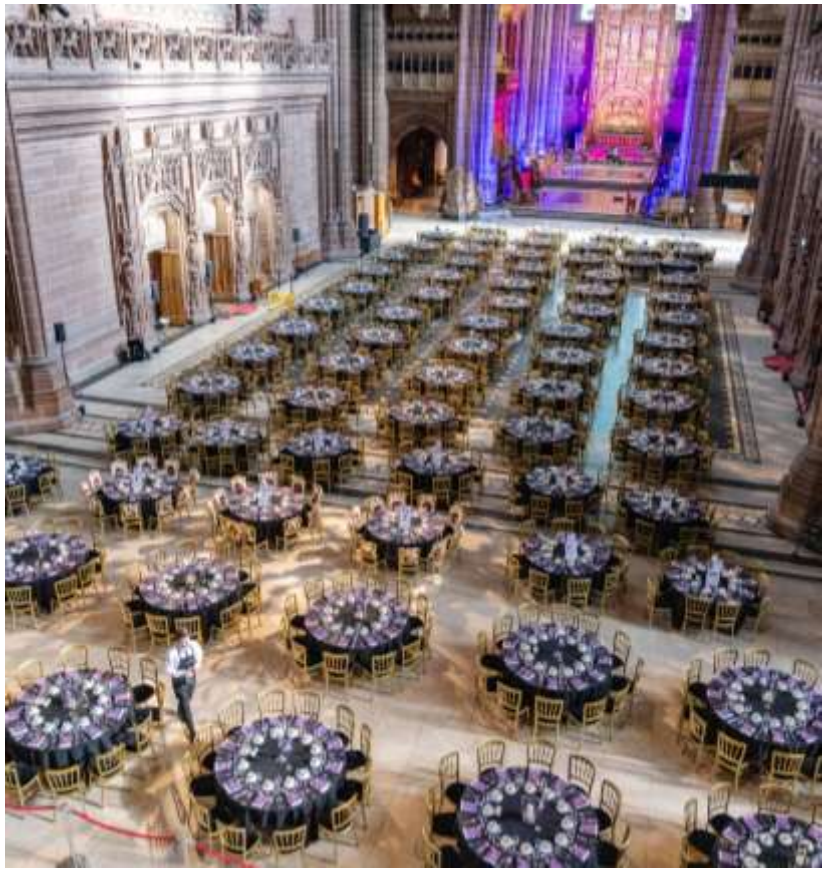
Guests will be greeted with a drinks reception accompanied by music from the cathedral's magnificent organ — with 10,268 pipes one of the largest in the world. During the reception there will be ample time to explore the whispering arches, the Lady Chapel, and the atmospheric crypts.

Liverpool Cathedral

The largest cathedral in Britain · 15 minutes' walk from the conference centre · From the designer of the iconic red telephone box

The Dinner

The cathedral nave will be transformed into an extraordinary dining space with dramatic lighting. Dinner will be prepared by the award-winning Horseradish catering specializing in large-scale event dining, with full provision for all dietary requirements and restrictions.



800 guests · **10,268** organ pipes

15 min walk from LEX · **Fully accessible**

Award-winning catering
All dietary requirements fully accommodated


Dinner venue
Waterfront venue - LEX
exhibition centre liverpool

Location

Liverpool: A City Like No Other

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Liverpool is a city where three centuries of architectural ambition line the waterfront – from the jaw dropping Speke Hall, the grandeur of the Royal Liver Building and St George's Hall to the striking contemporary forms of the Museum of Liverpool and the Liverpool Experience Campus itself. Its historical docklands tell the story of a port that once connected continents. The Albert Dock's restored warehouses now house world-class galleries including Tate Liverpool, while the Pier Head stands as a monument to the age of transatlantic travel, where the White Star Line (whose vessels included RMS Titanic) linked Liverpool and New York as the gateway between Britain and America.

Beyond its heritage, Liverpool is home to a vibrant and growing scientific community, with major research-intensive universities driving innovation in the life sciences, materials chemistry, and data analytics. Delegates will find a compact, walkable city centre rich in cultural offerings, from the International Slavery Museum and the Beatles Story to an acclaimed independent food scene, all served by an international airport, mainline rail connections, and an abundance of competitively priced accommodation.

As part of the Northern Arc, Liverpool is set to deliver growth with a highly developed industrial ecosystem, primed for sector-led growth: From Life Sciences to Energy and Advanced Materials, the region already has the core and complementary capabilities that can drive technological advances and commercialisation in cutting-edge fields including from energy innovation to AI.

