We look forward to welcoming you to the 18th International Xenopus Conference at the European Xenopus Resource Centre based at the University of Portsmouth on Portsea Island on the South Coast of England. With its port, dockyard and naval heritage, Portsmouth has a long history of welcoming visitors from all over the world.

Travel to Portsmouth is straightforward, if you are coming by air then Gatwick Airport is a ninety minute direct train journey away. The train runs between the airport terminal itself and Portsmouth and Southsea Station which is adjacent to the conference accommodation. Travel from Heathrow airport is by coach service but takes significantly longer at three to four hours. A taxi is much faster but significantly more expensive (approx £90). For those who want to arrive by car or ferry there are routes via St Malo, Cherbourg and Caen.

Please note that parking is quite expensive in Portsmouth although it will be easy to find around the University in the summer break.

The conference includes the normal speaker sessions, quickfire talks selected from the posters, career development discussions, resources workshops and networking opportunities both at poster sessions and an “afternoon off” when we suggest a trip to Henry VII’s flagship, the “Mary Rose”. This is a 15 minute walk from the lecture theatre, where a chat about frogs can take place whilst learning about life in Tudor England.

IXB YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

The International Xenopus Board (IXB) Young Investigator Award recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member from any country who has made significant scientific advances using Xenopus as a model. Awardees will be recognized at the International Xenopus Conference in Portsmouth, UK (August 23-27, 2020) where they will present an award lecture. Awardees also will receive funds from the IXB toward travel to the meeting.

Nominations for the Young Investigator Award should be submitted to the IXB at Xenopus@Xenopus.org.

Submit the application in a single PDF file that includes:
• A letter of nomination describing the candidate’s research using Xenopus, and its importance to the field.
• The nominee’s CV.

Nominations must be received by June 30th, 2020.

CONFERENCE & ACCOMMODATION FEES

Take advantage of our Early Bird rates while they last! Plus if you wish to attend the gala dinner on the famous HMS Warrior, you need to hurry as we will fill the spaces on a first come-first served basis. Regardless of when you book you will still enjoy the same menu in the adjacent overflow venue.

Post Doc Early Bird: £380
Regular Early Bird: £500
Student Early Bird: £320

Bookable accommodation appears under ‘Additional Items’ once you’ve selected your attendee category
• Core dates 23-27th August - £250
• Saturday 22nd August - £44
• Thursday 27th August - £44

Breakfast included only in the core option.
CHAUCE HOUSE

Chaucer House (34 on the map) is a modern hall of residence that opened in 2018, featuring individual en-suite bedrooms, each with a 3/4 size double bed. Rooms also have access to a kitchen area stocked with tea and coffee. Complimentary high speed wifi is provided and there are two guest lounges for delegates.

The accommodation is just 200 metres from the city's railway station and a ten minute walk from the conference venue.

Delegates are able to book for the nights of the conference, plus additional nights before and after the conference, allowing you to spend some extra time to visit the attractions or take a day trip to London.

WHAT & WHEN

You can check in to your accommodation at Chaucer House anytime! If you arrive the day before the conference officially begins, you can enjoy a walk around the Historic Dockyard, Old Portsmouth or good ol’ Southsea Beach to finish with a tantalising meal at the Southsea Beach Cafe or with a reinvigorating cup of coffee at Coffee Cup.

The registration desk opens at 2.30pm at the Student Union. For late comers on Sunday 23rd registration will take place in Portland Building (2 on the map). This is where you will receive your name badge, bespoke EXRC lanyard and all the info you need.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT THE HUB

For those of you staying in our accommodation, there will be a breakfast buffet provided at The Hub Cafe in Dennis Sciama Building (9 on the map). You can then wander across to the Richmond Building (photo on the right) where you will attend the conference talks (apologies for the colours).

CONFERENCE VENUES

The conference will be held in Richmond Building (6 on the map) for the talks and Portland Building (2 on the map) for poster sessions (our campus map is on the next page). There will be teas and coffees provided for the refreshment breaks so you can refuel for the next sessions.
UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

To Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

From M275 into the City

To Gunwharf Quays, Emirates Spinnaker Tower, the Hard Interchange, Portsmouth Harbour station and the seafront (15 minutes walk)

To Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS
6-8 Hampshire Terrace 26
Anglesia Building 7
Buckingham Building 4
Burnaby Building 5
Burnaby Terrace 10
City Learning Centre 32
Dennis Sciama Building 9
Dental Academy 28
Eldon Building 31
Future Technology Centre 3
Halpern House 24
King Henry Building 12
Lion Gate Building 1
Mansfield House 20
Milldam 8
Nuffield Building 19
Park Building 11
Portland Building 2
Ravelin House 30
Richmond Building 6
Rosalind Franklin East 16
Rosalind Franklin West 15
Spinnaker Building 18
Spinnaker Sports Centre 22
St Andrew's Court 17
St George's Building 29
St Michael's Building 19
St Paul's Sports Centre 23
Union Building 25
University House 31
University Library 27
White Swan Building 18
William Beatty Building / Dental Academy 28

UNIVERSITY AND PARTNERS' HALLS OF RESIDENCE
Bateson Hall 37
Burrell House 42
Catherine House 33
Chaucer House 34
Greeatham Street Hall 36
Harry Law Hall 38
Rosalind Franklin Halls 40
Margaret Rule Hall 35
Rees Hall 41
Trafalgar Hall 39

CITY BUILDINGS
Central Library D
Civic offices E
City Museum I
Courts G
Portsmouth Guildhall H
Hampshire Constabulary J
New Theatre Royal K
Portsmouth and Southsea station C
Post Office B
St John's Catholic Cathedral A
The Mary Rose – European Museum of the year finalist

Experience King Henry VIII’s flagship, the only 16th century ship on display anywhere in the world.

See, smell and even touch genuine Tudor artefacts, providing a fascinating insight into Tudor life.

The Many Faces of Tudor England

Discover a whole new view of Henry VIII’s navy with our compelling temporary exhibition, which combines the latest scientific and genealogical research.

*Show your conference badge at the Mary Rose to receive nearly a 30% discount on tickets!
**GALA DINNER MENU**

**Starter:**
Chicken Liver Parfait, Port Wine Jelly, Crisp Chicken Skin & Toasted Brioche

**Main course:**
Slow Braised Daube of Beef, Carmelised Root Vegetables & thyme with Horseradish Mash & Braising Juices

**Dessert:**
Apple Crumble, Rum & Raisin Ice Cream with Granny Smith Crisp
FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you have any questions, please email ixc@port.ac.uk

Please let us know if you have any dietary (gluten free, vegan, vegetarian) requirements for the gala dinner. We will ensure that all is taken care of.

Post gala dinner the party will move to the Waterhole Bar (former Student Union) so you can carry on networking and having a bit of fun.

You will receive a Certificate of Attendance for the conference.