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## Second Electronic Glycoscience Conference

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The Second Electronic Glycoscience Conference (EGC-2) will be held on the Internet (the Net) and World Wide Web (the Web) from 9–20 September 1996 and follows the same pattern as the first such conference, EGC-1, held in 1995.

EGC-2 will be a fully international event open to all members of our scientific community and will cover a broad range of disciplines related to carbohydrate and glycoconjugate molecules including chemical, physical, biological and medical areas using theoretical, experimental and computational approaches.

Conference subject areas are: Biological Function of Protein-Linked Glycans; Carbohydrate Biotechnology; Crystallography; General Glycobiology; Glycanalysis; Glycoimmunology; Glycolipids; Glycomedicine; Glycosynthesis; Glycosyltransferases; Lectins; Mass Spectrometry; Molecular Modelling, Design and Informatics; NMR; Polysaccharides and Cellulose; Proteoglycans and Glycosaminoglycans; and Perspectives in the Glycosciences. Each subject area has a section convener who will screen abstracts sent by authors for suitability. The names and addresses of section conveners can be obtained at the URL: <http://bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk/egc2/>

Authors can opt to have their presentation in the following categories;

- (i) non-permanent presentation like a normal conference poster
- (ii) refereed presentation which will be considered for inclusion on a CD
- (iii) refereed presentation which will be considered for publication as a Letter to the Editor in a special issue of *Glycoconjugate Journal* in 1997.
- (iv) refereed presentation which will be considered for publication as a full paper in a special issue of *Glycoconjugate Journal* in 1997.

Referees will be appointed by the section conveners and the reports will be handled via the Special Editor for *Glycoconjugate Journal*, in consultation with Harry

Schachter and Graham Turner, editors of *Glycoconjugate Journal*.

Presentations must be prepared in Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) with figures in GIF, Rasmol or other web-compatible formats so that participants can view the papers via the World Wide Web. Aid and consultation will be provided to participants during summer 1996 to help them with their presentation. Further details are given in the authors' guide accessible via the URL: <http://bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk/egc2/>

During the conference, discussions will take place via the Internet in real-time using a virtual conference centre based on a MOO (Multiple-user domain, object oriented) and via Internet-accessible electronic mailing lists. Trial sessions for those not familiar with MOO will be held before the conference. During the conference, a timetable for MOO discussion sessions of each section will be posted. Since these real-time discussions are an integral part of the conference, authors will be expected to attend one for their subject; the right is reserved not to referee submissions by authors who do not attend one of these sessions.

The Conference will feature a Virtual Trade Center where commercial vendors, consultants, manufacturers, and contractors will be able to display their goods and services in return for exhibition fees to support conference activities. Any potential advertisers should contact the conference organisers.

### Deadlines and dates

#### *Subscribing to the Glycoscience Network mailing list*

Conference-related news and announcements will be posted regularly to the Glycoscience Network (TGN) mailing list (<http://bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk/hypermail/tgn/index.html>) and the *bionet.glycosci* newsgroup ([news:bionet.glycosci](mailto:news:bionet.glycosci) or <http://www.bio.net:80/hypermail/GLYCOSCI/>).

If you wish to subscribe to the TGN list send the following one line message to [majordomo@bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk](mailto:majordomo@bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk):  
subscribe tgn@bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk your\_email@address your\_name.

### *Registration*

The deadline for registration is 1 September 1996. Early registration is strongly encouraged.

If you intend to participate in EGC-2 please use the special form accessible via <http://bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk/egc2/>. The electronic registration will be used to construct a registrant database for the conference which will generate the conference mailing list and handle assignment of userids and passwords.

In addition it is necessary to pay for registration via ordinary means: the conference fee will be £35 sterling (US\$50) with a special rate for students of £20 sterling (US\$30). A copy of suitable student identification or a letter from the supervisor will be required to be charged at the lower rate. Please note: the registration fee may be liable to sales tax; for fuller details on this please refer to <http://bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk/egc2/>. Cheques made out in pounds sterling or US dollars should be made out to Greenlea Communications and mailed to: Dr Barry Hardy, Physical and Theoretical Chemistry Laboratory, University of Oxford, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3QZ, UK. It is hoped to establish a credit card clearing service and information will be provided in due course.

Academic registrants from economically-disadvantaged countries can write to Barry Hardy requesting an exemption to the registration fee. Exemptions will be made on a discretionary basis.

### *Deadline for receipt of abstract*

The deadline for receipt of presentation abstracts is 15 June 1996. E-mail your abstract directly to the appropriate section convener. For fuller details, consult the author's guide via <http://bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk/egc2/>

Your abstract should be no longer than 300 words.

State the category of presentation (non-permanent, refereed for CD, refereed as letter, refereed as full paper).

Section conveners have the discretion to reject abstracts, ask for revisions to an abstract or to send the abstract to the convener of a more suitable section.

### *Deadline for receipt of presentation*

The deadline for receipt of papers and posters is 15 August 1996. You must deposit your text and graphics files at the conference ftp site.

### *Refereeing period*

The refereeing period will commence upon completion of the conference. If you have a presentation at EGC-2 you may be requested to contribute a refereeing evaluation on another conference presentation. Referee reports will be due 1 November 1996. After that time, conveners make overall recommendations to be forwarded to the Special Editor of Glycoconjugate Journal. Only presentations will be refereed for which one of the three publication categories has been requested.

Any general e-mails (such as registration, mail list, HTML, password, timetable and MOO queries as well as general technical advice on browsers and graphics) should be sent to: [egc2org@bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk](mailto:egc2org@bellatrix.pcl.ox.ac.uk)

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