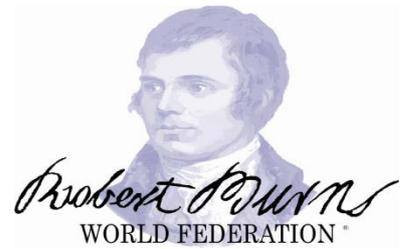


**The Robert Burns
World Federation
CONFERENCE**

7th – 9th September 2018



Welcome to Irvine

The high point of the Federation's calendar is our Annual Conference and we are pleased to return to Irvine this year to enjoy this fine location set in Ayrshire.

Venue 2018

The Riverside Lodge (formerley Hallmark Hotel) Irvine

Conference 2018

The Conference fee is £200 per person with a single supplement of £25, exclusive of Saturday lunch which can be booked directly with the hotel, if required.

All delegates must book accommodation with the RBWF office on 01563 572469

Conference registration will be from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Friday 7th September

All relevant conference documentation will be issued at this time.

The Federation shop will be in operation on both Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon after the A.G.M.

Should they be required, voting cards will be issued at registration.

Friday

Registration from 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Friday dinner will be informal. Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm.

A fabulous night of entertainment is planned – further details to follow

The A.G.M. – Saturday Morning

Late registration from 9:00am – 9:30am

The A.G.M. will commence at 10am prompt. We hope to complete proceedings in good time for lunch thus allowing ample time for afternoon activities whilst still enabling delegates to fully express their opinions.

Saturday Lunch

Delegates can book Saturday lunch directly with the hotel or wander into Irvine Town Centre where there are several restaurants and cafes available.

Saturday Afternoon Seminar

Professor Kirsteen McCue

Professor of Scottish Literature and Song Culture (Scottish Literature)

With Gerard Carruthers, Kirsteen is now co-director of the University's Centre for Robert Burns Studies, where she is on the key editorial team for the new Oxford University Press edition of the Works of Robert Burns. She will edit Burns's songs for George Thomson. This project is due for delivery in 2017 and publication in 2018. This project was awarded a major research grant of £1 million in 2011 (<http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/robertburnsstudies/>).

She has recently been Principal Investigator on the Robert Burns Choral Settings project, funded by the University of Glasgow's Chancellor's Fund, which brought to life, with the University's Chapel Choir, a range of choral settings of works by Burns from the early 19th century to the present day see: <http://www.burnschoral.glasgow.ac.uk>

Saturday Inaugural Dinner

Dinner will be 6:00pm for 6:30pm allowing time for the formalities prior to serving the meal at 6:30pm. Seating plans will be available. After dinner, the evening will continue with entertainment by Prestwick-based **Ian Muir Scottish Dance Band**. Get your dancing shoes ready!

Would delegates please confirm any special dietary requirements when completing the booking form.

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning worship will be held in Irvine Old Parish Church at 11:00am.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PERSONAL INSURANCE COVER

We highly recommend that delegates consider taking appropriate insurance cover should a cancellation have to be made. We would advise that the hotel is requesting payment of an initial deposit on booking with full, non-refundable, payment in advance of conference.

PLEASE NOTE

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