Liverpool is a city that rewards curiosity, and we are confident it will leave a lasting impression on the international mass spectrometry community.

Discover Liverpool

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Liverpool is a city where history, music, sport, and maritime heritage come together to create one of the UK's most vibrant destinations. Once the gateway to the world through its bustling port system, its waterfront tells the story of centuries of global trade, innovation, and cultural exchange. Today, visitors can immerse themselves in the city's rich legacy by exploring its striking architecture, world-class museums (most of which are free to enter), and the enduring influence of The Beatles, whose music transformed popular culture worldwide. Whether you're strolling along the historic docks, discovering a thriving food and arts scene, or experiencing a matchday, Liverpool offers a unique blend of heritage and modern energy that leaves a lasting impression.

Music

Liverpool's musical influence has shaped popular culture for more than half a century. While forever associated with The Beatles, the city has also produced internationally acclaimed artists including Gerry & The Pacemakers, Echo & the Bunnymen, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, The La's, Atomic Kitten, and The Zutons. This remarkable musical legacy continues today through a thriving live music scene, and was celebrated during the 2023 Eurovision song contest hosted in Liverpool.

Maritime History

Liverpool's maritime heritage has defined the city's identity for over three centuries. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the port of Liverpool became one of the world's busiest trading hubs, connecting Britain with Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia and helping to shape global commerce and migration. This rich seafaring legacy is preserved today along the city's historic waterfront, where the restored docks, maritime landmarks, and museums offer visitors a fascinating insight into Liverpool's pivotal role in Britain's industrial and maritime history.

Football

Football is woven into the fabric of Liverpool, with the city boasting one of the richest sporting traditions in the world. Home to both Liverpool and Everton F.C., two of England's most historic and successful clubs, Liverpool has been at the heart of the game for well over a century and produced superstars such as Wayne Rooney and Alex Greenwood, both England internationals for the men and women's teams respectively. Between Liverpool FC's 142-year-old Anfield home and Everton FC's newly build Hill Dickinson Stadium, these footballing cathedrals offer a unique opportunity to sample the electric atmosphere of a matchday.

Founded in 1207

Liverpool received its first royal charter from King John over 800 years ago

UNESCO City of Music

Artists from Liverpool have produced more UK No. 1 singles than any other city (Guinness World Records).

40% of global trade

During the 19th century, around 40% of the world's trade passed through the port of Liverpool.

European Culture Capital

Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture (2008) celebrated the city's artistic heritage.

Conference Facility

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1,350 Auditorium seats

2 × 247 Split lecture theatres

21 Meeting rooms

3,725 m² Exhibition hall (Hall 2)

Free Wi-Fi, venue-wide

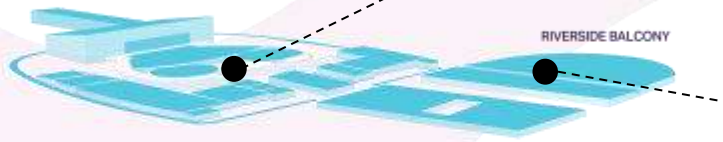
The proposal is based on exclusive use of the Convention Centre from Saturday 17th to Friday 23rd August 2030. Purpose-built for large-scale conferences, the venue offers a 1,350-seat auditorium, 21 flexible meeting rooms, and 3,725 sqm of exhibition space. The exhibition hall sits at the heart of the delegate flow, keeping sponsors, poster presentations, and exhibitors central to the experience, while generous circulation areas and informal meeting points encourage interaction throughout the week.

The venue provides state-of-the-art AV infrastructure and an experienced in-house events team. Exclusive use gives full control over branding, sponsorship visibility, and event operations, with the flexibility to reshape spaces as requirements evolve. Should attendance exceed 1,500, the event can expand into the wider LEX campus – linking the convention centre, exhibition centre, and arena – providing a scalable solution without compromising the delegate experience.

Auditorium – At the heart of the venue is a 1,350 seat, tiered auditorium featuring an impressive stage and innovative revolving drums that can be transformed into two 247 seat mini lecture theatres creating a highly flexible and effective conference environment.

Breakout rooms – Complementing the auditorium are 21 meeting rooms that can be split, combined or configured to suit a wide range of event formats.

Relaxation areas – Generous circulation areas, informal seating zones and coffee points throughout the venue create natural opportunities for delegates to connect, collaborate and recharge between sessions.



