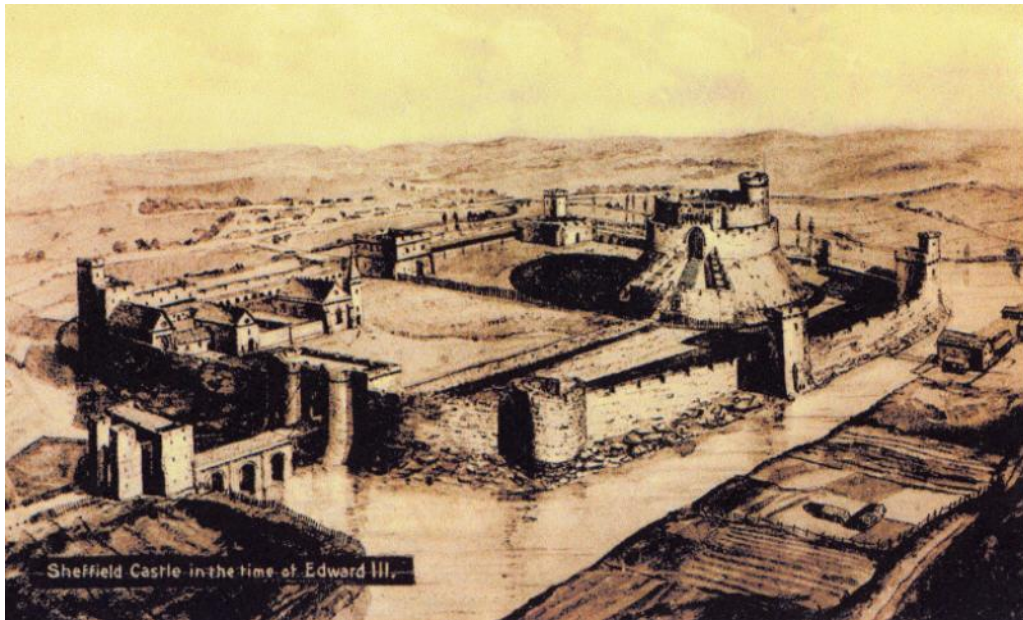


MICROBE 2010

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Dear colleagues



No, this is not the venue for MICROBE 2010, but is a painting of Sheffield Castle which was built in 1184, and destroyed by order of the House of Commons in 1684.

For those MICROBE delegates who have stayed at the Park Inn, then upon opening your curtains in the morning, this might have been the imposing view. Unfortunately there are few visible remains, but no doubt archaeologists and historians will have a field day when the existing market (built on the site of the castle) is demolished during the next two years.

The castle was one of the largest in the country and many royals visited and were entertained. However one VIP was held captive for fourteen years, and spent time either in the castle or at the 'distant' Sheffield Manor (this still remains and has limited opening to the public). The royal in question was Mary, Queen of Scots, and she was held on the orders of Queen Elizabeth 1st.

Mary, Queen of Scots was detained in Sheffield because of its Protestant support, and it was considered that this northern city was difficult to reach due to the poor roads (and yes, you're correct, nothing changes !!!)

Next edition. The port of Sheffield and the canal

MICROBE 2010 planning to date

Importantly, we now have **draft lecture suggestions**, which are as follows. These will be refined and confirmed during the next few weeks

Friday 24 September (afternoon)

Multi-Pathogen Micro Arrays
MRSA and the POCT approach
Maldi-TOF – Clinically useful or not!
RT PCR – Is it the holy grail?
Blue Sky / Future developments

Saturday 25 September (morning)

Rabies – The bats bite back! European bat lyssavirus & bat rabies in UK
Bovine TB – the effects & burden on animals & humans
Leptospirosis : risks during recreational activities
Animal Bites
E.coli 0157

Saturday 25 September (afternoon)

Prosthetic Device Infections
Orthopaedic Infections
Viral Enteritis
Overview of HCAs

Sunday 26 September (morning)

Mycology
Hepatitis B management
Anti-Retrovirals / PCP
Anti Cancer Drugs as antibacterial agents
Bacteriophage Therapy
Immunocompromised Patients
Penicillin, and its early use in Sheffield

Updated information will be available in future newsletters, or on the web site
www.microbe.org.uk

The programme will be CPD accredited

DELEGATE FEES

We make no apology for repeating the same information, which was published in our June newsletter

There will be no change from the 2008 fee. Full time delegates will be charged £199, and as usual this will include meals, accommodation, membership of the health club and of course attendance at all lectures, trade exhibitions and social activities. All early applicants will be accommodated at the Hilton Hotel. Once full, then delegates will be placed in the adjoining Park Inn, which is also an excellent hotel and has recently been inspected by committee representatives.

For delegates who wish to share a room, then we can offer conference attendance for a reduced fee of £150 each. There is only limited availability for this offer and so applicants will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Overnight accommodation and breakfast will be at the Park Inn, but all other activities will be offered at the Hilton. For those applying for this option, we will be using a different booking form with space for both guests' names.

Application forms for the £199 and £150 options are attached to this e-mail. They can also be printed off from the web site www.microbe.org.uk

Application forms (with payment) are welcomed now.

TRADE SHOW

Once again we expect this to be one of the largest (if not the largest) exhibition of microbiology products in the UK specifically for scientific and medical staff employed in medical laboratories. There will be approximately 40 trade stands, and the exhibition will be open to delegates on the Friday evening, and during a long Saturday lunchtime. If you have attended previously, the costumes of the trade exhibitors and the generous prizes and corporate gifts will once again be an instrumental part of the conference.

As we receive confirmation of attendance from exhibitors, the company names will be listed on the web site. Such is the popularity of MICROBE conferences that In October 2007, in our preparation for MICROBE 2008, all trade spaces were taken within a week.

Once again, we hope that you have found this information to be useful. The next edition will provide further updates, including the social programme.

If possible please display this newsletter and application forms on notice boards and bring to the attention of laboratory managers and training officers

Microbe organising committee

