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ICC Belfast, UK
13–16 April 2026



Monday 13 April Programme

	Level 1				Level 3				Level 1	
	Auditorium	Hall 2A	Hall 2B	Studio	Meeting room: 1 2 3A 3B				Level 1 foyer - Get Involved area	Exhibition hall
12:45		First time at Conference								
13:00		Celebrating and promoting actions advancing equality, diversity and inclusion	The Medical Research Foundation: Upcoming funding call information session							
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14:15	President's Address - Professor Gordon Dougan and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Prize Lecture									
14:30	From Visibility to Belonging: Pride in Microbiology's Blueprint for Inclusive Science - Landon Getz, Edel Perez-Lopez, Bruno Francesco Rodrigues de Oliveira, Nicholas de Mojana di Cologna, and Katie Barnes									
14:45										
15:00										
15:15	Virus Symposium: Viral manipulation of the intracellular RNA world	Phage biology with a view to application	New Investigators Professional Development Panel	Eukaryotic Microbes in Health and the Environment	Education and Outreach Symposium			Actinomycetes: Industrial uses; cryptic pathways and novel antibiotic discovery		
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16:30		Get Involved: Governance opportunities							Get Involved drop-in: Society membership	
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18:45	Prize Medal Lecture									
19:00	Bacterial Cell-Cell Communication: Mechanisms and Exploitation - Professor Paul Williams									
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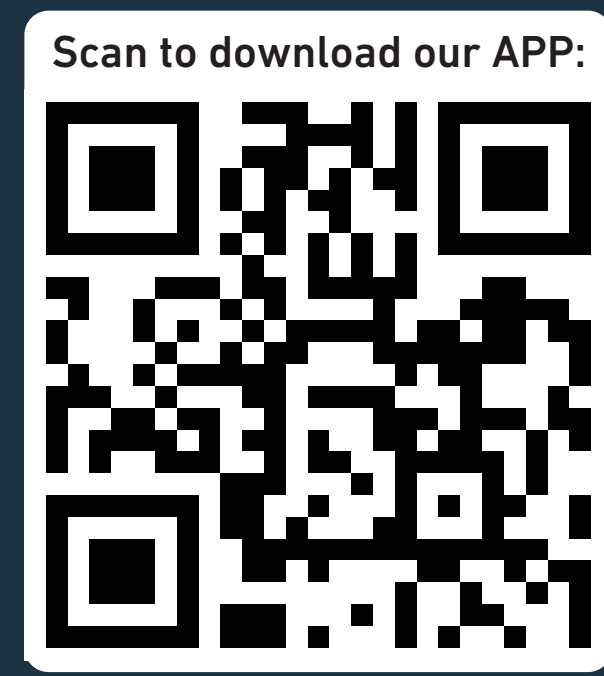
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Tuesday 14 April Programme

