

SCOR Annual Meeting 2018

3rd – 7th September

Joining Instructions

Monday 3rd September	Day 1	Registration, Welcome and Ice-breaker BBQ
Tuesday 4th September	Day 2	Annual Meeting Day 1 and Plymouth Walking Tour
Wednesday 5th September	Day 3	Annual Meeting Day 2 and Conference Dinner
Thursday 6th September	Day 4	Annual Meeting Day 3 and Tamar River Cruise
Friday 7th September	Day 5	Tours of the University of Plymouth's Coast Facility, the Marine Biological Association and Plymouth Marine Laboratory

Conference Venue—Marine Station

Situated at Coxside on Plymouth's historic waterfront, the Marine Station is a short walk from the main University campus and has direct access to the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation and surrounding coasts. All delegates will be required to register in the first floor foyer of the Marine Station to collect their conference information on arrival. All conference sessions will take place in the Marine Station.

Marine Station

Artillery Place
Coxside
Plymouth
PL4 0LU
Tel: 01752 584660

The City Centre is a 15 minute-walk from the Marine Station and Plymouth Hoe and Barbican also just a 10 – 15 minute walk. The main University of Plymouth Campus is a 20 minute walk.

Registration and Information Desk

Located in the first floor foyer of the Marine Station, the Registration and Information Desk will be open on Monday 3rd September between 14:00 and 18:00 and again on Tuesday 4th September between 08:30 and 12:00. Members of the University of Plymouth Events Team will be on hand to assist with information about the conference and general information about Plymouth during these times.

Please report to the registration desk on arrival where you will be given a name badge which you will need to wear on all days of the conference, and a conference pack.

Don't forget, if you have any urgent queries after reading this document in full please contact us on 01752 586005 or via email at events@plymouth.ac.uk

Delegate Information

Refreshments

All lunches and refreshments will be served in the first floor foyer area of the Marine Station at the times indicated in the programme in the Handbook. Where we have been pre-informed of a specific dietary requirement this will be catered for.

Campus Wi-Fi

Unlimited free Wi-Fi will be available for all delegates throughout the conference. Simply select **Guest WiFi UoP** on your Wi-Fi enabled laptop, tablet or phone to enable you to access the internet on your devices whilst on the main University of Plymouth campus.

Cash Machine

Cash Machines are located throughout the city centre, many within banks and building societies. Most are free to use. Cash is dispensed in GB pounds sterling.

Other Practical Information

Weather

The September temperatures in Plymouth range on average from 11°C to 18°C. September is one of the dryer months of the year, with on average 12 days containing rain and approximately 5 hours of sunshine a day. The sea temperature is about 16°C.

Electricity

Electricity safety standards in the UK are higher than in many other countries. UK appliances are fitted with a three-pin plug. Wall sockets have a switch controlling power supply. [Adapters](#) are easy to find; if your country uses lower voltage than the UK average of 230v, you may also need a converter.



Tax

A 20% VAT tax is usually automatically added to all purchased products. All receipts will have this information specified.

Tipping

In restaurants it is customary to tip 10% of the total bill if it hasn't already been added. There is no requirement to tip in bars, pubs or coffee shops.

Dining Out

There are a good variety of bars, pubs, cafes and restaurants in Plymouth with many of them being located on the Barbican or close to the City Centre. For further information please use the [Visit Plymouth](#) website.

Travel Information

By rail

Plymouth Railway Station is just a few minutes walk from the campus. The regular train service from London Paddington to Plymouth takes around three to four hours. Other direct services head to Plymouth from across the South West, South Wales, the Midlands, the North of England and Scotland. GWR are offering discounted conference rail travel to SCOR delegates, [further information](#) can be found on the GWR website. This offer is limited to the GWR network only.

By coach

Plymouth Bus and Coach Station is in the city centre, about five minutes walk from the campus. There are regular coach services from most major cities to Plymouth. A typical coach journey from London to Plymouth takes about 5 hours.

Air links

Rail and coach services connect Plymouth to the regional airports of Exeter, Newquay and Bristol. There are also transport links to Plymouth from London Heathrow Airport and London Gatwick Airport.

