

The SIMS XV Social Programme

Welcome to Manchester

Manchester is a dynamic, vibrant city steeped in history and culture. We aim to give you a flavour of what the city and the region has to offer during your time at SIMS XV. Manchester has re-invented itself in recent years and is now a popular UK tourist attraction in its own right, boasting cultural and entertainment facilities second to none. Manchester is encapsulated in two quotations from the past and modern times.

"Certainly Manchester is the most wonderful city of modern times."

From "Coningsby" by Benjamin Disraeli, 1844.

"Manchester's got everything except a beach."

Ian Brown, former lead singer with The Stone Roses.



The conference will be launched on Sunday with a special **welcome reception** with refreshments and musical entertainment from the Royal Northern College of Music. The **two poster sessions** on Monday and Thursday will provide refreshments and musical entertainment with a special beer festival sponsored by FEI.

A detailed social programme is included in the price for participants and accompanying persons that covers a Banquet, Excursion, Social Evening and further options. Details are given below and a simple quick reference timetable of events at the end.

Conference Banquet – Manchester Town Hall – Wednesday Evening



The conference banquet will be held on Wednesday 14th Sept. in the famous Town Hall. The Town Hall is Manchester's greatest monument and for many is the quintessential Victorian Architecture. The Town Hall unifies architecture, fine arts, sculpture and symbolism of the Victorian age.

Click [here](#) for more details about the building.

Click [here](#) for a 360 degree view.

Conference Excursion – Town or Country – Wednesday Afternoon

We are delighted to offer two quite different excursions on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th Sept. You are requested to express your preference for option A or B at the time of registration.

Option A Quarry Bank Mill Industrial Heritage Centre.

www.quarrybankmill.org.uk



Founded in 1784 Quarry Bank Mill is an unrivalled example of an early factory colony and working water-powered cotton mill. The mill is still in use and visitors can see working examples of the textile machines that made the region the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Situated in over 384 acres of the beautiful countryside of Styal Country Estate, this remarkable Georgian museum is a valuable resource for learning more about our industrial and social heritage.

Option B The Quays Experience. www.thequays.org.uk.



Overlooking the redeveloped Manchester Ship Canal are some of Manchester's premier tourist attractions. Sign-up for the Manchester United Museum & Stadium Tour (advance booking through the Local Organizing Committee required), visit the Lowry Gallery or simply spend time relaxing in this pleasant waterfront location.



The Lowry (www.thelowry.com/AboutTheLowry) is one of Britain's most exciting art galleries and performing arts centres, featuring the definitive collection of local artist L.S. Lowry (<http://www.thelowry.com/lslowry/default.html>) and much more besides.

Manchester United Football Club (www.manutd.com) – Relive the triumphs, tragedies and trophies that make this the biggest football club in the world. The Museum and Tour Centre offer a behind-the-scenes look at Manchester's Theatre of Dreams.

Please note: the Champions League trophy is currently being cleaned at some other club but will be returning soon!



Other attractions in this location include a [designer shopping outlet](#) and the architecturally striking [Imperial War Museum North](#).

Conference Social Evening - Museum of Science and Industry – Tuesday Evening



On the evening of Tuesday 13th September we will be holding an evening social event at the Museum of Science and Industry (<http://www.msim.org.uk/>). The Power Hall houses the largest collection of working steam mill engines in the world. Experience the sounds and smells of Manchester's proud industrial heritage at first-hand. For the purposes of lubrication a selection of local fine ales will be available!

Additional Social Programme – Guided Pub Tour ("Pub Crawl") – Friday Evening



On Friday 16th Sept (i.e after the main conference) the local committee, with considerable help from the students of Manchester University, are pleased to offer a guided tour of Manchester's finest [Pubs](#), to suit all tastes!

In the UK this is known as a "Pub Crawl".

Further Details

For further details on tourist attractions (not included) and up-to-date information on the best places to eat, drink, shop and be seen, check out the following links:

<http://www.manchester2002-uk.com/intro>
<http://www.manchester.com/guidebook/>
<http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk/tourist/>

For information on day-trips suitable for partners and for those extending their stay in the region click [here](#)

Quick Reference Timetable of Events

	Sunday 11th	Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
Afternoon				Conference Excursion – Town or Country		
Evening	Welcome reception	Poster Session 1	Museum of Science and Industry	Conference Banquet – Manchester Town Hall	Poster Session 2	Guided Pub Tour