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# ***44<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the European Teratology Society***



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***Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Dublin, Ireland***

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## *Dear Friends and Colleagues,*

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the 44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European Teratology Society in Dublin, Ireland on 11<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The conference will be held in the O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel, a city centre location within walking distance of the many cultural sites and hostelrys that Dublin has to offer.

Key sessions for ETS 2016 will include:

- Education Course: Juvenile Toxicity
- Maternal Health in Pregnancy
- Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology: Regulatory Updates
- The Placenta
- Young Scientist Symposium

Diabetes mellitus, obesity and epilepsy are some of the most common conditions that can cause pregnancy complications. The underlying mechanisms and clinical management of these conditions will be discussed in the symposium '**Maternal Health in Pregnancy**'. Although rats and rabbits are valid models in the evaluation of potential teratogens, interpretation of their transplacental xenobiotic transfer data is precarious. The **Placenta** symposium will examine suitable models of human placental function and health. The **Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology: regulatory updates** symposium will address key issues such as the "Addition of ED parameters to OECD guidelines for industrial chemicals" and updates on the proposed changes in the ICH S5 guideline. We will also have a **Young Scientist** symposium which provides an invaluable opportunity for our student/young scientists to present on a diverse range of topics in a symposium forum.

The programme will also include the ETS/TS debate on "**GMO's/Glyphosate and Development**", the ETS Presidents award lecture, the ETS/Elsevier best manuscript presentation, free communication and poster presentations.

Dublin, with its relaxed and friendly atmosphere is the ideal place for our social programme where we invite you to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

In addition to the blocks of rooms reserved at preferential rates for the conference delegates, cheaper accommodation options are available in Dublin to meet all budgets.

I look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to the conference.

Cead Mile Failte

***Shay Giles,***

***Vice President Elect of the ETS.***

## *ETS Officers*

President:	Manon Beekhuijzen
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## Preliminary Programme Overview

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>
ETS Council Meeting 1	ETS President's Award Lecture	Symposium 3 – Young Scientists Symposium	Elsevier Award Lecture
	Symposium 1 – Maternal Health in Pregnancy	Free Communications	Symposium 4 – Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology: Regulatory Updates
Registration open	Lunch	Lunch – Young Scientists Round Table Discussion	Farewell Address ETS Council Meeting 2
Education Course* – Juvenile Toxicity	Symposium 2 – The Placenta	– ETS/TS Exchange Lecture – ETS Position Papers update Presentation on 2017 Meeting	
	Young Scientist Free Communications	ETS AGM	
Welcome Reception	Poster Presentations	ETS Gala Dinner	

\*Additional registration required

# Call for Abstracts

Participants interested in giving an oral or poster presentation are invited to submit an abstract. Work on topics related to the main symposia or the education course and ETS/TS Discussion, will be given preference for free communications.

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the ETS officers or selected experts. Accepted abstracts received before 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 will be published in the Special Conference Issue of Reproductive Toxicology. Abstracts received after this date will be distributed at the meeting.

## Abstract template:

The maximum size of posters is 1000 mm wide x 1500 mm high (i.e. portrait format).

- Authors names should appear in bold, with surname first followed by full first name and second initial. Presenting author should be indicated with an asterisk after surname. Example: **Beekhuijzen\*<sup>1</sup> Manon, Mantovani<sup>2</sup> Alberto, Barrow<sup>3</sup> Paul**. Failure to follow this format will result in incorrect indexing in the journal.
- Affiliation in italics, name of institute, place and country only. Multiple affiliations indicated by superscript numbers after surnames.
- One line spacing before body text.
- Abstract body in plain text in one paragraph, no indents or empty lines. No figures or Tables
- Up to three references may be cited indicated by numbers in square brackets in line with the text.

The reference style of Reproductive Toxicology should be used (<https://www.elsevier.com/journals/reproductive-toxicology/0890-6238/guide-for-authors#20300>).

- Organize text in: introduction, methods, results and conclusions. Provide factual text. Avoid general statements like: “results will be presented”.
- Use 300 up to a maximum of 500 words for complete abstract (including title, authors, affiliation and text).
- Add preference choice for poster or oral presentation.

## Abstract deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Please email abstracts to: [seamus.giles@ucd.ie](mailto:seamus.giles@ucd.ie)

## *ETS/Elsevier Prizes*

The following prizes will be awarded during the ETS meeting:

- The Teddy Edwards Prize for Research into Congenital Malformations, awarded to the poster or free communication, which best exemplifies the aims of the Society.
- The ETS and Elsevier Publication Award Prize for best Reproductive Toxicology manuscript in the previous year.
- The ETS Prize given best poster or free communication delivered by a young scientist at the conference.
- The Elsevier Best Presentation Award for best poster or free communication at the conference.
- The ETS Presidents Award lecture, given by an esteemed member of the society at the invitation of the president.
- The ETS Young Scientist Round Table Medal for the best presentation at the young scientist round table discussion session.