Presenter area – A dedicated space for speakers and session chairs to prepare presentations, meet colleagues and liaise with the venue's experienced AV and technical teams ahead of their sessions.

Exhibition area – On the lower level, Hall 2 offers 3,725 m² of versatile, fully carpeted event space providing ample space for exhibitor stands, poster boards and delegate catering.

Accommodation

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A shared, community experience: *"with 3 hotels on-site and 2500+ rooms within a 10 minute walk"*

Liverpool offers an exceptional range of accommodation at every price point, concentrated in and around the conference waterfront campus. With 11,623 rooms within a 20-minute walk radius, spread out across the city centre (including 658 on-campus), delegates at every career stage and budget will find convenient, competitively priced options within easy walking distance of the venue.

658
on-campus rooms

11,623
total city-centre rooms

4,608
university beds

Dedicated hotel booking system

LCB can will create a complimentary accommodation landing page, giving delegates an easy way to browse and book their own rooms at specially negotiated rates. This tailored platform helps streamline the delegate experience by showcasing a curated selection of trusted Liverpool hotels and providing clear, convenient information to help delegates plan their stay with confidence.

Budget options
345 hostel beds from ~£20/night · 4,608 university beds during vacation · serviced apartments from £80/night

HQ Hotel: Pullman Liverpool
216 rooms · on-site · seamlessly integrated into the Exhibition Centre · two private function spaces · from £145/night

City Centre Liverpool — Bedstock Overview

Type	# Properties	# Rooms	Est. Rate/night*
5* hotel	3	179	£175
4* Deluxe hotel	12	1,216	£145–160
4* hotel	18	1,417	£120–145
3* hotel	7	1,659	£75–120
Budget hotel	~8	1,396	£55–80
Serviced apartment	~6	803	£80–125
Hostel	~4	345	From £20
University halls	–	4,608	From £30
TOTAL	**–**	**11,623**	**–**

On-site (integrated campus): 658 rooms across 3 hotels — Staybridge Suites (132), Pullman (216), Leonardo (310)

**Average daily rates 2024 (single occupancy, room only). Subject to availability at time of booking. University accommodation available during August vacation period.*

Transportation to the city

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US pre-clearance at Dublin: *"7 flights every day from Dublin to Liverpool"*

Liverpool ranks as one of the best accessible cities in the UK. It is within three hours of 90% of the UK population by road or rail and connected to hundreds of international destinations via three airports within easy reach.

By Air

Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LPL)

20 minutes from the city centre by taxi or bus. Direct flights to over 70 European destinations via easyJet, Jet2, and Ryanair — including major hub cities for onward connections.

Manchester Airport (MAN)

Just 50 minutes by direct train or car. The UK's third-busiest airport, with over 200 destinations in 57 countries — including long-haul services to North America, the Middle East, India, South-East Asia, and China via Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, and others.

London Heathrow (LHR)

The world's most internationally connected airport. Reach Liverpool in approximately 2 h 30 min via direct rail from London Euston.

Flights/day

50+ to the US
40+ to the Middle East
40+ to Asia / Oceania

Manchester (45 min) offers direct flights to the USA, China, Singapore, and India. Heathrow (2.5 hrs by train) connects to 314 airports worldwide: Australia, Japan, South Korea, and South America. Middle East hubs serve both airports.

By Rail

Liverpool Lime Street

The city's principal station sits in the heart of the centre, a short walk from the LEX and all major hotels.

Key journey times

London Euston — 2 h 15 min (Avanti West Coast)
Manchester — 50 min
Birmingham — 1 h 35 min
Leeds — 1 h 30 min
Edinburgh — 3 h 30 min
Glasgow — 3 h 20 min

Up to 4 trains per hour on the West Coast Main Line, with direct services running from early morning to late evening.

Eurostar connections

International delegates arriving via the Channel Tunnel can connect at London St Pancras / Euston for direct onward services to Liverpool.

Flights to Europe

Amsterdam — 1 h 10 min
Paris — 1 h 35 min
Berlin — 1 h 55 min
Vienna — 2 h 20 min
Barcelona — 2 h 20 min
Lisbon — 2 h 50 min

Transportation within the city

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Liverpool is one of Britain's most walkable city centres; the conference venue, hotels, restaurants, and attractions are all within a compact waterfront district that most delegates can navigate comfortably on foot. For those who want to range further, the city offers a wide range of transport options.

The Liverpool Experience Campus sits at the heart of the waterfront. The Albert Dock, city centre shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions are nearby with the closest a 2-5 minute walk. A delegate can realistically spend an entire conference week without needing a vehicle.

