

**General Information on the  
International Conference on Nuclear Security:  
Global Directions for the Future  
London, U.K., 16-18 March 2005**

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If you are not a registered Conference participant please see the Announcement at this web site for details on registering.

**Location of the Conference:**           **The Mermaid Conference & Events Centre**  
Puddle Dock  
London, EC4V 3DB  
United Kingdom  
Tel: ++ 44 (0)20 7236 1919  
Fax: ++ 44 (0)20 7236 1819  
www.the-mermaid.co.uk

**Registration:**           The registration desk at The Mermaid Centre will be open on Wednesday, 16 March 2005 from 08:00 hours onwards. Registration will be possible throughout the duration of the conference.

Participants are requested to bring an identification document to facilitate their entry to the meeting premises and to ensure prompt registration.

Conference badges are to be worn at all times whilst on the premises.

No registration fee is charged.

**Opening of the Conference:**           Wednesday, 16 March 2005, at 10:00 hours.

**Documents:**           The final programme will be available upon registration.

**Proceedings:**           The proceedings of the conference will be published by the IAEA as soon as possible after the meeting and will contain the welcoming addresses, all presentations, session summaries, discussions and the findings of the conference.

**Accommodation:**       The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has block booked rooms at the following hotels on an allocation basis. The rooms are booked using the **government rate:**

**The Hilton Metropole Hotel (4 star)**

[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

Rate: £109 Including English Breakfast, Excluding VAT @ 17.5%

To reserve a room, please return the attached 'Hilton Registration Form'.

All bookings must be made by **1 March**

**Nearest Tube: Edgware Road**

**The Thistle Victoria (4 star)**

[www.thistlehotels.com](http://www.thistlehotels.com)

Allocation: 25 Rooms

Rate: £109 Including English Breakfast and VAT @ 17.5%

Tel: ++ 44 (0)870 333 9120

Fax: +44 (0)20 7630 1978

email: regina.pond@thistle.co.uk

Please quote the reference **FCO150305** when making your reservation in order to receive this rate.

All bookings must be made by **15 February**

**Nearest Tube: Victoria**

**The Strand Palace Hotel (3 star)**

[www.strandpalacehotel.co.uk](http://www.strandpalacehotel.co.uk)

Allocation: 30 Rooms

**Rate: Single £88** Including English Breakfast & VAT @ 17.5%

or Standard double **£95** Including English Breakfast & VAT @ 17.5%

Tel: ++ 44 (0)20 7379 4737

Fax: ++44 (0) 20 7257 9227

email: groups@strandpalacehotel.co.uk

Please quote the reference **FCO-IAEA** when making your reservation in order to receive this rate.

All bookings must be made by **15 February**

**Nearest Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment**

**Participants are responsible for reserving their own accommodation. The government rate can only be assured until the date specified.**

Alternative hotel suggestions are also on this web site. Participants should be aware that no special arrangements have been made with the alternative suggested hotels.

**Hotel Payment Conditions:**

Hotel bookings should be paid directly by the participants. The IAEA cannot be held responsible for any fees or re-bookings. Therefore it is in the interest of the participants to inform the reservation team at their hotel by fax or telephone of any cancellations/changes to their reservation or late arrivals.

**Transportation from the Airport to the City Centre:**

The Heathrow Express train travels from Heathrow Airport (all terminals) directly to Paddington Railway Station.

Gatwick Airport has an express train which takes you into Victoria Station.

Taxi Service: Taxis in London are charged on a meter.

**Transportation to Conference Venue**

Access by Tube:

The nearest tube station is Blackfriars. The venue is approximately a one minute walk from the station. Please follow the signs for 'The Mermaid Theatre', which are located both in the station and at street level.

Hyper-link to tube map: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/pdffdocs/colormap.pdf>

Hyper-link to 'Blackfrairs Area' street map: [Area Map](#)

**Visa:** If you need a visa for entering the U.K you should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of the U.K as soon as possible.

Once your visa application has gone through the appropriate channels, should you require assistance, a letter confirming the conference and your registration can be issued to the relevant visa section. Please contact [Emma.Briggs@dti.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Briggs@dti.gov.uk) if you require assistance.

Please note, Immigration Officials dealing with your visa will have the overall decision whether or not to issue you a visa.

**Coffee/Lunch Breaks:** Refreshments during the coffee breaks and lunches will be offered by the host Government.

**Social Programme:** A welcome reception hosted by the host Government will be held at the end of the first day, 16 March 2005.