

UK-Brazil-Chile Frontiers of Science

Speaker Information

The UK-Brazil-Chile Frontiers of Science meeting will be held on 23-26 February 2014 at The Royal Society at Chicheley Hall, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire.

Frontiers of Science meetings are designed to bring together outstanding early career scientists - future leaders in science - in all disciplines in an environment which encourages informal networking and discussion, and to explore opportunities for international and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

All participants are expected to attend the whole meeting and all the sessions.

Meeting Format

The meeting will include six different sessions on Space Science, Human Health, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Nanoscience/Novel Materials and Plant Biology/Biofuels.

Each session is two hours long and includes:

- Introduction to the topic by the session Chair/s – 10 minutes
- Two presentations from invited speakers - 25-30 minutes each followed by 5 minutes of questions
- Discussion with audience - 45 minutes

The meeting will not have a traditional poster session; instead participants who are not giving presentations will be given the opportunity to participate in a 'flash poster session' and present their research to the audience in 5 minutes.

Invited speakers

A successful talk will introduce a diverse, interdisciplinary audience to the excitement of your field and your research. You should clearly state the problem you are trying to solve, how your research fits in the larger context of your field and explain its significance. Your talk should aim to stimulate a general discussion at the end of the presentations.

There will be two speakers for each session. Before preparing your presentation it will be helpful to discuss with the session organisers what you plan to cover as they will be introducing the session.

When preparing your presentation please keep the following in mind:

- Your presentation should be accessible to a scientifically diverse audience
- Jargon and discipline specific terms should be avoided, or where necessary clearly defined
- Try to avoid using more than 15 slides
- We recommend using a light coloured background and dark text

A projector for PowerPoint presentation will be available. If you plan to use a different presentation graphics programme please bring your own laptop.

Please send your presentation slides to Helen Jones (helen.jones@royalsociety.org) by **Friday 14 February 2014**

Agenda book

The Royal Society will produce an agenda book which will include information about sessions, speakers and participants. The production of the Agenda book will be managed by an external company called 'Suzy Howes & Associates'. You will be contacted by Charlie Howes (charlie@suzyhowes.co.uk) to request the following information:

- Full contact details, including department, institution, and email address
- Short abstract introducing the topic (100 words)
- Short biography (100 words)
- A one sentence summary of your research interests
- A photograph of yourself – preferably in .jpg format and high resolution

If you have not already done so, please respond to Charlie with your details as soon as possible.

Bletchley Park trip

As part of the Frontiers programme there will be a trip to visit Bletchley Park in the afternoon on Tuesday 25 February. Bletchley Park was the main establishment for decryption during World War II, where ciphers and codes were decrypted. The house and park is now a museum telling the fascinating story of wartime code breaking.

More information can be found on the website - <http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk/>

We have arranged a one hour tour of the museum and park, following which you will have an opportunity to explore. There is also a cafe onsite where refreshments are available.

Travel and Accommodation

Accommodation has been booked from Sunday 23 February to Wednesday 26 February, either at Chicheley Hall or nearby for everyone attending the meeting. The cost of accommodation for the duration of the meeting will be covered for everyone, anyone wishing to stay for additional nights before or after the meeting must arrange their own accommodation.

Travel costs will be covered by the Royal Society for UK participants, by FAPESP for Brazil Participants and by the Chilean Academy of Sciences for participants from Chile.

Airport transfers

For participants travelling from **Brazil** and **Chile** we are providing transport From **Heathrow airport to Chicheley Hall on Sunday 23 February** and from **Chicheley Hall to Heathrow airport on Wednesday 26 February only**. Participants arriving before the meeting or staying additional nights after the meeting must make their own travel arrangements. Directions and instructions on how to get to Chicheley Hall are on the Royal Society Website - <http://royalsociety.org/visit-us/chicheley/>.

Please send your flight details and arrival/departure times to Helen Jones (or to Marcelo Knobel for Brazil participants) so transport can be arranged at appropriate times for Sunday 23 and Wednesday 26 February.

For **UK** participants travelling by train to Milton Keynes Central station we will provide a minibus to Chicheley Hall on **Sunday 23 February at 4.00pm**. If you would like a place on the minibus please email Helen Jones. If you are unable to make the minibus you can find directions to Chicheley Hall on our website - royalsociety.org/visit-us/.

Contact details

If you have any questions regarding the UK-Brazil-Chile Frontiers of Science meeting please contact Helen Jones at the Royal Society (020 7451 2555 or helen.jones@royalsociety.org) or Professor Marcelo Knobel (knobel@ifi.unicamp.br)