WMO IBFWS Symposium - Met Office, Exeter, UK 2-4 Dec 2019

Additional Information

1. Getting to the Venue

The Symposium is not in Met Office HQ itself, but will be held nearby in the ‘Collaboration Space’ within our new HPC facility and Informatics Lab (https://www.informaticslab.co.uk/contact) on Exeter Science Park. This is a short (15 min) walk from Met Office HQ (https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/contact/in-exeter), on the other side of the M5 Motorway. The building is new enough to not yet appear on Google Maps satellite images, but it’s location on such maps is marked by ‘Met Office Informatics Lab’.

https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Met+Office+Informatics+Lab/@50.7330821,-3.4627025,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x486da3c1e65d040b:0x270cc9ea6c3f4f9c18m2!3d50.7330821!4d-3.4605138

If you are walking to the venue using any of the routes below, or indeed staying at the Gipsy Hill Hotel, please bring consider bringing a torch (flashlight) as some sections of the route lack streetlighting and it will be dark well before 1700 each day.

From Met Office HQ or adjacent hotels (Premier Inn, Holiday Inn)

- On foot, roughly 15 mins following the blue dot route on the map on the next page, though following the red arrow once you cross the motorway rather than the spurious loop shown in Google Maps.
- Via taxi, around 5 mins, either via Honiton Road and into Science Park, or dropping off at Gipsy Hill Hotel (see below)
- Via bus, 4A from Vospers Garage, opposite Met Office main entrance and Premier Inn, 2 stops to Exeter Science Park. Then follow map below.
From the Gipsy Hill Hotel

- On foot. Turn left at the hotel gate. 2 minute walk, just on the left after crossing the motorway bridge

From Central Exeter

- By Bus. Buses 4, 4B and 56 leave the city centre approx. every 30 mins and all stop at the entrance to the Science Park (marked as a red cross on the above map). It is then a short walk to the HPC Complex. Bus K takes a different route arriving at the blue cross on the map above. All buses take around 30 mins
- By Taxi. Should take around 20 mins, perhaps more at rush hour. Make sure they take you to the Science Park rather than Met Office HQ.

2. On Arrival at the Venue

Please come through the front entrance and report to reception from around 0830 on Monday. Please bring ID. Once registered, the meeting will be held on the upper floor of the building.

3. Food & Refreshments

We will provide tea, coffee and water with biscuits mid-morning and mid-afternoon. A sandwich lunch will be provided each day, including vegetarian, gluten-free and halal options. Alternatively, there is a cafeteria nearby on the Science Park, and there is a visiting sandwich van.
4. Symposium Dinner - Tuesday evening

We have booked a large room for an informal dinner at 7.30pm at ‘The Exeter Stable’ (https://exeter.stablepizza.com/) restaurant in the city centre. This will be a buffet-style pizza meal rather than their advertised Christmas menu though other food options will be available.

Meals and drinks will be at attendees’ own expense, though we would like to collect a deposit of £10 per person at the symposium on Monday.

Before the dinner, we invite attendees to join us in a short, informal tour of Exeter City Centre, starting at 6.30pm outside the ‘John Lewis’ department store. Both this and the restaurant are marked on the map below. Please contact Will Lang or Mark Bevan (see map for telephone numbers) if you have any difficulties finding anything that evening.