



# Beauty 2014

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at Frontier Machines at the University of Edinburgh.  
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The 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on B-Physics at Frontier Machines (Beauty 2014) will take place between 14<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at the University of Edinburgh, UK.

The purpose of the conference is to review results in the field of B-physics and CP-violation, as well as to explore the physics potential of existing and upcoming B-physics experiments at frontier machines. We will have an exciting mixture of talks from theory/phenomenology and experimental results on many interesting topics, including CP violation, rare decays, spectroscopy and production of heavy flavoured B and charmed hadrons.

## General Information:

The conference will be held in The Playfair Library, located within the Old College on South Bridge in Edinburgh. Participants will be able to get their registration packs from 09 -10 am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The first session will start at 10 am. The conference will finish at lunch time on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Conference registration will be available on the conference web page from mid-March 2014.

Web page: <http://www.ph.ed.ac.uk/beauty2014>

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## Accommodation:

We have reserved en-suite rooms (Holland and Masson House) as well as at the Salisbury Green Hotel on the Pollock Halls campus of the University of Edinburgh. The accommodation is within walking distance of the Playfair Library. Nearby you'll find Hollyrood Park and Arthur's Seat which offers spectacular views over Edinburgh. Booking accommodation will be available on the conference web page from mid-March 2014.

## Social Programme:

A conference dinner will be held at Dynamic Earth on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

A half-day excursion to Edinburgh castle or the Forth Road bridges will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014. On the evening of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 a reception will be held in the Playfair Library. On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July there will be an opportunity to sample whisky, which is Scotland's national drink.

## Travel:

Edinburgh Airport is situated off the A8 to the West of the City. Approximately 30 minutes by taxi or car from Pollock Halls. There is an Airport bus from the airport to Waverley Station in the city centre. The fares on Airlink are £3.50 for a single ticket and £6 for an open return (change is given on the Airlink buses).

The nearest mainline station is Waverley Station in the centre of the City. Waverley Station is approximately 5-10 minutes taxi ride from Pollock Halls.

Information regarding train times and fares may be found at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

From Waverley Station, one can take the buses 30, 33, 48 or X48, which leave off Princes Street and pass by Commonwealth Pool next to Pollock Halls. .

Visas:

General information regarding the requirements for entry to the UK may be found on the UK Border Agency website:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visitingtheuk/>

It should be noted that the UK is not part of the Schengen agreement, hence Schengen visas will not be accepted by passport control.

Attendees can find out if a visa is required by following the link below:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/do-you-need-a-visa/>

An online application for a visa can be made on the UK Border Agency website:

<https://apply.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/iapply.portal>

Visitors attending conferences are classed as a Business Visitors:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visitingtheuk/businessandspecialvisitors/businessvisitors>

Network:

The Playfair Library has Wi-fi throughout. We recommend that delegates use the 'eduroam' service: <http://www.eduroam.org/>.

For this you will need to sign up at your home institution.

If you are unable to register for 'eduroam', when you arrive and register on Monday, we shall issue a wireless guest account that you can use.

Playfair Library:

The Old College once housed the whole University, but today it is the location of the School of Law, and of the Europa Institute, and is the centre of University administration. The Playfair Library Hall is situated on the south side of the College quadrangle. The hall with its barrel-vaulted ceiling spans more than 190ft in length and is regarded as one of Scotland's finest public rooms. The Hall was designed by William Playfair, known also for the design of the Royal Scottish Academy and National Gallery, situated adjacent to Princes Street Gardens, in addition to the National Monument on Calton Hill, and the city's Regent, Carlton, and Royal Terraces.

The University of Edinburgh:

For more than four centuries, our people and their achievements have rewritten history time and again. They've explored space, revolutionised surgery, published era-defining books, paved the way for life-saving medical breakthroughs and introduced to the world many inventions, discoveries and ideas from penicillin to Dolly the sheep. The University has 22 Schools spread over 3 Colleges that offer more than 500 undergraduate and 160 postgraduate courses to over 30,000 students each year. We are one of the top employers in Edinburgh, with over 11,700 people spread across a wide range of academic and supporting roles.

The City of Edinburgh:

Edinburgh is one of Europe's most beautiful capitals and is conveniently situated for air, road and rail travel. Famous for its architecture, as well as its social, cultural, learning and sporting facilities, it attracts over two million visitors annually. The city plays host each year to world renowned events such as the International Arts, Fringe, Film, TV and Science Festivals. Edinburgh is the site of the Scottish Parliament reinstated in 1999 and the city is home to many of the country's national institutions and collections. It is also a thriving commercial and financial centre and the University has close links with industry, commerce and the professions. Edinburgh is surrounded by sea and hills and is a gateway to the open country of the Scottish Highlands and the Borders. It is consistently rated among the top places to live, with around 500,000 people choosing to make their home here. Sometimes described as a "Capital City that thinks it's a village", Edinburgh is small and easy to travel around, with excellent public transport, good schools and a variety of housing options within or outside the city.

We look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh in July.

Franz Muheim,  
for the local organising committee