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A large, stylized graphic of a human brain, composed of various colored geometric shapes (polygons) in shades of orange, red, purple, green, and grey. The brain is set against a green background with a subtle grid pattern.

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27th - 28th September 2017

Hilton Glasgow, 1 William St, Glasgow, G3 8HT

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We invite you to be a part of the UK's leading brain injury conference: The BIRT Conference 2017, our internationally renowned biennial event. We are delighted to be hosting the seventh BIRT Conference in the vibrant city of Glasgow for the first time.

Leading experts, academics and practitioners from around the globe will be speaking at the BIRT Conference 2017. They will examine and share pioneering developments, ideas and research about the rehabilitation of people with brain injury.

As well as the keynote plenary sessions, practical workshops and symposia presented by recognised experts in the field, The BIRT Conference 2017 will give delegates the opportunity to participate in debate, discussion, learn new techniques and to share good practice. On Day 2, delegates may choose four out of 11 workshops/symposia which run simultaneously throughout the day, or attend parts of all 11 if they so wish. The conference will give delegates ideas, inspiration and practical approaches to use in their work with people with acquired brain injury.

We are very grateful to Irwin Mitchell Solicitors whose main sponsorship has enabled us to keep delegate prices relatively low, making the BIRT Conference 2017 accessible for as many people as possible.



Some highlights

- 1 Hear** the latest research about emotion technology from world renowned scientist Dr Rosalind Picard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, then **discover** what our teams have been doing in this field in the UK in the 'Thinking Technology' symposium.
- 2** In our Live Research Lab, join a team of 'movers and shakers' in health and rehabilitation research to **learn** and **have your say** about the roadmap to making brain injury rehabilitation ever better.
- 3 Learn** the current theory of executive functioning and rehabilitation from internationally recognised expert Professor Brian Levine, University of Toronto, then **find out** how this can be put into practice in his 'Goal Management Therapy' workshop.
- 4 Be inspired** by Professor Jon Evans' keynote presentation about positive psychology, and his ideas for practical interventions in the workshop on Day 2.
- 5 Question and challenge** our expert panel members (scientists, legal and sporting representatives) in our BBC style 'Question Time on Concussion'. We promise an enlightening and stimulating debate!

More highlights further on...

Who should attend

The BIRT Conference 2017 is aimed at professionals working in, or with an interest in acquired brain injury, including:

clinical psychologists and neuropsychologists · neurologists · psychiatrists · rehabilitation medicine specialists · GPs · physiotherapists · speech and language therapists · occupational therapists · social workers · care managers · case managers · rehabilitation support workers · statutory and voluntary sector care providers · personal injury lawyers · representatives from CCGs, CSUs, NHS England, Health Boards in Scotland and Wales · therapy assistants · researchers and academics

Learning outcomes

The BIRT Conference 2017 aims to provide solid knowledge for those who work with people who have acquired brain injury. The learning outcomes the conference offers are:

- To be updated on the latest international practices in brain injury rehabilitation
- To create awareness of the latest technology available for assessment, rehabilitation and long-term support of individuals with an acquired brain injury and their families
- To learn about scientific developments and their implications for brain injury rehabilitation
- To take part in sharing the latest research in brain injury rehabilitation

Day One: Wednesday 27th September

10:00 - 11:00

Emotion technology

Professor Rosalind Picard
Director of Affective Computing Research Group,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

11:00 - 12:30

Neurobehavioural disability and rehabilitation

Professor Tom McMillan
Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology,
University of Glasgow, UK

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 - 14:30

Executive functions and rehabilitation

Professor Brian Levine
Senior Scientist, Rotman Research Institute,
University of Toronto, Canada

14:30 - 15:30

Patient treatment matching: developing process specific memory interventions

Professor Russell Bauer
Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology
and Neurology,
University of Florida, USA

16:00 - 17:00

Positive psychology

Professor Jon Evans
Professor of Applied Neuropsychology,
University of Glasgow, UK

Day Two Morning: Thursday 28th September

09:00 - 10:30

1. Developing social communication skills after ABI

Rachel Thomson
Speech and Language Therapist,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

Jacqueline Smith
Speech and Language Therapist,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

Rosie Exell
Speech and Language Therapist, The Woodmill, BIRT

2. Intensive upper limb neurorehabilitation

Dr Nick Ward
Honorary Consultant Neurologist and Reader in
Clinical Neurology

Fran Brander
Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist

Kate Kelly
Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist
University College London

3. Thinking technology: Technology to support self-control of behaviour

What is executive dysfunction and how can technology help?