By car

Sat Nav ref: PL4 8AA

From the North

The main route is via the M5 motorway and then continuing on the A38 Expressway via Exeter. Leave the A38 at March Mills interchange and take the A374 which is clearly signed for the city centre. It takes about 3.5 hours from London to Plymouth.

From the West

Leave the A38 at Manadon interchange and take the A386 into the city.

By ferry

Brittany Ferries operates car ferry services to Plymouth from Roscoff (France) and Santander (Spain). Go to www.brittany-ferries.com for details.

Car Parking

At the University of Plymouth we're serious about sustainability. Parking on campus is highly restricted and is not available to delegates. However, if you are a blue badge holder we will endeavour to offer parking at all times, please contact the conference organising team via emailing events@plymouth.ac.uk or calling 01752 586005.

Your hotel may offer parking at a reduced rate, please ask your individual accommodation provider for further information.

There are several Pay & Display Car Parks within walking distance of the Marine Station and all Plymouth City Council Car Parks can be found by using this link: <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/transportandroads/parking/carparks.htm>. Private car parks and alternative parking can be found here: <http://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/plymouth/>

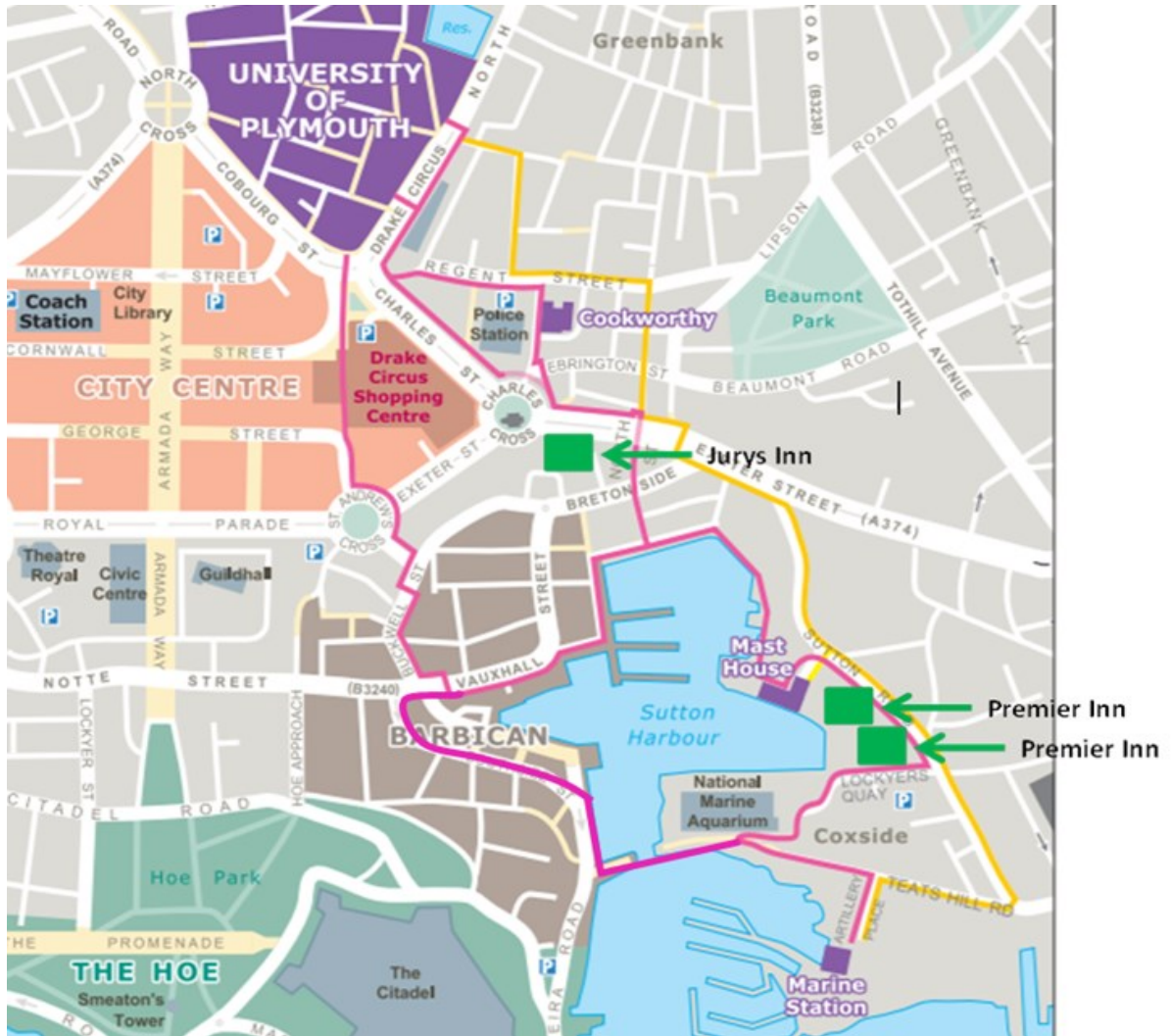
Local Transport

Plymouth is a compact city and therefore easy to walk to various destinations during your stay. Hackney Carriage Taxis are available at the Train Station and around the City Centre and local buses are frequent. Please see the maps at the end of this document for more information.

However, it is advised that you take a taxi from the station to your hotel, there will be taxis waiting outside the station. If you need to book a taxi here are some suggested companies:

Plymouth Taxis 01752 606060 and Need-A-Cab 01752 666222

Map of Plymouth City Centre and the Barbican – Including the Marine Station



Travelling to Plymouth



Walking Route to the Marine Station

A temporary walkway is opening across Sutton Harbour Lock to help people cross the harbour while the pedestrian footbridge is closed for repairs.

People will be able to use a new walkway across the inner lock gates for short periods of time in the day, depending on waiting marine traffic, tides and free flow times, to cross from the historic Barbican Quarter to the Fishing Quarter and to visit the National Marine Aquarium and Marine Station. This temporary walkway will be in addition to the option of catching the daily Sutton Harbour Ferry Service or walking around East Quay and North Quay, which form the City Quarter and Leisure Quarter of Sutton Harbour.

