

Dear Colleagues,

All personnel working within the primate research industry are required to have a good understanding of primate biology, to ensure the animals receive the adequate care and welfare.

Within EUPRIM-Net we offer a course especially for animal caretakers and technical personnel, because we know you are the people that have daily and direct contact with the animals. During the course we will address aspects of general primate biology as well as topics related to husbandry and animal welfare, such as environmental enrichment, nutrition and positive reinforcement training (PRT or clicker training).

Because PRT is a complex subject we have scheduled a separate seminar to introduce this area to attendees. This seminar will last 3.5hours on Tuesday afternoon. The seminar will consist of both illustrative films and some practical exercises. The target audience for this subject is not just trainers but also managers and veterinary surgeons who are interested in learning more about what can be accomplished with Positive Reinforcement Training, and how to get started.

Another workshop included on the course is a seminar on public perception of animal rights. We all do an important job, but nevertheless there are some situations, when we do not like to talk about our employment and animal testing. Such moments are normal, but can be difficult to deal with so we would like to provide strategies and advice on how to deal with these situations.

Against this background we compiled a three-day course which will be held from 6 – 8th September at Dstl, Porton Down. The schedule, registration form and further information about travel and accommodation can be found below.

You have the option to either register for the whole course (30 participants maximum) or to attend just the seminar on Positive Reinforcement (additional 40 participants).

We look forward to meeting you in September.

Kendra Cummins

Emma Powell

Deike Terruhn

PS: Please aware that the course as part of EUPRIM-Net is funded by the European Union and can be offered gratis. This includes the course as well lunch and dinner and the tour to Stonehenge.



Programme

Monday, 6.9.2010

All attendees must arrive at Porton Down reception at 9.00

- 09:15** **Registration**
- 10:00** **Welcome, Information about EUPRIM-Net and the Course Series**
Emma Powell and Deike Terruhn
Introductions
- 10:30** **Non Human Primates in Biomedical research at Dstl**
Peter Pearce - Dstl
Discussion
Break
- 11:45** **Animal Rights and Communicating to Public / Perception**
Jimmy Green – Dstl Security
Ivar A. Aune – freelance journalist
- Lunch break around 13:00**
- 15:00** **Tour of Stonehenge**
- ca. 19:00** **Dinner**

Tuesday, 7.9.2010

- 09:00** **Marmosets and Macaques – biology of the most used primates in laboratories**
Deike Terruhn, German Primate Centre
Discussion
Break
- 10:15** **Primate early life experiences – effects on later life and quality of science**
Hannah Buchanan-Smith, University of Stirling
Discussion
Break
- 11:30** **Environmental Enrichment**
Hannah Buchanan-Smith
Discussion
- 12:45** **Lunch**
- 13:45** **Positive Reinforcement Training (PRT) + PRT-Games**
Karolina Westlund, Swedish Institute for Infectious Diseases Control
Break
- 17:15** **Assessment of Welfare in Cynomolgus Monkeys**
Louisa Tasker, University of Stirling
- 18.30** **Dinner**

Wednesday, 8.9.2010

- 09:00 am** **Genetics in Relation to Husbandry**
Manfred Eberle, German Primate Centre
Discussion
Break
- 10:15** **Aggression in Macaques**
Paul Honess, University of Oxford
Discussion
Break
- 12:00** **Primate Nutrition and Obesity in Macaques**
Annette Schuhmacher, Ssniff
Discussion
- 13:15** **Lunch**
- 14:30** **Visits to on-site primate facilities: DSTL, MRC, Beck Farm**
Discussion
Break
Feedback and final discussion
- 16:00** Official Course End

Subject to modifications.

Registration Form

FAX: 01980 613530

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I would like to register for

- The whole
**Courses on General Primatology
for animal caretakers and technical personnel**
6 – 8th September 2010 at Dstl, Porton Down, UK
- Just the
Seminar on Positive Reinforcement Training (PRT) by Karolina Westlund
on the 7th September 2010 at 1:45 – 5 pm.
- Tour to Stonehenge** on Monday 6th September 2010

Please complete in block capitals

Name:

Company

Postal address:

Job title:

E-mail:

Venue

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl)
Porton Down
Salisbury
Wiltshire
SP4 0JQ
UNITED KINGDOM
Website: www.dstl.gov.uk

Travel and Accommodation

Participants are responsible for organizing their own travel and accommodation and for paying their expenses. For more information about travel and the city of Salisbury, please refer to the attached links below.

The deadline for registration is the 20th of August.

Travel

Porton Down is situated in a quiet rural location. We strongly recommend that you travel here by hire car if possible.

