



8th UK SMA Researchers' Conference 3rd – 4th October 2011

“SMA at the crossroads of basic science and therapy”

Sponsored by The SMA Trust and the Jennifer Trust for SMA

**Hosted by Professor Kevin Talbot
University of Oxford**

**The Conference starts at 1.00pm on October 3
and ends at 1.00pm on October 4**



Guest speakers from SMA Europe:

Professor Michael Sendtner,
University of Würzburg
(SMN function)

Dr Martine Barkats,
Institute of Myologie, Paris
(Translational research: pre clinical)

Key speakers from the UK:

Professor Tom Gillingwater,
University of Edinburgh (SMA Pathogenesis)

Dr Matthew Wood, University of Oxford
(Translational research: pre clinical)

Professor Francesco Muntoni,
University College, London

and

Professor Volker Straub,
University of Newcastle
(Translational research: clinical)

All those wishing to attend the meeting, whether or not they are submitting an abstract, must register by e-mail
krelder@btinternet.com copy: kevin.talbot@clneuro.ox.ac.uk
By Friday 29 July 2011

Abstract Submission

All abstracts must be submitted as a Word document to Kevin Talbot and Karen Elder via email by **FRIDAY 27th AUGUST**
kevin.talbot@clneuro.ox.ac.uk and krelder@btinternet.com

Abstracts must be a maximum of 450 words
Please stipulate your preferred presentation format
(oral presentation relevant to the conference themes, or poster)
Authors must provide full contact details and email addresses

Young Scientist Award

In a change from previous years, the sponsors will be awarding two prizes of £500 each - for the two best presentations by PhD students or Post-Docs at the conference. The awards will be made to the departments responsible for the work being presented, to be used as a contribution for the presenter or another team member to attend an SMA scientific conference. For further details please contact Karen Elder
krelder@btinternet.com

*Conference registration for UK participants is paid for by the sponsors
There is a €200 charge for non-UK attendees*

*Meals and refreshments are provided by the Sponsors for everyone, although participants must book and pay for their own travel and accommodation.
Details of transport links will be sent following registration.*

The Sponsors' drinks reception, dinner and barn dance on Monday night

*The evening programme is regarded as an important part of the conference, providing a valuable opportunity for introductions and making contacts.
All participants are requested to attend.*

*Hotel and Conference Venue:
The Oxford Belfry
Milton Common, Nr Thame
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tel: +44 (0)845 0740060
For reservations: stay@qhotels.co.uk.*

Rooms are being held until 8 August for attendees at special rates starting at £90 per room (for single occupancy).

Please quote "SMA Conference" when booking to take advantage of the discount.