

British Dam Society 14th Biennial Conference
Improvements in Reservoir Construction, Operation and Maintenance
6-9 September 2006

Venue

University of Durham
South Road
Durham DH1 3LE

- **Conference venue:** Appleby Theatre, located in the Department of Geography Science Laboratories. Map reference 12 on the attached campus map.
- **Exhibition & tea/coffee breaks:** Earth Sciences building, map reference 14
- **Accommodation:** Collingwood College, map reference 6

Travel to Durham

By road

Durham city centre is only two miles from the A1(M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham - Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham City Centre.

Durham is 264 miles from London, 187 miles from Birmingham, 125 miles from Edinburgh and 67 miles from York.

There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. Durham is well served by both regional express services and the local bus network. From the city bus station - a short walk from the railway station - a bus service runs every 15 minutes past the Colleges on South Road.

There are approximately 80 parking spaces available at Collingwood College on a first-come first-served basis. You will need to register your car with the college reception upon arrival. If extra parking space is required, staff will be on hand to direct people to the overflow parking.

By rail

60 InterCity trains from most major centres in the country call at Durham daily including 14 trains from London. The GNER high speed service takes under 3 hours from London King's Cross on the main East Coast line.

Durham is just over 3 hours from Birmingham, 2½ hours from Manchester, 1½ hours from Edinburgh and 45 minutes from York.

A taxi will take you from the station to any College within 5 minutes.

By air

Durham is 30 minutes drive from Newcastle Airport (<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/vg/tair.html>) and about 40 minutes from Durham Tees Valley (<http://www.durhamteesvalleyairport.com/index.php>). Both have regular domestic and international flights. Durham is linked to Newcastle Airport by rail and metro. Travellers into Durham Tees Valley can take advantage of the free Sky Express bus service that links the airport to Darlington railway station, with regular connections to Durham.

Accommodation and Catering

The conference package includes accommodation, refreshments and lunch.

Delegates will be allocated rooms in the Cumbrian Wing of Collingwood College – map reference 6 on the attached campus map. As Durham's newest college, it has been extensively developed and refurbished in recent years. All rooms are en-suite, with a private shower, toilet and hand basin, built-in wardrobe and tea/coffee making facilities and radio alarm clocks. Twin occupancy rooms are available on request.

Breakfast will be served in the College Dining Hall between 0745 – 0845 hours.

Dinner will be available on 6 September, also in the Dining Hall, between 1800 – 2000 hours.

Please call +44 (0)20 7665 2318 if you have any dietary restrictions.

Registration

Please register your arrival at the Conference Registration Desk, where you will receive your badge and Conference documentation, including conference proceedings and delegate list.

- Wednesday 6 September
Collingwood College 1700 – 1930
- Thursday 7 September
Collingwood College 0800 - 0845

The registration desk will be open for the duration of the conference.

Proceedings

Registered delegates will receive a bound volume of papers from the conference upon registration.

Synopses and papers will be available from the web-site before the conference through restricted access (user name and password provided in your confirmation email).

A discussion document will be provided in electronic format after the completion of the conference.

Exhibition

An exhibition will run alongside the Conference and delegates are encouraged to visit the stands during the catering breaks. The exhibition and tea / coffee breaks will take place in the Earth Sciences Building, map reference 14 on the attached map.

Internet Access

There is Internet access available at both Collingwood College and in the Appleby Lecture Theatre.

User names and passwords are required and cost £13.00 each. Please note that this cost is not included in the delegate fee.

There is a computer room in Collingwood College which delegates will have access to. If you are bringing your own laptop, it will need to have the most up to date Security Software with firewalls.

Laptops will also be taken in to quarantine and checked by the University ITS department.

Accompanying Persons

Please use the following link to view the programme for accompanying persons –

http://www.britishdams.org/2006conf/BDS_accompanying_persons_tour.pdf

Conference Dinner

All those attending, both delegates and accompanying persons are invited to attend the Conference Dinner on Thursday 7th September at Durham Castle. Pre-dinner reception will begin at 1930 hours, with dinner at 2000 hours. Dress code is lounge suit. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Buses will pick delegates up from the lecture theatre upon the conclusion of the early evening Binnie lecture.

If you do not wish to attend, please do let us know as soon as possible.

Kielder Reservoir Pre-Conference Tour – advance booking necessary

If you have registered to attend the Kielder tour, the bus will depart from the University of Durham at 1100 hours and is schedule to return by 1700 hours. A packed lunch will be provided.

Technical site visits

These will take place on Friday 8 September, with buses departing from the conference venue at 1100 hours after refreshments. Lunch will be provided. You will not require special clothing, however sensible site shoes and wet weather clothing is recommended.

Please note that whilst every effort will be made to ensure you attend the technical tour of your choice, circumstances beyond the organisers control may mean this is not possible. Confirmation of which tour you will be on will be given upon registration.

Accompanying persons may join their partners on the technical visits – please ensure you let us know. Following the visits, groups will go directly to the Darlington Beam Engine Trust where entertainment and a BBQ will be provided.

Special Needs

Conference delegates with special needs relating to any disability should contact Dayle Long at ICE Conferences to enable the organisers to meet your requirements. The venue has disabled access and is equipped with an induction loop.

Telephones/Messages

You are requested to switch off all mobile phones during sessions to avoid any disruption. Messages can be left on the mobile number 07906 387781, and will be displayed at the registration desk.

Security

Delegates are requested to wear their lapel badges for security reasons. Please do not leave bags or personal belongings unattended at any time as they may be removed.

Queries

Any queries regarding your booking should be addressed to Dayle Long, ICE Conferences, Institution of Civil Engineers.

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joining instructions

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