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Short Study Tour 2024

Armagh, Northern Ireland

Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th March 2024

Founded in 1790 by Archbishop Robinson, Armagh Observatory is the oldest scientific institution in Northern Ireland. This weekend visit will provide delegates with the opportunity to explore the site's instrument collection and to see the nearby historic Armagh Robinson Library.

Friday 8th March 2024

Delegates to arrive in Armagh

Saturday 9th March 2024

10am Tour of Observatory

11am Examine the Instruments (Part I)

1pm Lunch (own purchase)

2pm Examine the Instruments (Part II) **OR** Free Time to explore Armagh

4pm Saturday Planetarium Show

6pm Viewing session with the Grubb telescope (weather permitting)

7pm Return to the hotel; we will reserve a table at local restaurant but no obligation to stay with the group, there are plenty of options with Armagh.

Sunday 10th March 2024

9am Observe the daily weather readings [taken since 1795!]

9:30am History of the weather record - John Butler (20 min); free time to explore

11:30am Planetarium Show - Director's Cut

12:30pm Private visit to the Armagh Robinson Library [15 minutes' walk from AOP] to see the historic books and atlases with Assistant Keeper, Carol Conlin:

<http://armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk/wp/>

1:30pm End of visit

Free time to purchase lunch from nearby cafes/explore Armagh

Depart for Belfast Airport (public buses leave at 14.00 and 16.00 from Armagh city centre)

The registration fee for this event is **£45** for members and **£55** for non-members to include all admission fees, behind-the-scenes tours and planetarium shows.

Delegates will need to arrange their own travel and accommodation.

There are regular public bus services between Belfast Airports and Armagh (1.5 hrs) and Dublin International Airport to Armagh (1.5 hrs). There is a range of accommodation available in the city but delegates may wish to consider the Armagh City Hotel (15 min walk to the Observatory) where we have reserved a limited number of rooms at the following rates:

Friday 8th March / Saturday 9th March / Sunday 10th March

- £115 per double /twin room OR £95 per single room, including Breakfast

If you would like to reserve room(s), please call the hotel directly on and mention reservation reference '**Scientific Instrument Society**'. The rooms will be reserved for us until 1 month before the event. All reservations will need to be guaranteed by credit/debit card.

For details see <https://www.armaghcityhotel.com/> or call +44(0) 28 3751 8888.

Booking Form

Please reserve me ____ place(s) for the above visit.

I enclose remittance of £_____ (£45 per person, non-members £55).

by bank transfer: Lloyds Bank Account no: 17323760 Sort Code: 30-98-90, ref: Name/SIS Armagh

by card please complete details below

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**Please send completed booking form to arrive by 9th February 2024 to:
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