



ISBM 2013

The 9th International Symposium
on Biological Monitoring in
Occupational and
Environmental Health



Call for papers

Ninth International Symposium on Biological Monitoring 2013

9-11 September 2013, Manchester, UK

Programme

The International Symposium on Biological Monitoring exists to bring together the world's leading experts and practitioners in biological monitoring. The next symposium will be held in the UK from the 9th to 11th September at the Lowry Centre in Manchester, UK. Topics will include:

- new biomarkers of exposure
- biomarkers of effect and susceptibility
- new analytical techniques
- case studies of occupational and environmental exposures

There will also be discussion on the roles of biological monitoring including:

- development of policies and guidance
- ethical issues and interpreting results
- assessing occupational and environmental exposure
- contribution to risk assessment

The symposium is the premier global event for the biological monitoring community, enabling dissemination of knowledge and strengthening of networks.

The programme will be a mixture of invited Keynote lectures, standard and short oral presentations, poster presentations and discussion sessions. There will also be plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues and fellow professionals.

Main topics

The committee welcomes papers on any aspect of biological monitoring and its use in the assessment and control of chemicals and other exposures. However, we would especially encourage papers on the following topics:

- ☐ New biomarkers of exposure, effect and susceptibility
- ☐ Practical application of biomonitoring in the workplace and/or public health
- ☐ The potential of biomonitoring for assessing non-chemical exposures (e.g. particulates, stress, electromagnetic fields)
- ☐ Use of biomarkers for new and emerging hazards (e.g. nanoparticles, new technologies, waste and recycling)
- ☐ Making best use of data, including modelling techniques, databases, epidemiology for risk assessment
- ☐ New approaches and new analytical techniques, including those that make biological monitoring more accessible (less invasive / more cost-effective / available to developing countries / field applications)
- ☐ Interpretation of results and derivation of guidance values, particularly for non-threshold chemicals (sensitisers, carcinogens)
- ☐ Ethical aspects on sampling, communicating and managing the results



Abstracts and Submissions

Abstracts are invited for standard oral presentations, short oral presentations (ideal for new speakers, preliminary research findings, etc) and poster presentations. Abstracts should be submitted electronically through the conference website (www.isbm2013.org.uk). Abstract submission will open on 16 November 2012 and close on 1 March 2013.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words. Abstracts for standard oral presentations should include results and discussion, guidelines can be found on the website. If work is still at a preliminary stage, a short oral presentation or a poster are more suitable formats. Select a topic for your abstract from those listed above. Abstracts will be published in the conference programme.

Authors of abstracts selected as part of the conference programme will be informed by 5 April 2013 and must register for the conference by 10 June 2013 (after this date, non-registered speakers will be withdrawn from the programme). Once registered, substitution of speakers is permitted if the original speaker is no longer able to attend the conference.

It has become a tradition to publish a selection of the contributions to ISBM 2013 in Toxicology Letters, as a Special Issue.

Sponsorship opportunities

There are sponsorship opportunities available for companies to promote their goods and services to the conference delegates. Details can be found on the website (www.isbm2013.org.uk).

Venue and social programme

The conference is to be held at the Lowry, a world-class visual and performing arts centre, and an established venue for conferences, meetings and events. The Lowry's waterfront location is just outside Manchester city centre in Salford Quays, with convenient public transport links, including a tram stop and a car park opposite.

The conference social programme will include a drinks reception at the Lowry Art Gallery on Sunday 8th September and a gala dinner at Manchester Town Hall on Tuesday 10th September. In addition, there will be opportunity for you to explore Salford Quays, including MediaCity (home of the British Broadcasting Corporation), Imperial War Museum and Manchester United football ground, and visit the city of Manchester at your convenience. A tourist information point inside the Lowry will make planning your itinerary straightforward.