

Conference Info Pack



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Conference info pack for first time attendees and those who would like a refresher...

Welcome to your first IPS conference!
Or welcome back, if its been awhile
since you joined us!

We hope you are excited to be here,
ready to learn, develop, meet new
friends and have an enjoyable and
immersive experience.

This information is provided to help you
find your way around the conference
and the exhibition, and explain some of
the terminology that you may come
across and help you make the most of
the event. Please don't be afraid to
contact a member of the IPS Scientific
Programme Committee, or the event
team. We are here to ensure you have a
great time.

**Remember a stranger is just a friend
we have not met yet.**

IPS Scientific Programme Committee



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Packing for Conference

Dress code for conference is recommended as smart casual.

Pack enough clothes for the 2 days of conference and the 1 social event.

More information about the social events can be found in the glossary on Pages 9 - 11.



Travelling

Generally unless you live close to the venue, it is better to travel the night before. Train delays, traffic jams can delay the best of us and can leave you arriving stressed. Travelling the day before gives you time to settle in and orientate yourself and you will be refreshed and ready to enjoy the event.



Registration

The registration desk will be clearly marked at the venue. If in doubt follow the crowds. Event organisers will be around to help you if you need help.

Registration opens the evening before conference and that is a good time to register as it avoids any delays in the morning. At registration you will be formally signed in for conference and will be provided all the information you need for the days ahead.

Please ensure you wear your registration badge visibly at all times when in the venue (this might be a name badge provided / or you may be asked to wear your usual workplace ID badge).

Conference Sessions

The 2025 programme is available online: jp2025conference.co.uk



On day one we will start the event in auditorium 2 with plenary lectures, before breaking out into concurrent sessions. Most of the rest of the event will be concurrent sessions with a choice of 3 streams, until the last afternoon when we come together for a final plenary and the close of conference.



There are 3 eponymous lectures during the event from prestigious speakers running across both conference days, and there are also 6 sessions across both days of 'oral' or 'free' papers', chosen from among the abstract submissions. (more information about the sessions can be found in the glossary below).

Please arrive in good time for the sessions you are attending. Please move to sit in the centre of the aisles. This leaves aisle seats free for latecomers and makes things less disruptive!



We ask you not to enter a session that has already started where possible. Where you have to, please move quietly around the auditorium so as not to disturb other delegates or the speaker.

Not all our speakers are used to speaking at conference. For some it will be their first time and they may be a bit nervous (actually even the really experienced ones can get nervous!). It's really nice for the speakers to see faces in the middle and near the front!

Conference Sessions, continued



You are free to move between rooms to attend the sessions that appeal to you most. There is a 5-minute break between each talk to allow for this movement time.

At the end of the session there will usually be time for questions. This will be managed by the Chair. If you want to ask a question you should move to one of the microphones in the auditorium. The chair will invite you to ask the question. It is helpful if you say briefly who you are and where you work. Then ask your question as succinctly as possible. The presenter will then answer. You may wish to remain at the microphone if you wish to add a further point after their answer.

Don't be afraid to come forward to ask a question, it is a great compliment to the speaker, showing interest in their work.

Any challenges to information presented should be given in a professional manner. It may be more appropriate to speak to the presenter after the talk.

Most speakers will be happy to have further discussion with you after their talk has concluded.

For more information about the types of session, see the glossary on Pages 9 - 11.

Abstract and Poster Presentation

We hope that you have had the opportunity to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation. If not it may be something to consider for next year! There is more information in the glossary below on how to submit.

If you have been selected to display a poster, it should be put up on day 1 of the conference. You will be given a specific number to identify where to hang your poster. The poster should stay up for the whole conference. Don't forget to take it down at lunchtime on day 2. You may want to display it to colleagues back at work.

You will have been notified at the time of acceptance if you are chosen to present on a poster or if you have been given an oral presentation slot.

If doing a poster talk, take a note of the place and time that you have been given. The poster talk lead will welcome you and explain how the session will run. The poster talk lead may wish to explain to the audience why your poster has been chosen and you will be invited to explain key points. You may only have 3-4 minutes.

If selected to give an oral presentation, please make sure you are in the room for the whole session. You should introduce yourself to the session chair and clarify how you want to be introduced. There are usually 3 speakers in the 35 min slot, so you will only have about 8-10 minutes to give a summary of your work, and a couple of minutes to take questions from the audience. Please don't over run your time as it is unfair on the other speakers.



Poster Viewing

All the posters will be displayed together in the designated area, grouped by theme. You are encouraged to take time to go through them at the specified poster display times as well as during any other breaks in your schedule. They will often contain lots of interesting work which may inspire ideas and foster contact and collaborative work.

With so much to see and do at conference, it can be difficult to view every poster, so we have specific poster walk / talk times during the programme so that you can join a small group and focus on just a few at a time along with a facilitator and the poster presenter to answer questions.

Some people find it helpful to take photos of posters they are particularly interested in. All posters have the authors contact details so you can get in touch with them for more information.