## *ETS Young Scientist/Student Support*

Thanks to our Sustaining Membership Sponsors, the ETS has the opportunity to encourage, educate and support a number of young scientists/students through travel grants, research/congress bursaries, young scientist prizes and reduced registration fees. In order to be eligible, students must submit an abstract for presentation at the conference and apply for membership to the Society. Applications should be made by the student's Supervisor to the Secretary of the ETS. Awards will be given at the discretion of the ETS.

ETS Secretary: [secretary@etsoc.com](mailto:secretary@etsoc.com)

## *Education Course: Juvenile Toxicity*

In recent years, consideration of whether juvenile animal (JA) testing is needed to support the clinical development of a pharmaceutical for children has become an increasingly important part of the drug development portfolio. The purpose of this scientific course is to review the “What and How” of pediatric drug development today from the nonclinical perspective, and how information generated is then managed in the clinical arena. The topic is intended for all of those involved in drug development, whether scientist or regulator. The first three presentations will be a state-of-the art overviews highlighting where we are today with JA testing, the importance of using an integrated nonclinical approach and the challenges and impacts of study design and parameters selection. In addition, lessons from the past in terms of surprise study findings encountered in a juvenile population, and the advancements including specific study parameter evaluation along with modern industry/regulatory understanding of the utility of JA testing will be presented. An insight on the newest nonclinical guideline, that relates to JA testing (ICH S11) will be given and how it could potentially affect our current and future JA testing strategies and thoughts on possible animal-free testing strategies. The final presentation will move away from the pre-clinical arena and present the challenges encountered in clinical practice when performing clinical trials in young children.

Key learning objectives:

- Understanding of why there is a need for juvenile animal (JA) testing
- Why there are a range of additional study design considerations with JA testing
- What JA studies are showing us and how do we use this data
- Status and possible impact of the new nonclinical guideline relating to JA testing (ICH S11)

# Social Programme

## Welcome Reception – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 19.30 h

The Welcome Reception will take place in “Oscar’s Bar and Kitchen” in the Mont Clare Hotel, two minutes walk from the Alexander Hotel.

This newly refurbished venue offers a casual unique setting, and pays tribute to the world famous poet and playwright Oscar Wilde, whose childhood home is located nearby.



We would like to invite you to this get-together to meet with old and new colleagues and friends. You can chat and prepare yourself for the following days of the conference.

More importantly, even those who will arrive late, have a chance to come around and enjoy the evening for a good start to the conference.

## Young Scientists Happy Hour

The **Young Scientists Happy Hour**, an informal get-together to foster networking opportunities for students, researchers and professionals of all ages will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## ETS Conference Dinner – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 19.30 h

The conference dinner will take place in the banquet hall of the Smock Alley Theatre, located about a 20 minute stroll from the conference venue. On the way you can experience the tranquil and beautiful grounds of Trinity College and the more lively atmosphere of the Temple Bar district.



Formerly a church, the Smock Alley Theatre Banquet Hall retains its stained-glass windows and ornate walls and ceilings that give this venue a unique character.



Come along and join us for some craic agus ruaile buaile.

Dress code: Business casual

## ETS Annual Meeting Registration

Please register online at: <http://www.etsoc.com> you will be able to pay directly by credit card (American Express, Master Card and Visa). The fees quoted are exclusive of VAT (23%). A VAT receipt will be issued to permit VAT registered companies to reclaim the tax.

## Registration Fees

### Registration Fees (23% VAT charged in addition)

Until 30 June 2016		After 30 June 2016	
ETS Members:	€ 350.00	ETS Members:	€ 420.00
Non Members:	€ 425.00	Non Members:	€ 495.00
Students:*	€ 100.00	Students:*	€ 130.00

Above fees include all scientific sessions, free communications, lunch, welcome reception and ETS Conference dinner.

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### One-Day Registration

Until 30 June 2016		After 30 June 2016	
ETS Members:	€ 100.00	ETS Members:	€ 120.00
Non Members:	€ 130.00	Non Members:	€ 160.00
Students:*	€ 50.00	Students:*	€ 60.00

One-Day fees include the ETS lectures, free communications and lunch for the registered day.

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### Education Course

Until June 30 2016		After June 30 2016	
ETS Members:	€ 70.00	ETS Members:	€ 100.00
Non Members:	€ 100.00	Non Members:	€ 130.00
Students:*	€ 40.00	Students:*	€ 60.00

\* Students registration to be supported by supervisors' letter.

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### Accompanying Person

Until 30 June 2016	€ 100.00	After 30 June 2016	€ 100.00
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The Accompanying Person fee includes welcome reception and ETS Conference dinner. Entrance to the scientific sessions and lunch is not included.

## Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellations are to be notified in writing to the ETS Conference Organizing office. Refunds will be made under the following conditions:

You may cancel at no penalty within 48 hours of placing your registration.

- Until 1 July 2016 a 60% refund of the registration fee will be given.
- After 1 July 2016, no registration fees will be refunded.
- All refunds will be handled after the Conference.

## Accommodation

The conference hotel is holding a limited number of rooms until the 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

The congress hotel (O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel) is located in the city centre of Dublin within walking distance of the many cultural sites and hosteleries that Dublin has to offer.

Further information about hotels and hostels can be found on the conference website.

