**EASTBIO Symposium 2022 - FAQs**

**Covid**

All Covid rules and restrictions have been lifted in Scotland but please be mindful of the Government advice at [https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/pages/overview/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.scot%2Fpublications%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-staying-safe-and-protecting-others%2Fpages%2Foverview%2F&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C05b222a1b27a468cc36a08da47bfb058%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901186256988999%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vJ2F47%2BhPcn%2BFpflvgz0ofLdA4rpcj5k0lNzjY%2B9Nyk%3D&reserved=0) if any of your fellow attendees are choosing to wear masks and keep distanced please respect this and each other.

**Key Contacts**

On the day – Sio Carroll. There will also be a venue manager available on the day and Student Reps present as part of the organising team wearing EASTBIO t-shirts to make them easily identifiable.

Sio will be in a blue t-shirt too, the only person who will be in a white t-shirt is Maria as she is using her one from 2019!

**Photography and Filming**

Please be aware that photography will be taking place at the Symposium. If you do not want to have your picture taken do let us know, you can also tell the photographer at the event and he will delete any photos he has taken of you. There will now also be a filmmaker present on Day 1. He will only be recording distance shots, will not record any audio and will not be present on the second day.

**Consent Forms**

If you have not completed a consent form in advance and returned it to enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk there will be paper copies available on the day.

**Safe Space Policy**

The Symposium has a Safe Space Policy which will be linked to on the EASTBIO Symposium website at [http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio-symposium-2022](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk%2Feastbio-symposium-2022&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C05b222a1b27a468cc36a08da47bfb058%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901186256988999%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LW9lR8tAjEBGJOrHpCC1rqX6Hy11vlqKuWt9lPDVXe8%3D&reserved=0) and available to read as paper copies on the day of the Symposium.

**Agenda**

The most up to date version of the Agenda will always be the one posted on the EASTBIO website at [http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio-symposium-2022](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk%2Feastbio-symposium-2022&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C7bc0a10f38434b046df308da47c644c2%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901214702590879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ULX3F2m4d57dX8yP%2BNjkwsAn5Ep6S%2BUNjN%2BzEPCw8MQ%3D&reserved=0)

**Venue**

The Symposium will be held at the John McIntyre Conference Centre based at **Pollack Halls**. On arrival at Pollack Halls the reception team can advise you of directions to the Conference Centre. Accessibility information for the Conference Centre can be accessed at the following link [https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/john-mcintyre-conference-centre](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.accessable.co.uk%2Fvenues%2Fjohn-mcintyre-conference-centre&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C7bc0a10f38434b046df308da47c644c2%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901214702590879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9bgOi1mM7w2nnA1g7h6i0Q7MjBI0Tx75lOUKk75OHuA%3D&reserved=0)

**Name badges**

these are on lanyards (black with the EASTBIO logo) and will have the traffic light cards to show comfort levels about interaction on the other side. We are also giving out pronoun stickers to use on the badges.

**Accommodation**

If you have requested accommodation during the Symposium this will be at Pollack Halls. You will be able to check in at the main reception from 2pm on your first day. For those arriving on 9th June we will have a baggage storage space at the John McIntyre Conference Centre where we will be able to store your baggage. Please note – though this will have staff outside at all times it is not possible for us to lock this room, so items stored there are done so at your own risk.

**Travel**

Pollock Halls is 2 miles from Edinburgh Waverley, a taxi or bus will take around 10 minutes. More information on Edinburgh Waverley can be found here: [https://www.networkrail.co.uk/stations/edinburgh-waverley/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.networkrail.co.uk%2Fstations%2Fedinburgh-waverley%2F&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C7bc0a10f38434b046df308da47c644c2%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901214702590879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6Q%2BkI7J1vxARk1hAO8TywoRls8%2BhwDGM7xYiIC3JMnU%3D&reserved=0)

Pollock Halls is about 8 miles from Edinburgh International Airport. A taxi will cost around £25, or you can take an Airlink bus service to Waverley Bridge. For fare information and timetables, please check [https://www.edinburghairport.com/transport-links/buses-and-coaches](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.edinburghairport.com%2Ftransport-links%2Fbuses-and-coaches&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C7bc0a10f38434b046df308da47c644c2%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901214702590879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=V4FGA8Zvl%2Fp9S7OCqoM5N0BY2yR8AIWD1yBbQWbuF90%3D&reserved=0) for more information.

**Parking**

There is parking available on site at Pollack Halls but we are unable to reserve any parking for Symposium attendees. Parking is available on a first come, first served basis. If you arrive and are unable to park then please ask at Pollack Halls reception for advice on alternative parking locations.

**Social Media**

The Symposium hashtag is **#eastbio22 –** tweets using this hashtag will be displayed on screens at the venue.

**Local Amenities**

There are amenities including a shop and cafes at Pollack Halls but should you require anything else please see below

* Nearest Supermarket – [https://stores.sainsburys.co.uk/4433/edinburgh-bernard-street-local](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstores.sainsburys.co.uk%2F4433%2Fedinburgh-bernard-street-local&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C7bc0a10f38434b046df308da47c644c2%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901214702590879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XJIIdihGQlobfb%2BpFS3MaQFdEmT8XFDZ%2Bv7Bq%2BMe0RQ%3D&reserved=0)
* Petrol Station – bp, Ratcliffe Terrace, Edinburgh EH9 1SS
* Charging point for electric vehicles – Chargeplace, 18 Holyrood Park Rd, Edinburgh EH16 5AY

**Online participants:** the zoom links have been sent to them if they are watching and links to the pigeonhole live for Q&A will be provided in the chat box for the session they attend.

**Informal Walk**

There will be an informal walk for those who wish to take it on day 2. Please let Maria (at the registration desk) know if you wish to take part.

**Feedback**

We would welcome your feedback on the event. The feedback form is live at [https://forms.gle/BzizSTYEBxFUHiLj7](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FBzizSTYEBxFUHiLj7&data=05%7C01%7Csam.miller%40abdn.ac.uk%7C05b222a1b27a468cc36a08da47bfb058%7C8c2b19ad5f9c49d490773ec3cfc52b3f%7C0%7C0%7C637901186256988999%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cupAhPb%2BcuwzCnZczUAvP3iQHa9jvOHqhTHJHjsDSww%3D&reserved=0) and you can leave your anonymous feedback until Monday 13th June 2022.