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9:00										
9:15	Translational Microbiology Prize Lecture From Pathogen to Medicine: How to Train Your (Oncolytic) Virus - Professor Alan Parker									
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10:00	Virus Symposium: Viral manipulation of the intracellular RNA world Microbial Physiology, Metabolism and Molecular Biology Forum Genetics and Genomics Forum Vaccine Platforms to Treat Infectious Diseases Education and Outreach Symposium Eukaryotic Microbes in Health and the Environment Mycobacteria: Challenges and progress									
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11:30	Poster Block A, Refreshments & Exhibition (Exhibition hall - level 1)								Get Involved drop-in: Champions Scheme	Society stand: Journals drop-in: Access Microbiology and Microbiology Outlooks
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13:45	Lunch & Exhibition (Exhibition hall - level 1)								Get Involved drop-in: Policy	Industry theatre: MP Biomedicals: Powering Microbial Discovery Through Consistent Sample Prep
14:00	Publishing Fundamentals - an Introduction to Peer Review									
14:15										
14:30										
14:45	Knocking Out AMR Microbial Physiology, Metabolism and Molecular Biology Forum Genetics and Genomics Forum Out of Body Experience- in vitro models of infection (Complex cell infection models) Virus Forum: Innate Immunity Eukaryotic Microbes in Health and the Environment Virus Forum: Vaccines & Antivirals Virus Forum: Molecular and Cellular Biology									
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16:00	Poster Block A, Refreshments & Exhibition (Exhibition hall - level 1)								Get Involved drop-in: Governance & Shadowing Scheme	Society stand: Journals drop-in: Journal of Medical Microbiology and Microbiology
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18:30	Fleming Prize Lecture Unravelling Respiratory Viral Infections: from Bedside to Bench and Back - Professor Antonia Ho									
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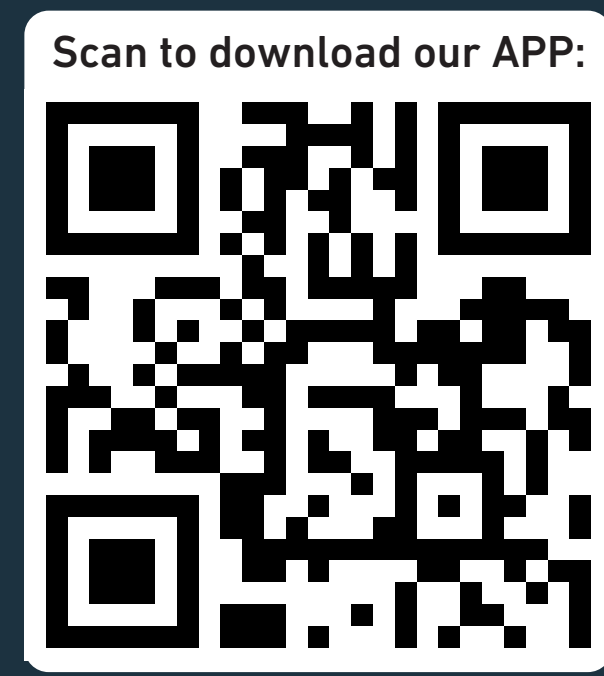
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Wednesday 15 April Programme

