



Overview

The Rowett-INRA 2018 Symposium on Gut Microbiology: No longer the forgotten organ was the 11th Joint Symposium organised by The Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen, Scotland and the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), Clermont-Ferrand-Theix, France with Professional Conference Organising (PCO) Services by CPD Services, University of Aberdeen. The conference is hosted on a rotational basis between Claremont Ferrand, France and Aberdeen, Scotland.

The overall aim of the conference series is to promote understanding of the role of the complex microbial ecosystems present in the digestive tract of humans and animals in maintaining health of the host.

The conference consisted of 9 invited talks, 21 offered talks and 96 poster presentations which ran alongside the conference as well as a pre-conference workshop from the Rumen Microbial Genomics (RMG) Network and a post-conference Retirement Symposium for Bryan White.

The programme of events included a welcome reception as well as the full scientific programme being held at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC), with a Scottish Ceilidh at The Beach Ballroom and Gala Dinner and Scottish Pipe Band at The Chester Hotel.

The conference was well attended and attracted 183 delegates to Aberdeen, 40% of delegates were from the UK, 29% of delegates from European countries and 31% of participants were from the rest of the world.

Key Information

Dates	11 - 14 June 2018
Conference Venue	Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC)
Conference Dinner	The Chester Hotel
Ceilidh Event	The Beach Ballroom
Delegates	Over 180 International Delegates
Local Economic Impact	£232, 100

This is the third of our international Gut Microbiology conferences that CPD Services have supported us in organising. It certainly makes it easier to have them on board – they deal with all the awkward logistics (booking venues for scientific and social activities, online registration, travel and accommodation for speakers) leaving us free to focus on creating a scientifically interesting, interactive meeting. They also run the registration desk and trouble shoot AV issues during the conference, freeing the organisers up to chair sessions and focus on the science and interacting with attendees. All in all a great service.



Dr Karen Scott, Chair

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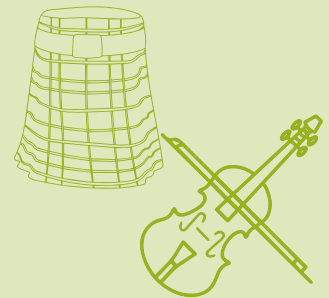
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