Dstl Porton Down



Dstl Porton Down
 Salisbury, Wilts
 SP4 0JQ

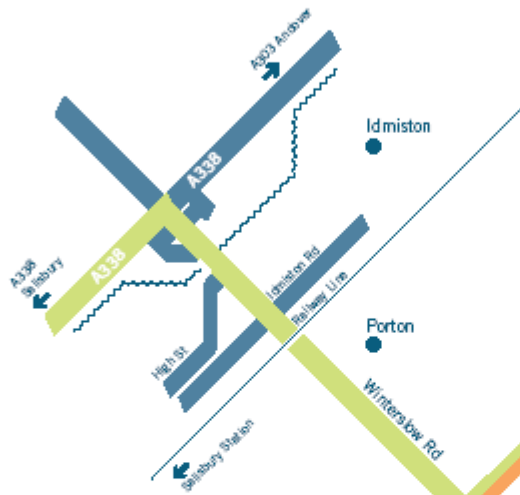
Central Enquiries
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By Rail
 Salisbury Station, suitable for disabled users, approx 20-30 mins by taxi. Alternatively from Andover Station, suitable for disabled users. Approx 30 mins by taxi.

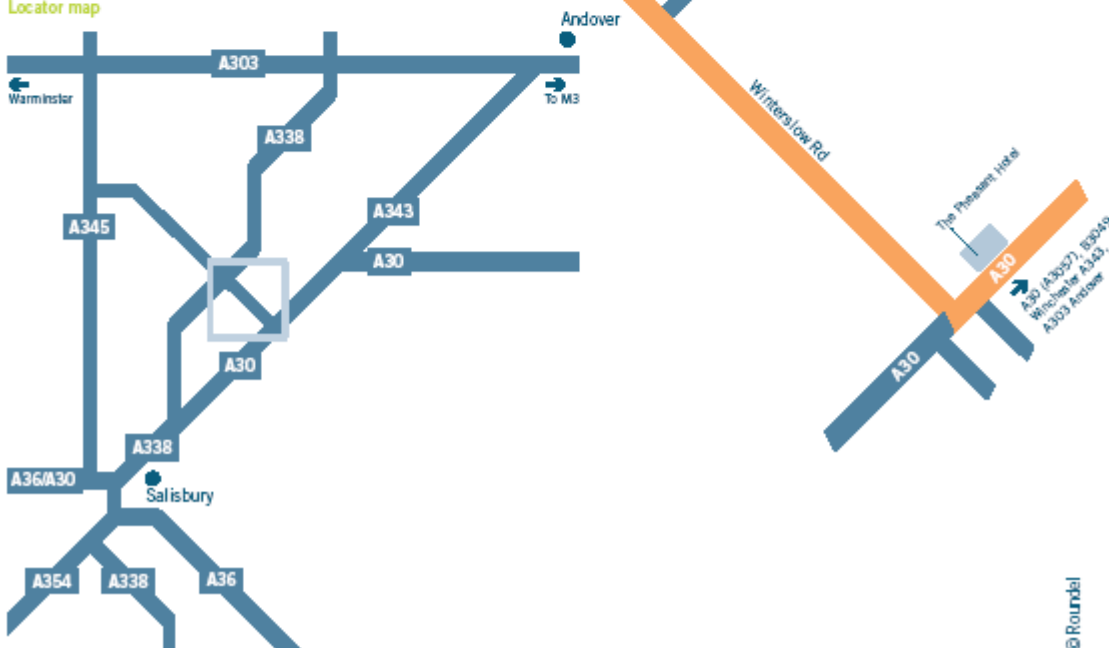
By Road
Green route from Salisbury. Take the A338 northbound signed to Cholderton and Marlborough. Turn right at Porton into Winterslow Road, crossing over the river and under the railway, and take the next road on the left (signposted Dstl). Continue up this road to Dstl Porton Down.

Orange route from Andover. Take the A343 southwest towards Salisbury. At the junction with the A30, continue towards Salisbury, then take the road northwest towards Porton at the Pheasant Hotel. Take the second road on the right (signposted Dstl) and continue up this road to Dstl Porton Down.

Detail map



Locator map



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If you are unable to travel by car

- local buses are run by Wiltshire & Dorset buses, please click here for timetable <http://www.wdbus.co.uk> [A.pdf](#) /uploads/69_69

Taxis

City cabs 01722 423000

Value taxis 01722 505050

Prices will vary but will be in the region of £16.00 - £20.00 each way

For more information on Salisbury and the surrounding area please click on hyperlink below

<http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/site/where-to-stay>

Hotels

The closest hotel to Porton Down is the Porton Hotel, however this hotel has very basic amenities and only a small number of rooms are available. **Tel:** 01980 610203

For hotels in Salisbury search here <http://www.booking.com>

For places to eat please click here <http://www.salisburyrestaurants.co.uk/>

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