

**SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP ON THE STANDARDISATION
OF GENOME AMPLIFICATION TECHNIQUES**

20th Anniversary SoGAT Workshop - 'Past Successes and Future Challenges'

London, UK – 25-26 June 2015

INFORMATION SHEET

We are pleased to announce details of the **SoGAT 2015 Meeting** to be held at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London, UK on **Thursday, 25 and Friday, 26 June 2015**. Hosted by NIBSC, this meeting will take the form of an interactive workshop that will focus on specific issues in standardisation. The aim is to facilitate discussion of the key issues and to formulate forward action plans to enable progress towards these goals to be made throughout the year. Brief introductory presentations will set the scene for the group discussion with key topics for discussion within each session to which all delegates are invited to contribute. At the end of each discussion the session chairs will summarise a forward action plan.

Registration

There is no registration fee for the SoGAT 2015 Meeting. Please complete the registration form and send to the SoGAT Organising Committee sogat@nibsc.org. Deadline for registration is **11 May 2015**.

Venue and Accommodation

The meeting will be held in the Cambria Suite, Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA, UK <http://www.grandconnaughtrooms.com/> Located in the heart of theatreland and surrounded by the buzz of Covent Garden, the Grand Connaught has good transport links and is within walking distance of two underground stations and three major train stations are just five minutes away by taxi.

There is no accommodation at the Grand Connaught, however, their sister hotel, the Hotel Russell, is a 10 minute walk or short taxi journey away. There are also a number of hotels located closeby to suit all budgets – a selection can be found in the table below. **Please Note: SoGAT have not blocked booked rooms at any of the hotels listed.**

HOTEL DETAILS	DISTANCE FROM THE GRAND CONNAUGHT ROOMS	APPROXIMATE COST (room only)
Hotel Russell (4 star) Russel Square, London, WC1B 5BE Tel: +44 (0)207 837 6470 http://www.hotelrusselllondon.co.uk/	0.6 miles from venue 10 minutes walk/3 minutes by taxi/7 minutes by public transport	From £140.00 <i>Please quote DIRECT1 at time of booking to receive a 10% discount off the selling rate</i>

Travel Lodge (2 star) 10 Drury Lane, High Holborn, London WC2B 5RE Tel +44 (0)871 984 6245 http://www.travelodge.co.uk/	0.4 miles from venue 5 minute walk	From £120.00
Hoxton Hotel Holborn (Boutique Hotel) 199-206 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BD Tel: +44 (0)207 661 3000 https://thehoxton.com/london/holborn/	0.4 miles from venue 3 minutes walk	From £140.00
Grange Portland Hotel (4 star) 31-32 Bedford Place, London, WC1B 5JH Tel: +44 (0)207 580 7088 http://www.grangehotels.com/	0.4 miles from venue 5 minute walk/3 mins by taxi/8 mins by public transport	From £140.00

More information on hotels located close to the Grand Connaught can be found at www.booking.com/

Group Dinner

A group dinner will be held at the end of Day 1 on Thursday, 25 June 2015. Further details will be available to registered delegates closer to the date of meeting.

Important Dates

11 May Registration Deadline for SoGAT 2015
25-26 June SoGAT 2015

Contact Details for SoGAT Organising Committee

If you have any queries regarding the meeting, please contact the SoGAT Organising Committee, National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC) - *A Centre of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency*, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 3QG, UK. Tel: +44 (0)1707 641463/641219. Email: sogat@nibsc.org