WiPSCE '15 Joining instructions

On arrival

Please make your way to the Great Hall in the King's Building at our Strand Campus. You can access the King's Building either through the Strand Building or via the main entrance in the quad. A floor plan of the King's Building can be found here and a map of the campus can be found <a href=here.

Registration will take place in the Great Hall from 12pm Monday 9th November, with the conference proper commencing at 1.30pm.

Travel information

Details of how to get to the Strand Campus can be found on the King's College London website here. Delegates are advised to purchase an 'Oyster Card', which can be bought at any tube station. Further information on which type of Oyster card to buy and how to use it can be found on the VisitLondon website.

Tips and tricks to visit London like a local

Travelling

Peak times on public transport - The morning 'rush hour' is between 7.30am and 9.30am and the evening peak time is between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Avoid travelling at these times or allow extra time for your journey.

Guides to London – http://VisitLondon.com is a useful website for information about visiting the capital. They have a webpage dedicated to guides and maps here.

Tube etiquette – one of the best ways to make your travel journeys smoother and keep on your fellow travellers' good side is to follow tube etiquette! Here are some top tips:

- Escalators stand on the right and allow people to pass on the left
- Walk down the platform when waiting for the train to arrive, don't stay at one end

- Don't crowd the entrance of the train, move inside the carriage if it is busy so other people can get on
- Have your ticket/Oyster card ready at the ticket barrier expect lots of tuts and sighs if people have to wait while you search your bag or coat!
- Make sure oyster has enough credit for your journey

Walking vs. taking the tube – sometimes it is quicker and more direct to walk between sites rather than take the tube. <u>TimeOut London</u> has links to some maps that identify which stations have less than 500m between them.

Cycling vs. taking the tube – London has a self-service, bike-sharing scheme called Santander Cycles but known locally as 'Boris Bikes' after our current Mayor of London, Boris Johnson. Cycling can be a very enjoyable way to experience the capital and very reasonable if you make lots of short trips. More information is available on the Transport for London webpage.

Other points of interest:

Tipping – The general rule is, if you are served food at a table then you tip between 10-15% of the bill, but otherwise you are not expected to add anything on. <u>VisitLondon.com</u> has a page dedicated to 'dos and don'ts' of tipping in various contexts, including pubs and taxis.

Train stations – using the public toilets in train stations will normally cost you around 30p. You are also able to leave your luggage in most major train stations in 'Left Luggage'. <u>VisitLondon.com</u> has a page for this, too, with information as to the charges for this service.