

# European Organ Donation Congress 22<sup>nd</sup> ETCO Congress Meeting – Cardiff, Wales 24-26 September, 2010

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The dates for the meeting have been confirmed as 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 after the LOC have been working hard to finalise the venue and HQ hotel for the event at very competitive rates for ETCO members.

The meeting will take place at Cardiff City Hall one of the grandest venues in Cardiff. The city hall opened in 1904 and is steeped in history. This beautiful building takes its design inspiration from English and French Renaissance architecture but has in addition all the presence and confidence of the Edwardian period.



City Hall



Entrance Hall



Marble Hall



Assembly Room

The HQ hotel for the meeting is The Parc Hotel, a beautifully renovated hotel in the heart of Cardiff which is just a 5 minute walk from the City Hall.





Parc Hotel Bedroom

This is the first time that the ETCO meeting has been held in the UK and the LOC are very excited to be hosting ETCO and its members. There are many changes taking place within the fields of donation and transplantation in the UK with the ultimate aim of increasing organ donor numbers by 50% over a 5 year period. The LOC anticipate that there will be great interest in the meeting from within the UK and that the scientific programme will be cutting edge with many exciting keynote speakers.

In addition to the scientific programme, ETCO is organizing a full day wet lab the day before, 23 September, plans to offer the renewed Certificate of European Transplant Coordination examination as well as other workshops of interest

Cardiff is the capital of Wales and is a beautiful bustling city with a wonderful history. The bustle of the city centre is only a few strides from peaceful parklands and the castle grounds. Delegates will be charmed by the combination of old and new that unite to create this exciting and modern city.

There are many major attractions close to the city centre and visitors can easily visit Cardiff castle, The National Museum Cardiff, and the Millennium stadium along with peaceful parklands, modern shopping malls and Victorian arcades all within 15 minutes of the conference venue. Just a few minutes walk from the centre is Cardiff Bay with an abundance of waterfront restaurants and cafes.

The city is well served by both Cardiff and Bristol International Airports and has Direct Trains to London and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming ETCO members and delegates to Cardiff in 2010.