The temporary solution will not be suitable for small children, pushchairs, prams, bicycles, wheelchairs or anyone with mobility issues, as it involves steps and a narrow, single-file, adapted path crossing the industrial inner lock gates, which were not designed for pedestrian use.



Temporary walkway across Sutton Harbour. Alternatives are Sutton Harbour Ferry Service or walking around East Quay and North Quay, which form the City Quarter and Leisure Quarter of Sutton Harbour

Social Programme

Ice-breaker BBQ - Monday 3rd September

18:00 - 20:00

Enjoy a barbecue with your SCOR 2018 colleagues, network over looking Plymouth Sound harbour.

Walking Tour – Tuesday 4th September

18:30 – 20:00

Delegates have the opportunity to join a guided walking tour in and around the historic Barbican and the Hoe areas of Plymouth, including passing the Mayflower steps (Pilgrim Fathers 1620) and Elizabethan merchant houses and gardens.

Your guide will meet you at the Marine Station. The tour will finish on the Barbican where you can have a drink or eat at a local restaurant.

Conference Dinner – Wednesday 5th September

19:00 – 22:00

Please join us for the Conference Dinner taking place at the National Marine Aquarium, Britain's most up to date aquarium, a superb venue with spectacular underwater displays; this should be an evening to remember. Delegates will dine among the exhibits enjoying a three course dinner.

Boat Trip – Thursday 6th September

19:00 – 21:00

Delegates can unwind and enjoy the evening as they set sail across Plymouth Sound, flanked by the beautiful Devon and Cornish Coasts. The Spirit of Plymouth will pass Plymouth Hoe and Smeaton's Tower, magically lit up at night and the famous Drake's Island, heading for the calm waters of the River Tamar. Set sail on the waters of the South West coast, savour the beautiful scenery as the sun sets in the West. Bar and buffet meal available. Warm layers are advised out on the water.

Delegates will be joined by those attending the NOSASSOSO conference hosted by Plymouth Marine Laboratory.

Meet at the Plymouth Landing Stage (adjacent to the Mayflower Steps) where the boat will depart at 19:00 – please see the map below.

Early Arrival

For those delegates who arrive over the weekend there is plenty to see and do around [Plymouth](#), including the historical [Royal William Yard](#) where a monthly market will be held on Sunday 2nd September from 10:00 to 15:00. Take the regular water taxi from the Barbican.