

# UK DESIGN FORUM

UKDF'18  
16-17 May 2018

*Chancellors Conference  
Centre, Manchester*

Enquiries to:  
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**Call for  
contributions**

UKDF this year will be on **16-17 May 2018**. As ever, the organizers are trying to put together a programme that, we hope, will be both interesting and entertaining. For this, of course, we need your contributions and participation.

For those of you who have not experienced UKDF before - or who have, but have blotted the memory out - it is an informal gathering of like-minded folk, who share an interest in electronic design, in whatever form. A broad church. The meeting starts in the evening of the first day (16 May), and consists of

- A dinner
- An after-dinner speaker
- A networking evening in the (free) bar

The second day consists of

- A keynote talk
- Topical presentations and discussion delivered by your good selves

Contributions are not refereed or moderated in any way; the only reason for you giving a talk is that you think you have something to say that will interest your peers, be it technical (but not too technical, please), political, off-the-wall ideas you want some feedback about, funding, or just downright contentious.

Feel free to invite any of your peers along who you think would appreciate the spirit of the meeting. Tell them to get in touch, and we'll do the rest.

Historically, UKDF has always been a critical assembly point for many of the key players in the electronics research community and represents an informal environment for younger colleagues to interact with the folk they may not ordinarily meet. We strongly encourage the involvement of early career researchers, because we've all heard everyone else's jokes, and it's good to have new material to steal for lectures.

One of the things we've tried recently is the introduction of a *demonstration session*. We would like to invite you to bring along (necessarily small) bits of hardware that actually **do** something. A table and power will be provided - obviously - and the intention is to house just a handful of exhibits. The owners will be invited to give a 5-minute overview talk, and then we'll spend an hour or so milling about between the exhibits, asking hard questions. If you'd like to do this, please get in touch with Piotr Dudek at Manchester directly.

Please let us know if you intend to attend this year, and if so, the details of any contribution (talk or demonstration) you wish to make. The details are laid out in the attached form. We look forward to seeing you.

*Andrew Brown*

*Simon Moore*

*Piotr Dudek*

*Andy Carpenter*

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**Registration  
form**

Tick the relevant boxes below, and return the form (and payment, if you don't need an invoice) to

Andrew Brown,  
Forest Lodge, Chilworth Drove,  
Chilworth, Southampton,  
Hampshire SO16 7JH.

VAT is not payable. **Cheques should be made payable to "UK Design Forum".**

£200 Complete package (dinner, accommodation, whole day, including lunch).

£125 Dinner, no accommodation, whole day including lunch.

£95 No dinner, no accommodation, just day attendance, including lunch.

Please provide me with an invoice (payment **must** be made by 1 May 2018).

Please provide a receipt.

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Please remove me from the mailing list.

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I'd like to give a talk entitled \_\_\_\_\_ It'll take \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

I'd like to bring along a demonstrator: \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Payment

UKDF does not have deep pockets. We try to operate year-on-year on a "money in" being approximately equal to "money out" basis. Chancellors send us a bill quite soon after the event, and - not unreasonably - get cross if we can't pay it. If you want to come, please ensure that we have the money *before* the event.....

- We'd much rather you simply sent us a cheque.
- Invoices will be provided on request, as usual, if you want, but see below.
- We request that these are paid in advance (as usual) - this year by 1 May.
- If the money has not been received by then, we will let you know, so you can pay by some other means if you choose.
- If you want to pay by BACS, that's fine, the account is NatWest, (60-20-44) 44678207 - UK Design Forum. Please send a payment advice to the address on the previous page. **NOT** THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON.

*If you - or more usually, your University - pay by BACS, and do not send me or attach an explicit payment advice, I have no way of knowing where the money comes from, and this usually - as some of you know well - involves me chasing you and you chasing your finance folk and them complaining that they've paid but didn't tell anyone and eventually - usually - we get it all sorted out BUT life would be so much simpler if you - or your University - would send a payment advice with the originators **name** on it, so the numbers that appear on the bank statements can be married up to whoever attends.....*

*Some establishments were sufficiently difficult last year that we are unwilling to use purchase orders this year for them. Obviously folk are always welcome, and personal transfers/cheques are fine, but please enquire first if you want to use a purchase order from your parent organisation to pay.*

### Note that

- a) The bar is *still* free.
- b) The prices have not risen for ten years now, but this, sadly, may have to change next year.
- c) We charge Ian Phillips to attend. Even when he doesn't, we send him a bill. *Especially* now he's an Old Git, and officially poor.

UKDF works because it's different; it's highly informal, and - dare we say it in these straitened times - entertaining (we hope). We appreciate your support, and with it, we like to think it'll keep going for many years.

*We hope you had a Cool Yule.*

*Andrew Brown*

*Simon Moore*

*Piotr Dudek*

*Andy Carpenter*