Make your reservation as early as possible. Dublin is well booked all year!

Hotel	category	distance to congress venue	room	price/night*	rooms blocked	available till
O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel	4 star		Classic single	€ 179,-	65	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
			Classic double	€ 189,-		
O'Callaghan Mont Clare Hotel	3 star	130 m	Classic single	€ 149,-	15	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
			Classic double	€ 159,-		

\*incl. breakfast + tax, excl. city tax

# Meeting Organisation – Registration Queries

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## Congress Venue

O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel

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<http://www.alexanderhotel.ie>

The O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel is located in the city centre of Dublin, on the corner of Merrion Square. Grand Canal, Trinity College, Government Buildings are all located within walking distance from the hotel. Most attractions are in walking distance.



The old library at Trinity College is worth a visit with the gorgeously illustrated original manuscript of the **Book of Kells** and the massive Long Hall of the Old Library.

Please be aware of the left-hand traffic in Ireland!

## Climate in Dublin

It is important to know that the weather in Dublin is very changeable. The best advice is to take an umbrella with you every day.

However, in September we normally have an “Indian Summer” with temperatures of 12–20 degrees.

## *How to get to Dublin*

You can get to Dublin easily by plane or if you don't like to fly, by ferry.

Dublin airport is one the busiest in Europe. With the emergence of low cost air-travel, along with traditional carriers, it has never been easier or less expensive to travel to Dublin.

### **By plane**

Dublin airport is only 10 km away from the city. It is close to the motorways and there are many transport options that connect the airport with the city centre.

### **By ferry**

Starting from the United Kingdom, there is the possibility to go by ferry to Dublin.

From Holyhead in the north of Wales or from Liverpool in the northwest in England you can travel directly by ferry to Dublin.

## *From the airport to the hotel*

### **By Bus**

The express busses of Aircoach depart regularly to the city. It will take ca. 30 minutes to Kildare Street and the ticket price is € 7.00.

The green busses Airlink 747 from the city transportation departs every 15 minutes from 5.00 am to 11.30 pm. The one-way ticket costs € 6.00. From Terminal 1 please follow the signs. The busses depart in front of the next building from bus bay 2. At terminal 2 the busses depart direct in front of terminal 2. Please exit at College Green, Trinity College, Stop 4521.

There are also some local bus routes that serve the airport. They are cheaper but non-express.

For your return journey to the airport please ask at reception for information on the nearest bus stop.

## Taxi

A taxi from the airport to the hotel costs approx. € 20.00 - 30.00.

## By car

Please follow your GPS! For those who will stay at the O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel, there is the possibility to use the car park from the hotel which will cost € 12.00 for 24 hours. Please contact Pia Schröder [pia.schroeder@solution-office.de](mailto:pia.schroeder@solution-office.de) for more information.

# *From the harbour to the hotel*

## By car

Please follow your GPS! For those who will stay at the O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel, there is the possibility to park the cars at the car park from the hotel which will cost € 12.00 for 24 hours. Please contact Pia Schröder [pia.schroeder@solution-office.de](mailto:pia.schroeder@solution-office.de) for more information.

## Taxi

A taxi from the harbour to the hotel costs approx. € 15.00.

## By bus and train

From the Irish Ferries Terminal take the bus to the Amiens Street, in the direction of Talbot Street, line 53. Then it is a short walk to Connolly Station. From there you have to take the train to Pearse Station, in the direction of Bray Train Station, line 13, 14 or 17. Then it is only 300 m to the hotel. It will take approx. 35 minutes.

## Language

The official language in Ireland is Irish but English is spoken everywhere. Traffic signs for example are in in both languages.

## Currency & Exchange

As Ireland is a member of the European Union the currency is the Euro (€), divided into 100 Cent. Currency can be exchanged at the airport, banks and exchange offices. ATMs are widely available. Also many shops and pubs will have an ATM in store and they cost the same to use as 'regular' ATMs on the street.

## Electricity



The electrical supply in Ireland is 230v/50Hz. Plugs and sockets operate using three prongs and plug adapters are widely available. Check that your appliance supports dual voltage and frequency.

## Visas

Ireland is a member of the European Union, but not a member of the Schengen Area. Therefore, separate immigration controls are maintained. Citizens of EU and EEA countries (and Switzerland) only require a valid national identity card or passport.

Non-EU nationals may need to apply for a visa to travel to Dublin. Please consult the following link: <https://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=8777>

### Visa Requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to take care of his / her visa requirements. Attendees who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Attendees should contact the nearest embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications. It is recommended to apply for a visa at least 3 months in advance of the Congress. When the registration has already been paid, the registration fee minus a handling fee of € 50.00 will be refunded after the Congress if the visa was applied for in time, and proof of this, together with an official notice from the embassy confirming that a visa could not be granted, is forwarded to:

[Pia.schroeder@solution-office.de](mailto:Pia.schroeder@solution-office.de)

## Letter of invitation

If you need a letter of invitation for your visa you can request one via:  
Pia.schroeder@solution-office.de.

Please note that a letter of invitation will only be issued after you have registered for the congress.

## *Sponsors & Exhibitors*

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