Dr Brian O'Neill
Consultant Clinical Psychologist in
Neurorehabilitation,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

Therapy and assessment in embodied virtual reality

Zack Lyons
Doctoral Research Engineer

Dr Leon Watts
Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science,
University of Bath

Emotion monitoring and biofeedback

Dr Ailie Clark
Clinical Psychologist,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

Dr Pam Brown
Senior Clinical Psychologist,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

Technologies to support persons with cognitive impairment

Dr Inga-Lill Boman
Occupational Therapist, Karolinska Institutet,
Danderyd Hospital, Sweden

11:00 - 12.30

4. Social rehabilitation in action

Craig Swarbrick
Occupational Therapist,
Thomas Edward Mitton House, BIRT

Dr Michael Brown
Clinical Psychologist,
Daniel Yorath House, BIRT

Jan McIntosh-Brown
Speech and Language Therapist,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

5. Pharmacotherapy in brain injury rehabilitation

An overview

Dr Richard Greenwood
Consultant Neurologist and Lead Clinician,
Acute Brain Injury Service,
University College London Hospitals

Putting the "neuro" back in "neurobehavioural"

Dr Brian O'Neill
Consultant Clinical Psychologist in
Neurorehabilitation,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

Use of atypical antipsychotics in challenging cases

Dr Saduf Riaz
Consultant Psychiatrist,
Graham Anderson House, BIRT

6. Live research lab

Dr Andrew Bateman
Neuro Rehabilitation Clinical Lead,
Oliver Zangwill Centre

Dr Nick Behn
Research Fellow,
City University of London

Steve Abolins
Research Manager,
National Institute for Health Research

Kathy Tier
Research Manager,
National Institute for Health Research

Day Two Afternoon: Thursday 28th September

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 - 15:00

7. Goal Management Therapy

Professor Brian Levine
Senior Scientist, Rotman Research Institute,
University of Toronto, Canada

8. How to set-up and run your own ABI research project: A step-by-step guide

Jenny Orr
Senior Occupational Therapist,
Daniel Yorath House, BIRT

Dr Sara da Silva Ramos
Research Fellow, The Disabilities Trust

9. BIRT Question Time on Concussion

Dr Magdalena Ietswaart
Senior Lecturer, University of Stirling

Professor Annette Sterr
Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience and
Neuropsychology, University of Surrey

Dr Stuart Anderson
Lead Consultant Neuropsychologist, Hurstwood Park

Deirdre Healy
Partner, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors

15:30 - 17:00

10. Resilience and positive psychology

Compassion focussed training for staff

Dr Miles Rogish
Consultant Clinical Psychologist, York House, BIRT

A positive psychology intervention for people with ABI

Professor Jon Evans
Professor of Applied Neuropsychology,
University of Glasgow

11. New ways of identifying rehabilitation needs and working with families in the community

Dr Sue Copstick
Clinical Director,
The Disabilities Trust

Sarah Clifford
Director of Communications,
The Disabilities Trust

Dr Abi Cheeseman
Consultant Clinical Psychologist,
The Woodmill, BIRT

Transport and accommodation

Due to limited parking at Hilton Glasgow, and in order to be environmentally responsible, we encourage delegates to travel by public transport if at all possible.