Liverpool's Merseyrail network stretches through the whole of Merseyside, with an underground loop connecting the city centre's two main stations – Liverpool Central and Lime Street. Trains are frequent, reliable, and provide direct access to excursion destinations

The iconic Mersey Ferry provides a scenic river crossing to the Wirral – a practical and memorable way for delegates to reach Wirral-side excursions, with regular departures from the Pier Head adjacent to the venue.

An extensive bus network covers the city centre and wider region, with frequent services to Liverpool John Lennon Airport and major visitor attractions. Single fares cost £2.20, with a day Solo ticket available at £5.70 for unlimited travel.

Approximately 2,000 e-scooters are available to hire across the city.

Liverpool has one of the most active Uber markets outside London, with short city-centre journeys typically arriving within two to three minutes and fares remaining highly competitive.

MetroCard covers rail, bus, and ferry on a single ticket

Attractions around Liverpool

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Merseyside's excellent connectivity opens a wide range of exciting full- and half-day excursion options, adding extra value for delegates and their families for this conference week.

Options within Liverpool's circle range from leisurely visits to the region's stately homes and gardens, to exploring the seaside charm of Southport or the historic streets of Chester.

Liverpool is perfectly placed for exploring the rest of the North West and beyond. With the Wirral and North Wales just across the Mersey, Cheshire and Chester to the south, Greater Manchester to the east, and Lancashire and the Lake District to the north, visitors are spoilt for choice.

Here are some suggestions for how the delights of the North West and the rest of the UK can be woven into visitors' itineraries:

Lovely mild summer weather

Lake District & Cumbria

The Lake District is England's most celebrated national park, its waterfalls, lakes, mountains and fells having inspired writers such as Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. Cumbria's scenery is truly distinctive, dotted with picturesque towns, villages and castles, and outdoor enthusiasts will find endless opportunities for hiking, mountain climbing, watersports and cycling.

Windermere Lake Cruises | Hill Top & World of Beatrix Potter | Wordsworth's Dove Cottage | Ullswater Steamers | Castlerigg Stone Circle

Honister Slate Mine Via Ferrata | Catbells Fell Walk | Coniston Water Kayaking & Paddleboarding | Whinlatter Forest Mountain Biking | Scafell Pike Hike

1.5–2 h by car/train

Chester / Wirral

One of Britain's most popular cities, Chester has a bewitching beauty and a unique atmosphere. Take a stroll around the most complete Roman and Medieval town wall in Britain, explore the distinctive black-and-white Rows with their two-tiered covered walkways, or visit Chester Cathedral and the city's Roman amphitheatre — the largest yet discovered in Britain.

Chester Rows & City Walls Walk | Chester Cathedral | Roman Amphitheatre | Chester Zoo | Port Sunlight Village & Lady Lever Art Gallery

Wirral Way Cycling (Wirral Country Park) | Hilbre Island Tidal Walk | River Dee Boat Trips & Kayaking | New Brighton Watersports | Thurstaston Beach Coastal Walk

40 min by car/train

North Wales

North Wales offers a dramatic change of scenery within easy reach of Liverpool — soaring mountains, a rugged coastline, and some of Britain's finest medieval castles. From the UNESCO-listed castles of Conwy and Caernarfon to the peaks of Eryri (Snowdonia), the region rewards both leisurely sightseeing and more energetic pursuits.

Conwy Castle & Town Walls | Caernarfon Castle | Portmeirion Village | Llandudno & the Great Orme | Bodnant Garden

Snowdon Hike | Zip World Penrhyn Quarry (zip lines & via ferrata) | Surf Snowdonia | Coastal Kayaking, Anglesey | Bounce Below, Blaenau Ffestiniog (underground)

60-90 min by car/train

Attractions around Liverpool

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London

London, one of the world's most visited cities, is around 2 h 15 from Liverpool by direct train - easily reached for a pre- or post-conference extension, offering world-class history, culture and entertainment.

Buckingham Palace & Changing of the Guard | Tower of London & Crown Jewels | British Museum | Houses of Parliament & Westminster Abbey | River Thames Cruise

Thames RIB Speedboat Experience | The Crystal Maze LIVE Experience | The View from The Shard | Go Ape Battersea Park (treetop adventure) | Lee Valley White Water Centre (rafting & kayaking)

2 h 15 by train

East Lancashire Railway & Bury

Experience the sounds, smells and charm of a bygone era, on a heritage line through the countryside.

