



The biennial joint scientific meeting of the British Hyperbaric Association and the UK Diving Medical Committee

3-6 November 2021

Oban, Scotland

[Registration](#)

WELCOME BACK !!



After much discussion it has been decided to press ahead with a physical joint meeting between the British Hyperbaric Association and the UK Diving Medical Committee. The meeting will be hosted by the Oban hyperbaric unit and will run from the 3rd to the 6th of November 2021.

As with planning any UK event in 2021, there can be no certainty that it will go ahead, and the organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone it if new COVID restrictions come into force.

In addition, although all reasonable precautions will be taken, the conference facilities will not be able to fully comply with social distancing guidelines. All delegates attending in person should be aware of this and accept any potential risks that this may present. It is intended to offer online streaming options if delegates are unable or unwilling to attend in person.

PROGRAMME

- 03 Nov Evening reception
- 04 Nov Diving Medicine - *Fitness to Dive*
Evening reception – *The History of Oban’s Trans-Atlantic Cable*
- 05 Nov Diving Medicine – *Practice, Technology, Research, Medical Management of Diving Disorders*
Conference dinner
- 06 Nov HBOT and BHA AGM
(a full programme will be published closer to the event)

MEETING CONTACT

Jane Sayer - janesayer223@gmail.com

ABSTRACTS

The call for abstracts is now open. Please download the template [HERE](#)
Submission deadline is **1st October 2021**

CPD POINTS

CPD points will be applied for from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine. Remote or face-to-face participation in the meeting on 4 and 5 November together is confirmed as acceptable for HSE AMED refresher training.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Simon Mitchell

Professor of Anaesthesiology, School of Medicine, University of Auckland, New Zealand. Simon is a physician and scientist with specialist training in diving medicine and anaesthesiology. He is also the current editor of the academic journal *Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine*.



Jacek Kot

Head of the Department of Hyperbaric Medicine & Maritime Rescue at the Medical University of Gdańsk, Poland
Jacek’s professional interests include saturation decompression, long decompression after deep bounce dives, HBOT in critically ill patients and HBOT for necrotizing soft tissue infections



Geoff Loveman

Technical Director of QinetiQ Submarine Escape Rescue Abandonment and Survival research programmes.
Geoff also advises on the physical and physiological issues pertinent to different escape, rescue, and abandonment systems.

All three speakers have agreed to present in person COVID restrictions permitting

TRAVELLING TO OBAN

- By Road:** Oban is easily reached from Central Scotland by taking the A82 which skirts the west side of Loch Lomond. Then either via Tyndrum or follow the A83 over the 'Rest and be Thankful' through Inveraray. Both journeys take between 2 and 3 hours. Coach - If you are travelling by coach, you can visit the [Citylink website](#) or phone them on 08705 505050
- By Train:** If you come by train, the journey takes you along the world-famous West Highland Line. ScotRail runs trains six times a day from Glasgow Queen Street Station to Oban (two on Sunday). For times and prices visit the [Scotrail website](#).
- By Air:** Glasgow is the nearest large airport to Oban and is approximately 90 miles away. There are good links from the airport to the train and bus terminals in the city. Hire cars are available. [Please note that the COP26 is hosted in Glasgow 1-12 November]

OBAN LINKS:

Accommodation:

- www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/oban/accommodation/
- www.oban.org.uk/accommodation/
- [www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotels-g186501-Oban Argyll and Bute Scotland-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotels-g186501-Oban%20Argyll%20and%20Bute%20Scotland-Hotels.html)

Restaurants:

[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurants-g186501-Oban Argyll and Bute Scotland.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurants-g186501-Oban%20Argyll%20and%20Bute%20Scotland.html)

Things to do:

- www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/oban/
- [www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g186501-Activities-Oban Argyll and Bute Scotland.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g186501-Activities-Oban%20Argyll%20and%20Bute%20Scotland.html)
- <http://www.sealife-adventures.com> (Wildlife tours)
- <http://www.diveoban.com> (local diving)