

Announcing the Joint Annual Convention of  
The Parapsychological Association, Inc. (51<sup>st</sup>)  
and  
The Incorporated Society for Psychical Research (32<sup>nd</sup>)  
August 13–17, 2007  
West Downs Centre, The University of Winchester, Winchester, UK

The Parapsychological Association and the Society for Psychical Research will jointly hold their annual conventions on August 13–17, 2008 in the historic city of Winchester, UK. This will be a residential convention at the West Downs Centre of The University of Winchester, with accommodation, meals and the convention sessions all conveniently located on one campus of the university, a short distance from the historic centre of the city. Registration and check-in will take place from 4:00 PM on Wednesday August 13 with the convention beginning promptly Thursday morning and concluding after lunch on Sunday.

It has been over 10 years since the last joint PA-SPR conference and the organizers have endeavored to blend the best features of their respective events into a single convention that will be stimulating and enjoyable for members of both organizations and interested members of the public. The program has been arranged by the PA Program Committee headed by Dr. Simon Sherwood and the SPR Program Committee headed by Prof. Bernard Carr who report that it will be a very full convention with a large number of contributions from Europe, North and South America, Australia, and Japan. As usual there will be full papers and shorter research briefs, panel discussions and poster sessions. These will include empirical research reports (both quantitative and qualitative) on ESP and PK, OBEs, mediumship and hauntings, as well as theoretical, philosophical, methodological, and historical contributions. PA Outstanding Career Award winner Dr. Edwin May will give an invited address. PA President Dr. Roger Nelson, director of the Global Consciousness Project, will give the PA Presidential Address on Friday evening, with an accompanying Presidents' Reception hosted by Dr. Nelson and SPR President Prof. Deborah Delanoy. The banquet address, on Saturday evening, will be given by Max Velmans, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Goldsmiths, University of London. Prof. Velmans is a distinguished consciousness researcher and author of several books on consciousness, including the acclaimed *Understanding Consciousness*.

The convention venue is in one of Britain's most popular tourist destinations, the historic cathedral city of Winchester. The conference centre is a Grade II listed Victorian building that was renovated in 2001. Accommodation for the convention consists of 60 rooms in the conference centre itself, convenient to the meeting room and Shakespeare dining room. Additional rooms are available in the West Downs Student Village, an award-winning housing facility located on the same campus, just a few minutes walk from the conference centre. All rooms are single en suite rooms (with private hand basin, shower and toilet). The rooms in the conference center are arranged along corridors and the Student Village rooms are arranged in groups of seven that share a common kitchen and eating area. Rooms have wired Internet access. Registration fees include meals as noted on the registration form. Lunch will be a two-course buffet and dinner (other than the banquet) will be a three-course meal including wine. A bar will be available in the conference centre on Friday and Saturday evenings. Arrangements can be made for staying in the convention accommodation for a day before or after the convention.

*Please turn over for travel details and other information.*

**Notice to Full and Associate Members of the Parapsychological Association**

The annual general business meeting of the Parapsychological Association, Inc. will be held on Sunday August 17, 2008 at 2:00 PM in the West Downs Conference Centre of The University of Winchester, Winchester UK. Any Full or Associate Member who wants to place items on the agenda prior to the meeting should notify the Secretary of the association, Dr. Caroline Watt, in writing, or by email (Caroline.Watt@ed.ac.uk), before July 18, 2008. There also will be an opportunity at the time of the meeting to bring new business before the assembly.

## Getting to the convention

The West Downs Campus of The University of Winchester is located on Romsey Road, roughly opposite the Royal Hampshire County Hospital (a convenient landmark).

### By air

The closest airport is **Southampton Airport**, which claims to be only 99 steps from the train station where there are frequent departures for the 8 or 9-minute journey to Winchester. Southampton is served by a number of mostly budget airlines flying from a wide range of UK and European airports. Of the London airports, **Heathrow Airport** is the most convenient with direct coach service from National Express (about 70 minutes). From **Gatwick Airport** the train might be the best option with journey times from 1:40 and one or two changes. National Express coach service is also available from Gatwick but via a change at Heathrow and with journey times of 2:45 and up. Coach departures from either airport are at intervals of at least 2 hours, so best to check coach schedules as well when booking flights.

### Eurostar

If traveling by Eurostar you will probably want to purchase onward train tickets to Winchester (which can be purchased in advance through National Rail link below). For onward train travel, select 'London International' as your starting station and ticket will include the London Underground to your actual departure station.

### By rail

From the Winchester rail station it is possible to walk to the campus (about 1 mile, 15 minutes) though if you have luggage there is a taxi rank. If walking, exit the station turning right on to Station Road to Upper High Street. Turn right over the bridge and then left into Clifton Terrace. Walk along Clifton Terrace and then turn right on Romsey Road. Follow Romsey Road until you reach the campus. (See map link below.)

### From bus and coach station.

Proceed along Broadway toward and through the pedestrianized High Street. Bear left on Romsey Road. (About 1 mile. See map link below.)

### By car

The recommended route is to exit at junction 11 of the M3. At the second roundabout after the motorway, take the second exit toward Badger's Farm. Follow the road for about a mile, straight through a mini-roundabout (by Sainsbury's Superstore) and on to a third roundabout. Take the right hand exit on to Romsey Road and continue to follow the road and signs to the hospital. The entrance to the campus is on the left almost opposite the County Arms pub. Free parking is available on campus.

### Useful links

Google map: <http://tinyurl.com/4rfzum> (zoom in or out, print it, or even view from satellite)

Airports: [www.baa.com](http://www.baa.com) Operator of main airports. Choose airport from menu—lots of information.

National Rail journey planner: <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/en/pj/jp>

National Express: <http://www.nationalexpress.com/coach>

Eurostar: <http://www.eurostar.com>

## Tourism in Winchester and Vicinity

Winchester and environs are rich in history and abound with attractions for visitors—more than can be summarized here. Winchester itself is the former capital of England and seat of King Alfred the Great. Things to see in Winchester include the world famous Cathedral, the Great Hall with King Arthur's Round Table and Wolvesey Castle, one of the greatest medieval buildings in England. For those wishing to venture farther afield, Stonehenge and Salisbury are only a short drive away, as is the Solent coast.

Official tourism site for Winchester: [www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk)

Unofficial but useful site for Stonehenge: [www.stonehenge.co.uk](http://www.stonehenge.co.uk)

Official (and somewhat overwhelming) England tourism site: [www.enjoyengland.com](http://www.enjoyengland.com)

## Alternative accommodation

While the conference organizers recommend staying at the convention centre for convenience and value, the following site is listed on the university's web site as a source of hotel information. Additional accommodation information is available at the Winchester tourism site. There are no hotels in the immediate vicinity of the campus, though some 'city centre' hotels may be within walking distance or a short taxi ride. [www.roomstobook.co.uk/hampshire/winchester.php](http://www.roomstobook.co.uk/hampshire/winchester.php)

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