



ABTAPL 2024 conference: Springboard to the Future – AI, CPD ... and ME!

The 2024 spring conference will be in Edinburgh, from Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 March. We are planning sessions on artificial intelligence (AI), collection development and support for distance learners; we are also hoping to have a special session for our retired or otherwise non-working members. And we have some wonderful library tours planned.

Inspired by Edinburgh local Samuel Smiles, we are eager to apply the best of the 'self-help' notion to this conference, and we have plenty of time scheduled in for informal discussion, as well as opportunities in the formal sessions for sharing knowledge and good practice.

Delegates will be staying at the Ibis Edinburgh Centre South Bridge, just off the Royal Mile in the Old Town. New College in the University of Edinburgh is kindly acting as our host for our conference sessions. We are keeping the registration fees, which cover the conference, accommodation and meals, at the same level as 2023. The full-price cost will be £250, with discounts available for the early-bird rate and for concessions (retired and unwaged ABTAPL members). These rates are possible thanks to ABTAPL once again subsidizing the conference to a significant extent.

You will find the booking form on the ABTAPL website and in the next issue of the ABTAPL *Bulletin*. Early-bird booking is open until the end of January and bookings will close on 12 February 2024. We very much hope you will join us in Edinburgh!

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