

INFORMATION ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Here is some information to assist you with planning of travel and accommodation for ODRRGOS-5.

The meeting will be held at Wadham College, Oxford, which is at the southern end of Parks Road. A good map of central Oxford can be found at

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/aboutoxford/maps/colls.shtml> .

The meeting will start at 10.00 hours on 1 July, and you are welcome to arrive at Wadham College from 09.00 hours.

Accommodation

A list of hotels is included hereafter. This is only a selection of hotels in Oxford, including some of the more conveniently located ones. Let us know if you have a problem contacting any of these, or if you would like a more complete list, which we could fax to you. I advise to **book early**, as July is a busy time for visitors in Oxford.

As an alternative, it would be possible for you to be accommodated at Wadham College at a rate of 41 UK pounds per night (including breakfast). These are student rooms and they do not have ensuite facilities, but they are of good size and quality (I have checked them out). If you are interested in this option, please contact us.

Travel

From Heathrow or Gatwick airports, the easiest method of travel to Oxford is by bus:

<i>Airport</i>	<i>cost</i>	<i>frequency</i>	<i>travel time</i>
Heathrow	15 UKpounds (return)	every 30 minutes	~ 1 hour
Gatwick	22 UKpounds (return)	every hour	~ 2 hours

Pay the driver in cash (credit cards not accepted). For more details, see <http://www.theairline.info>. Either take the bus to the terminus in central Oxford (Gloucester Green bus station) and then short taxi ride, or ask the driver if he passes close to your hotel.

I do not advise to use a car, unless you need it for other travel in the UK. Parking is very limited in central Oxford. Several hotels are within walking distance of Wadham College, otherwise the local bus service is good.

Other matters

We are arranging for a buffet lunch to be provided at Wadham College for each day of the meeting. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Wadham College is only 5 minutes walk from the main shopping centre of Oxford, where there are several banks with cash machines and bureaux de change.

All you need to know about the weather and climate of the UK (or, indeed, anywhere in the world!), can be found at:

<http://www.metoffice.com/weather/index.html>

If you have any queries, please contact John Eyre (john.eyre@metoffice.com, +44-1344-856687) or his assistant, John Armstrong (john.armstrong@metoffice.com, +44-1344-856245).

HOTELS IN OXFORD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Distance from Wadham College (miles)</u>	<u>Oxford Address</u>	<u>Room rate (single) per night in UK pounds</u>	<u>Telephone +44-1865- (except where indicated)</u>	<u>FAX +44-1865-</u>
Cotswold Lodge Hotel	1	66A Banbury Road	125	512121	512490
The Eurobar Hotel	< 0.5	48 George Street	65	725087	243367
Hawkwell House Hotel	3	Church Way, Iffley	95	749988	748525
Linton Lodge Hotel	1	13 Linton Road	115	553461 or 510902	310365
Old Bank Hotel	< 0.5	92/94 High Street	135-205	799599	799598
Old Parsonage Hotel	< 0.5	1 Banbury Road	130-170	310210	311262
The Oxford Hotel	3	Wolvercote Roundabout	147	489988	310259
The Oxford Lodge	3	Pear Tree Roundabout Woodstock Road	60 (no breakfast)	554301 or +44-870-850-950	
Parklands Hotel	1	100 Banbury Rd	49-58	554374	559860
Pine Castle Hotel	2	290/292 Iffley Road	55-60	241497 or 728887	727230
The Randolph Hotel	< 0.5	Beaumont Street	153	247482 or +44-870-400-8200	791678
The Eastgate Hotel	< 0.5	73 High Street	75	248244 or +44-870-400-8201	791678
Oxford Spires (Four Pillars)	2	Abingdon Road	225	324324	324325
Holiday Inn	3	Pear Tree Roundabout Woodstock Road	90	+44-870 400-9086	888333
<u>NOTE</u> 1 mile = 1.6 km					