Rail Ale Trail | Themed railway weekends | Bury Market | Fusilier Museum

30 min by car/train

Jodrell Bank Observatory

One of the largest radio telescopes in the world. Discover the history of the Lovell Telescope.

Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre | The Lovell Telescope | Gardens & Arboretum

1 h by car/train

Peak District & Chatsworth house

The Peak District National Park offers a striking contrast of moors, rivers and limestone valleys.

Chatsworth House | Lyme Park | Castleton's Caverns | Bakewell | Alton Towers Resort

1 h 45 by car/train

Scotland

Deserted beaches, lochs, mountains and forests, Scotland's legendary landscapes are amazing.

Edinburgh | Holyrood Palace | Glasgow | Loch Lomond | Cairngorms | Loch Ness

3 h 30 by train

Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester is within easy reach from Liverpool by train, offering delegates a contrasting urban experience — a city built on industrial heritage and reinvented as a hub for science, sport, media and culture, alongside excellent museums and a thriving food and nightlife scene.

Science and Industry Museum | Manchester Art Gallery | Imperial War Museum North | The Lowry | John Rylands Library

Velodrome Track Experience | Chill Factore Indoor Skiing & Snowboarding | The Climbing Hangar | Sale Water Park Watersports | Etihad/Old Trafford Stadium Tours with Pitch-Side Access

30 min by car/train

Financial

Approximate budget

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Expenses	1,000 delegates	1,350 delegates
Convention Venue Hire	£294,200	£294,200
Exhibition, poster boards, hybrid delivery & AV	£99,918	£99,918
Marketing, event management & legal	£105,860	£105,860
Invited speaker costs	£41,405	£41,405
Committee & staff costs	£41,607	£41,607
Catering, Reception & Gala Dinner	£279,300	£335,300
Delegate Administration Fee	£24,000	£32,400
Cancellation insurance, terrorism and civil commotion buy back and £10m public liability insurance	£10,000	£10,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	**£896,290**	**£960,690**

Income	1,000 delegates	1,350 delegates
Exhibition Sales	£112,500	£112,500
Registration Fees	£509,445	£687,690
Conference Gala Dinner (@ £75, fixed at 800 participants)	£60,000	£60,000
Short courses (100 attendees)	£24,000	£24,000
Sponsorship	£250,000	£250,000
Additional income (Liverpool subvention, travel grants, RSC, etc)	£125,000	£125,000
TOTAL INCOME	**£1,080,945**	**£1,259,190**

PROJECTED SURPLUS	**£184,655**	**£298,500**

Projections were made for up to 2,000 attendees; venue max capacity 7,000 attendees

£1.2M

TOTAL BUDGET

Based on 1,350 delegates with inflation buffer included

£200 – £580

REGISTRATION FEES

Tiered pricing to support ECRs, students, & LMIC delegates

Prior financial commitments

The BMSS has maintained close relationships with instrument and technology vendors over many years, and early indications of sponsorship interest for this conference have been very strong. We are confident that the target sponsorship income of £250,000 is well within reach.
Additional support will come from UK learned societies with established links to mass spectrometry, together with a substantial subvention from Liverpool City Council toward venue costs. Combined revenue from these sources is expected to exceed £125,000.

Accounting / bookkeeping

For the full duration of organising, hosting and wrapping up the conference SAS will do the accounting and for bookkeeping we will make use of the services of WR Partners. This accountancy firm is well-established and has been responsible for auditing the BMSS for many years.

To guide the process and keep track of income and pay expenses, we secured the services of the BMSS treasurer, Dr Rhodri Owen. The experience he brings will ensure a smooth process.

Profit/loss plan

A dedicated limited company will be established to manage conference finances. Financial projections show a profit at 800 participants - a deliberately conservative floor. BMSS national meetings regularly attract around 400 attendees with up to 40 vendor sponsors, and the society's 750-plus members are extended by supporting societies including the RSC Separation Science Group and RSC Applied Biosciences, each with over 1,500 members. Combined with international attendance, we expect to exceed the 800-participant threshold comfortably.

To manage cash flow ahead of registration and sponsorship income, the BMSS aims to underwrite the conference and provide a £75,000 working fund for early-stage expenditure. This fund also buffers against any shortfall in projected income. Public liability insurance of £10M will be in place.