Unless otherwise shown there are daily flights to and from Glasgow International Airport from the following airports (*correct at time of going to print*). The airport is only eight miles west of the city. The airport bus runs from the airport to Glasgow city centre (approx. 20 minute journey) at least every 10 minutes, 24 hours a day, stopping within a five minute walk of the Hilton Hotel for £10 return fare. Glasgow Central Station links Glasgow by rail to all UK cities. Glasgow Queen Street Station operates routes mainly to Central and Northern Scotland. The Hilton Hotel is less than a mile from both railway stations and costs around £5-£10 in a taxi.

Airport	Airline	Airport	Airline
Belfast International	Easy Jet	Jersey*	Easy Jet
Bristol	Easy Jet	Kirkwall*	flybe
Belfast City	flybe	Leeds Bradford*	flybe
Birmingham	flybe	London City	British Airways
Cardiff	flybe	London Gatwick	Easy Jet & British Airways
Dublin	Ryanair & Aer Lingus	London Heathrow	British Airways
East Midlands*	flybe	London Luton	Easy Jet
Isle of Man	Citywing	London Stansted	Easy Jet & Ryanair
		Manchester	flybe
		Southampton	flybe
		Stornoway	flybe
		Sumburgh	flybe

*flights almost daily



Average travel time by train from across the UK:

Railway Station	Average Time
London	4 Hours 10 minutes
Birmingham	4 Hours
Manchester	3 Hours 30 Minutes
Liverpool	3 Hours 40 Minutes
York	3 Hours 30 Minutes
Edinburgh	50 Minutes



Accommodation:

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How to book:

The easiest and fastest way is to book is online at www.birt.co.uk/conference

Alternatively, please complete the form below and return to BIRT, 3 Westgate Court, Silkwood Park, Wakefield, WF5 9TJ or email birtconference@thedtgroup.org. For enquiries relating to delegate bookings, exhibition space, sponsorship, and general conference enquiries, please email birtconference@thedtgroup.org or call 01924 269 403.

Delegate details (please complete this section for each delegate – photocopies are acceptable)

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (Please circle) Other: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____

Job title: _____ Department: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Please state any dietary or other special requirements: _____

Attendance options: Price per delegate

	Early booking price <small>(Book before 30th June 2017)</small>	Standard
Option 1: Attend both days and ceilidh evening	£370.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£420.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
<small>All options other than Option 4 include lunch</small>		
Option 2: Attend both days, excluding ceilidh evening	£325.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£375.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Option 3: Attend one day only (please tick to indicate day attending)	£195.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£225.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Wednesday 27 th September <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 28 th October <input type="checkbox"/>
Option 4: Attend ceilidh evening (Wednesday 27 th September)		£45.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
<small>Ceilidh evening includes three course dinner and entertainment</small>		

Please find enclosed cheque payable to BIRT for the full amount, or please invoice me at the following address:

Payment 30 days either from date of invoice or before the conference (whichever is the sooner). Payment must be received prior to the conference. Accommodation is not included in the cost.

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More highlights

- 6 Understand** how Professor Russell Bauer, University of Florida, has matched specific memory interventions to individual patients.
- 7 Network** informally with peers and other professionals, and share good practice during formal sessions and debates.
- 8 Discover** how to embed an ABI research project in your practice with our step-by-step guide, including handy hints and tips.
- 9 Visit** our biggest ever exhibition, and (new this year) Demo Zones.

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Ceilidh evening (with a twist!)

Wednesday 27th September 2017

NEW!



We could not have the BIRT Conference in Scotland without a ceilidh! Join us for this traditional Scottish gathering, a fabulous evening of celebration when you'll have the chance to unwind, enjoy delicious food... and have some fun!

Music will be provided by the fabulous Reel Time Ceilidh Band, who have amazed audiences worldwide with their modern and funky take on traditional Scottish music.

A selection of not quite traditional, delicious, Scottish fare will be served, along with a glass of fizz to help the evening along.

With dancing, good company and plenty of laughter, we promise a fun filled lively evening where you can relax and enjoy times with acquaintances, friends and colleagues.

Ticket price: £45, which includes a Scottish buffet, the live band, and a glass of Prosecco.