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9:00	Outreach and Engagement Prize Lecture 'Science Isn't Finished Until it is Communicated' - Dr Lindsay Broadbent									
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10:00	Microbiome Forum	Microbial Pangenomics: Reaching New Frontiers of an Open and Evolving Discipline	Environmental, Applied and Industrial Microbiology Forum	Infection Forum	Virus Forum: Pathogenesis	Virus Forum: Molecular and Cellular Biology	Virus Forum: Transmission, Epidemiology and Diagnostics	Knocking Out AMR (workshop)		
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11:15									Get Involved drop-in: Grants	Society stand: Journals drop-in: Microbial Genomics and Microbiology Horizons
11:30	Poster Block B, Refreshments & Exhibition (Exhibition hall - level 1)									
11:45										
12:00										
12:15	Microbiome Forum	Microbial Pangenomics: Reaching New Frontiers of an Open and Evolving Discipline	Environmental, Applied and Industrial Microbiology Forum	Infection Forum	Education and Outreach Symposium	Virus Forum: Molecular and Cellular Biology	Virus Forum: Transmission, Epidemiology and Diagnostics	Knocking Out AMR (workshop)		
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13:45									Get Involved drop-in: Knocking Out AMR	Industry theatre: ProImmune: Move beyond antibodies with Ankyrins®: next generation target binding reagents
14:00	Lunch & Exhibition (Exhibition hall - level 1)									
14:15		Women Microbiologists Network: Wellbeing And Professional Development in Academia								
14:30										
14:45	Virus Symposium: A Virus For All Seasons	Microbial Pangenomics: Reaching New Frontiers of an Open and Evolving Discipline	Environmental, Applied and Industrial Microbiology Forum	Infection Forum	Engineering (Micro)biology: Reprogramming Microbes Towards Global Solutions	Transformative Tools for Biological Complexity	Exploring Microbiome Function			
15:00										
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15:30										Society stand:
15:45									Get Involved drop-in: Prizes Panel/Nominations	Passport to Prizes prize draw
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18:30	Marjory Stephenson Prize Lecture How c-di-GMP Controls Progression Through the Streptomyces Life Cycle - Professor Mark Buttner									
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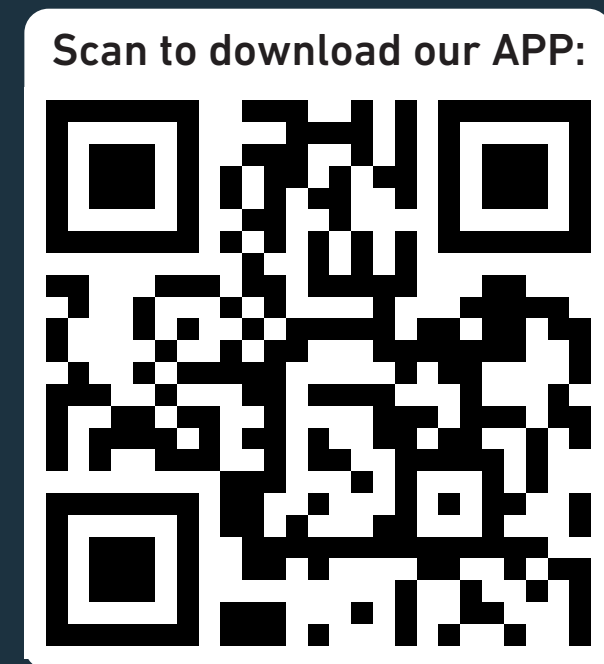
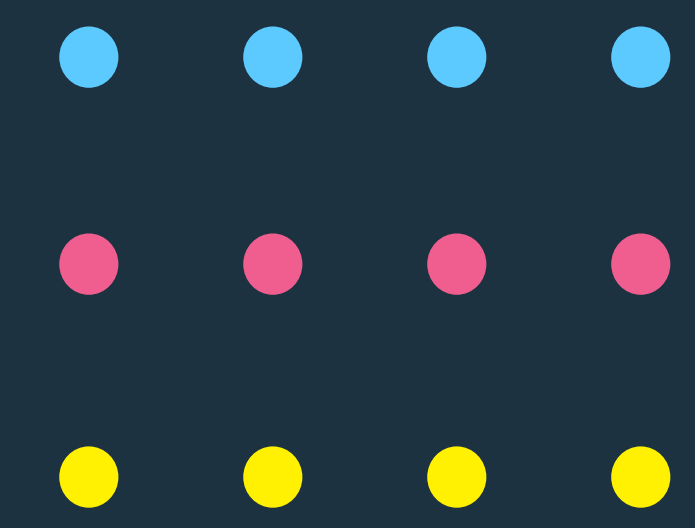
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Thursday 16 April Programme