Additional information

Expressions of support

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Societal and adjacent organisation support

To view these and additional letters of support for the BMSS bid to host IMSC28, please visit the BMSS Bid Resource Page:

https://www.bmss.org.uk/meetings/imsc-2030-bid-resources/

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Prof. Tim Jones
Vice-Chancellor

As Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, and as an alumnus who completed both my undergraduate degree and PhD here, I'm delighted to offer my wholehearted support for the British Mass Spectrometry Society's bid to host the 28th International Mass Spectrometry Conference in Liverpool in August 2030.

I am confident that Liverpool can deliver an exceptional scientific, cultural, and social event. The Liverpool Experience Campus provides a world-class venue on the city's waterfront, ideally placed adjacent to the Knowledge Quarter Liverpool, one of Europe's foremost innovation and research districts.

The University of Liverpool is committed to supporting this conference in practical terms. August falls within our summer vacation period, when university residential accommodation across our campus becomes available at competitive rates; we will work with the organising committee to secure blocks of rooms that offer delegates a convenient and affordable alternative to city-centre hotels, with priority allocation for those travelling from lower-income countries.

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

Steve Rotheram
Mayor

It gives me great pleasure to write in wholehearted support of Liverpool's bid to host the 28th International Mass Spectrometry Conference in August 2030.

Liverpool City Region is in the middle of a period of genuine transformation. We have secured the largest public transport investment in our history: £1.6 billion to build new rail stations, introduce rapid transit links, and create a London-style integrated ticketing system across the region by 2030. We are home to a growing knowledge economy anchored by two world-class universities, a £1 billion Knowledge Quarter, and some of the UK's most ambitious life sciences and health research infrastructure. This is a city region on the move, and IMSC 2030 would arrive at exactly the right moment.

I can assure the International Mass Spectrometry Foundation that Liverpool City Region will give this conference our full support — in logistics, in welcome, and in ambition. We look forward to opening our doors to the global mass spectrometry community in 2030.

Sustainability

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Net zero target: **2030** Air-source heat pumps · LED lighting · Zero to Landfill

Liverpool Experience Campus — VENUE CERTIFICATIONS

The campus holds ISO 20121 and ISO 14001 certification, Green Meetings Gold Accreditation, and certified carbon neutral status through Carbon Neutral Britain, on track for full net zero by 2030. Importantly, *Liverpool Experience Campus is a certified carbon neutral campus, and on track to reach full net zero by 2030 – the year of IMSC28.*

ISO 20121
Sustainable Event Management

ISO 14001
Environmental Management

Green Meetings GOLD
Excellence in sustainable operations

Greengage ECOsmart **PLATINUM**

Zero to Landfill **ACHIEVED!**

Carbon Neutral Campus **ACHIEVED!**

LIVERPOOL — CITY CREDENTIALS

- Declared climate emergency 2019; carbon neutral target 2040
- TAG Network: integrated public transport & low-carbon travel programme
- £4m URBAN GreenUP investment in green infrastructure, including tree planting and segregated cycle lanes
- 100% renewable energy at key city-centre event venues
- Electric and hydrogen-powered bus fleet in operation; clean air and active travel strategies under development
- UK's first UN Accelerator City for Climate Action, piloting decarbonisation methods across events, film, and cultural industries
- Visitor Sustainability Action Plan aligned to UN Sustainable Development Goals

World's first
UN Accelerator City
for Climate Action (2024)

GDS* Most Improved Destination 2023

3rd
in England
GDS-Index 2025

PCO SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT — SAS EVENT & ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

Environmental Impact Assessment
Social & environmental review at the outset of every event

Contractual Sustainability Clauses
All suppliers bound to environmental and waste management standards

Carbon Monitoring & Offsetting
Emissions calculated using carbon calculators; offset programme in place

Hybrid-First Approach
All sessions recorded; remote access and satellite relay supported

* GDS - The Global Destination Sustainability (GDS) Index - world's leading benchmarking programme for sustainable tourism and event destinations.

IMSC 2030

LIVERPOOL, UK

Where mass spectrometry began.

The UK gave the world mass spectrometry — from Thomson and Aston to the very first IMSC in London, 1958. It is time to bring this flagship conference home.

A top venue in an extraordinary city.

An award-winning waterfront campus with 1,350-seat auditorium, 3,725 m² of exhibition space, and three on-campus hotels — in a historical city that rewards curiosity.

Science without barriers.

An ambitious scientific programme across five themes, with tiered pricing, fellowship funding, and hybrid access — because the best ideas come from the broadest community.

We look forward to welcoming the international mass spectrometry community to Liverpool.

17 – 23 AUGUST 2030