

## **DiPVaC 2012: FIRST CIRCULAR (24/01/12)**

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open at the link at the bottom of this paragraph. Please note that the **early registration deadline is 29 February** and that the conference dinner is not included in the registration fee. Just a few technical notes: When you go to the online shop, you must click “read more” to see the student vs. standard registration options needed to proceed. If you also want to register for the conference dinner and want to avoid making two separate payments, please complete the various steps required for registering for the conference; when you get to the payment page, please press “continue shopping” to add the conference dinner. A full description of the conference dinner is provided on the conference URL. Please be ready to make your menu choices when you register for the conference dinner via the on-line shop.

<http://shop.salford.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?catid=178&modid=1&compid=1>

### **PAYMENT CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION**

Once you have registered for the conference and made your on-line payment, you will receive an automated e-mail confirming your registration and payment. Please note that this e-mail constitutes your receipt. No further copies will be issued later on. When you arrive at the conference, your registration pack will include a formal attendance confirmation (including the title of your presentation if appropriate).

### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The conference will be held in the Old Fire Station, situated on The Crescent, at the University of Salford, Greater Manchester M6 7WP. Papers will be given in the Council Chambers; refreshments and buffet-style lunch will be served in the lounge to the rear of the building. Please see here for an image of the building: <http://dipvac2012.weebly.com/conference-venue.html>. Directions to the building will be circulated closer to the conference date.

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMME**

The programme will consist of four plenary presentations, two pre-conference workshops and some 25 oral presentations. There will be no parallel sessions. To help you arrange your travels, the provisional programme can be viewed here: <http://dipvac2012.weebly.com/programme.html>. A more detailed schedule will be provided within the next few weeks.

### **SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

There will be a wine reception on Wed, 18 April, from 7 pm in the Old Fire Station, following the opening plenary by Professor Jenny Cheshire. The conference dinner will be on Thu, 19 April, at 8 pm in the award-winning CHOICE bar & restaurant located on the canal in the Castlefields area of Manchester: Castle Quay, Manchester M15 4NT: <http://www.choicebarandrestaurant.co.uk>. Please be reminded to register for the conference dinner when you pay your registration fee. Menu choices are available for view here: <http://dipvac2012.weebly.com/conference-dinner.html>.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

The University of Salford is located only two miles from Manchester city centre. We recommend that delegates stay in one of the hotels listed on the conference website: <http://dipvac2012.weebly.com/accommodation.html>. The Ibis Hotel and Travel Inn on Portland Street are located roughly 1.5 miles from the conference venue and very close to

Oxford Road station where you can take a direct train to Salford Crescent station located right on campus. A cheaper alternative is to stay in the Travelodge on Blackfriars Street or the Premier Inn on Victoria Bridge Street which are both about 1.6 miles from the conference venue and are served by buses which stop right outside the Old Fire station. Delegates who would prefer to stay in one of the hotels located close to University of Salford are advised to contact the conference organisers at [dipvac2012@gmail.com](mailto:dipvac2012@gmail.com) before making their booking.

#### **TRAVEL**

The University of Salford has its own railway station, Salford Crescent, with direct services to Manchester Airport, Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria. To plan your train journey, please visit: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>. The following bus services stop right outside the conference venue: 8, 12, 26, 36, 67, 100. Route maps and timetables can be searched here: [http://www.tfgm.com/journey\\_planning/bus\\_times\\_leaflet\\_library.cfm](http://www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/bus_times_leaflet_library.cfm).

#### **OTHER**

More detailed information about arrangements for on-site registration, directions to the Old Fire Station, etc. will be communicated in the second circular at the beginning of April.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [dipvac2012@gmail.com](mailto:dipvac2012@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you in Salford in April,  
The DiPVaC 2012 Organizing Committee