

DiPVaC 2014: FIRST CIRCULAR (16/02/2014)

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open at the link at the end of this paragraph. Please note that the **early registration deadline is 20 March** and that the conference dinner is not included in the registration fee. The registration fees include the conference pack; the wine reception on Mon, 7 April; two refreshment breaks and buffet-style lunch on each day of the conference: http://webstore.ncl.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&catid=51&prodid=278

Registration fees

Early bird standard (full conference): £170

Early bird student (full conference): £90

Standard (full conference): £200

Student (full conference): £120

Standard (one day): £95

Student (one day): £55

Conference dinner

There will be an additional fee of £35 for the conference dinner on Tue, 8 April (see further below for details).

PAYMENT CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

Once you have registered for the conference and made your on-line payment, you will receive an automated e-mail confirming your registration and payment. Please note that this e-mail constitutes your receipt. No further copies will be issued later on. When you arrive at the conference, your registration pack will include a formal attendance confirmation (including the title of your presentation if appropriate).

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held in the Research Beehive, Old Library Building, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU. The Research Beehive is situated at the heart of Newcastle University campus and is only two minutes' walk from Newcastle city centre and Haymarket metro station. Papers will be given in room 2.21; refreshments and buffet-style lunch will be served in the break-out area and informal seating area of the Beehive. Directions to the campus and Research Beehive are available on the website at <http://conferences.ncl.ac.uk/dipvac2014/travel/>, and will be re-circulated closer to the conference date.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The programme will consist of three plenary presentations, one workshop and some 25-30 oral presentations. There will be no parallel sessions. To help you arrange your travels, the provisional programme is given below. A more detailed schedule will be provided mid-March.

Monday, 7 April:	9:00	registration opens
	10:00	opening plenary
	11:00-18:00	talks (with coffee & lunch breaks)
	18:30	wine reception
Tuesday, 8 April:	9:00-18:00	talks & plenary & workshop (with coffee & lunch)

		breaks)
	19:30-late	conference dinner
Wednesday, 9 April:	9:00-15:30	talks & DiPVaC business meeting (with coffee & lunch breaks)
	15:30-16:30	closing plenary
	16:30	conference close

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

There will be a wine reception on Mon, 7 April, from 6:30 pm in the Research Beehive. The conference dinner will be on Tue, 8 April, at 7:30 pm at the Blackfriars restaurant (Friars Street, Newcastle NE1 4XN), voted Taste of England at North-East England Tourism Awards: <http://www.blackfriarsrestaurant.co.uk>. The fee for the conference dinner is £35 and includes a three-course meal, one large glass of wine, water and tea/coffee. Please be reminded to register for the conference dinner when you pay your registration fee. Menu choices are as follows and must be placed when you make your payment:

STARTER

(v, gf) Slow-roasted cauliflower soup
 Home-cured salmon, potato pancake, dill creme fraiche
 (gf) Pressed ham terrine, Blackfriars pear chutney

MAIN COURSE

(v) Baked falafel and walnut loaf, squash puree, crispy hen's egg
 North Sea fish pie, broccoli and peas
 Confit rare-breed pork belly, cauliflower mash, crackling, cider jus

DESSERT

Warmed chocolate tart, Chantille cream
 Yorkshire rhubarb and Bramley crumble, creme Anglais
 (gf) A selection of homemade sorbets or ice-creams

v= vegetarian; gf = gluten-free

ACCOMMODATION

Newcastle University is located only a short walk from Newcastle city centre. Accommodation bookings are managed by NewcastleGateshead Convention Bureau. Please follow this link to make your hotel reservations and payments: <http://www.NewcastleGateshead.com/Discourse2014>. For any queries regarding accommodation, please contact Anna Moroney at anna.moroney@ngi.org.uk.

TRAVEL

Newcastle is about 3 hours by train from London. For travel times and bookings, please visit this website: <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search>. Newcastle International Airport is only 7 miles from Newcastle city centre with direct underground links to the city. Newcastle University is located a short walk (2 minutes) from Haymarket metro station, with direct services to Newcastle Central Station (15 minutes) and Newcastle International Airport (20 minutes). Metro maps and timetables can be searched here: <http://www.nexus.org.uk/metro>.

DIPVAC RESEARCH NETWORK & MAILING LIST

If you haven't already joined the DiPVaC research network (<http://www.dipvac.org>) and mailing list, it's not too late. Please send the following details to dipvac.network@gmail.com and we'll add you to the website and mailing list as soon as we can:

- full name & institutional affiliation;
- research interests/specialisms relating to discourse-pragmatic variation & change;
- discourse-pragmatic variables/features analysed to date/at the moment;
- languages worked on.

OTHER

More detailed information about arrangements for on-site registration, directions to the Research Beehive, etc. will be communicated in the second circular towards the end of March.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at dipvac2014@ncl.ac.uk if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you in Newcastle in April,

Heike Pichler, on behalf of the DiPVaC 2014 organising team