Glossary of Terms

- **Plenary session:** This is a conference talk that takes place with no other competing sessions (single stream). This is usually a high-level influential speaker and we would encourage you to attend.
- **Eponymous lecture:** This is a lecture named after someone.
- **Ayliffe Lecture:** This eponymous lecture is named after Professor Graham Ayliffe. Prof Ayliffe was one of the most important microbiology/infection control doctors in modern times. His book on 'Control of hospital infection', was for many years the bible for IPC nurses. He founded and ran the Hospital Infection Research laboratory in Birmingham and wrote many of the original papers contributing to our understanding of decontamination. He also invented the '6 stage hand hygiene' technique we know so well. Prof was a regular supporter of IPS and attended conference every year with his wife to listen to the Ayliffe lecture and present the chosen speaker with one of his books.
- **Cottrell Lecture:** The Cottrell lecture is named after Edith Cottrell who was the first IPC nurse in the UK. She was appointed by microbiologist Brendan Moore in Torquay in 1959. This session is usually delivered by a nurse who has contributed significantly to IPC. There is a separate Brendon Moore award which is presented every year to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the society.
- **Tina Bradley Lecture:** Tina Bradley was a clinical scientist, known to many across the world as a leading expert in decontamination. She worked under Prof Ayliffe at the Hospital Infection Research Lab in Birmingham. Tina was an active member of IPS and a friend to many. She sadly passed away in 2020 and we use this lecture to remember her contribution to decontamination science.
- **Concurrent Session:** Concurrent means that there is more than one session in progress at the same time. You will need to choose which one you want to go to. This can be a difficult decision if there is usually more than one session that appeals. Sometimes sessions are recorded, so it may be possible to go to an unrecorded session and catch up on the recorded one after conference.
- **Corporate Symposium:** This is an industry sponsored session, with their invited guest speakers. They provide a useful in depth look at a specific area of work the company is trying to improve. The sessions are usually held in break times in a designated space. Please support these sessions.



**Professor
Graham Ayliffe.**

Glossary of Terms, continued

- **Exhibition:** It is our corporate sponsors support which enable us to put on our IPS conference. The exhibition is held in a large hall, and that is where you will also find the refreshments and the posters. It is really important that delegates take the time to speak to all the different companies that have supported our conference. They are there to meet you and they will be keen to hear how they can work with you and how they can improve their offerings. There are also usually lots of pens and sweets to collect.
- **Scientific Programme Committee:** this is the group of IPS members who organise the conference (see Page 3). Conference planning usually starts in July the previous year. The SPC choose themes and speakers for the conference programme. They work with the conference organiser to coordinate the exhibition and social activities to ensure everyone has a stimulating and enjoyable conference experience. SPC members rotate every 3 years. Look out for adverts to apply to join the group in the IPS digest.
- **Conference Programme:** The conference programme has 3 'streams' both days (other than when the session is plenary). The programme is found on the conference app and conference website. We encourage you to look at the programme in advance to work out which sessions are your priorities. The programme is mapped to the IPS competencies and will help you with evidence for accreditation and competency assessment.
- **IPS Stand:** Within the exhibition the IPS will have a stand for members. Our Staff Team usually hosts the stand, and there is lots of IPS information on our activities and special interest groups, as well as a place to sit and chat.
- **Social Event & Awards - Monday 29th September:** This year's Social Event and Awards Ceremony will be held at the Grand Hotel, Brighton. Will include a welcome drink, canapes, awards and entertainment. Tickets are included in all delegate registration types (except Tuesday only tickets) and both complimentary and purchased stand attendee tickets. It will start at 7.00pm (this is also subject to change)

Glossary of Terms, continued

- **Special Guests:** All our delegates are special, but you can look out for our international guests and speakers. Some will be here from similar societies to IPS in other countries Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)(USA), Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC), Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC). There will also be special guests from other UK societies including The Healthcare Infection Society (HIS), Central Sterilising Club (CSC), British Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) and Association for Perioperative Practitioners (AfPP).
- **Abstract:** the first part of presenting a poster is submitting an abstract. There is a form that you will complete in which you detail the work you wish to present. This is submitted for consideration by a panel from the SPC and other IPC professionals. If of a satisfactory scientific standard, you will be asked to display your poster at the conference.
- **Posters:** Every year we have a poster exhibition. This is your chance to exhibit your clinical work/research/quality improvement in the form of a scientific poster showing off a piece of work you have undertaken, or a research project. All sorts of work can be considered for a poster.
- **Poster Talk:** This is a dedicated session to listen to 5-6 talks from delegates that have submitted posters that have been pre-chosen because they are good, or controversial. This session is chaired by an expert in the chosen poster theme. The poster will appear on a screen and the presenter will talk about their work, and then take questions from the guide and the audience. These sessions are often done with headsets as they are held in the exhibition hall which can be noisy.
- **Oral Presentation:** sometimes referred to as a 'free paper', 12 abstracts will be chosen for a 10 minute oral presentation slot. This is scheduled as a concurrent session in the main programme on both days of the event. If chosen, you will be asked to present your work to delegates. There are usually 3 speakers in the 35 minute slot. Please don't over run as this impacts on the other presenters. You should plan to speak for 7-8 minutes which allows a couple of minutes for questions. If you need further guidance on drafting an abstract, there is a very helpful webinar recording, about how to devise an abstract on the IPS website. For those whose submission is successful, there are poster templates available on the website.
- **Certificate of Attendance:** This shows that you have attended the event. It is usually available about a week or so after the conference finishes and is generated after you fill in the conference feedback form.

Top Tips for Enjoying Conference

- You don't have to attend every session. Pick the things that interest you most.
- Use any spare time to look at the posters.
- Take time to look around the exhibition, chat to the exhibitors. Conference would not take place without them, so please give them your dedicated time.
- Make a point to talk to people you don't know! Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to others. IPS people are really friendly and welcoming!
- If you are on your own use the IPS stand as a reference point.
- Join the newbie mystery tour to get the best from the exhibition.