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9:00	Hot Topic Lecture What AI Can and Can't Do for Antibiotic Discovery - Professor Jonathan Stokes									
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9:45	Virus Symposium: A Virus For All Seasons	AI-enabled Microbiology	Pathogens Without Borders: Multi-Host Veterinary Infections	Plant-Pathogen Interactions	Engineering (Micro)biology: Reprogramming Microbes Towards Global Solutions	Transformative Tools for Biological Complexity	Careers Session			
10:00										
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10:45									Get Involved drop-in: Early Career Forum	
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11:15				Refreshments & Exhibition (Exhibition hall - level 1)						
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11:45	Virus Symposium: A Virus For All Seasons	AI-enabled Microbiology	Pathogens Without Borders: Multi-Host Veterinary Infections	Plant-Pathogen Interactions	Engineering (Micro)biology: Reprogramming Microbes Towards Global Solutions	Transformative Tools for Biological Complexity	Careers Session			
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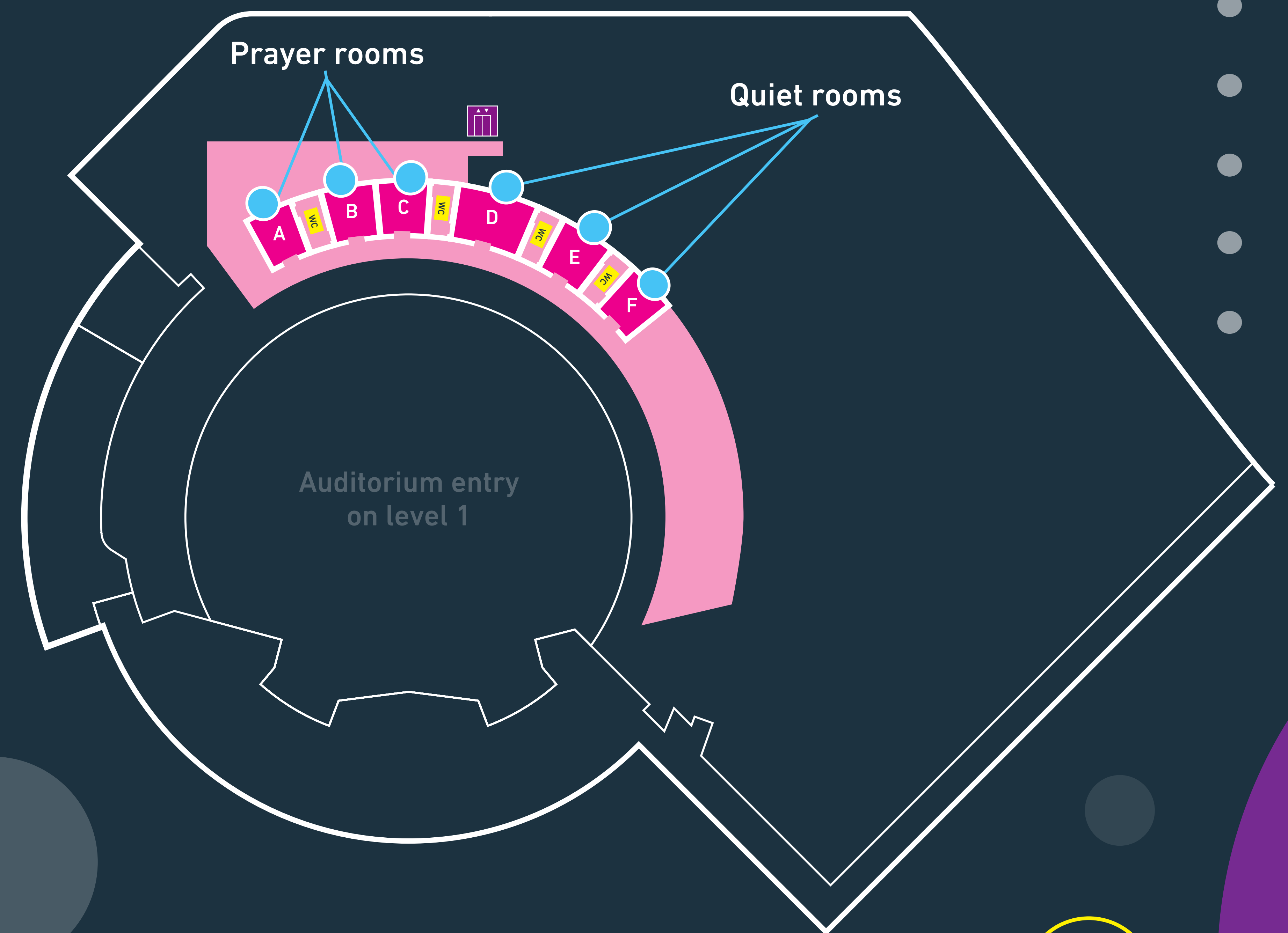


Level G (ground floor)



Level M (mezzanine rooms)

(level M is accessible by lift or stairs only)



Level 1 (catering is on this level)



Level 3

(level 2 is not in use)

