The SBNS Autumn meeting will be held at the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds on 26-28 September 2012. The Royal Armouries is Britain’s national museum of arms and armour, with over 8,500 objects on display in five galleries: War; Tournament; Oriental; Self Defense and Hunting. This is an ideal venue for the meeting with a tiered lecture theatre, a large exhibition area, full access to the museum and within walking distance of the conference and other hotels, as well as the city centre. The conference hotel, Jury’s Inn, is approximately 7 minutes walk along the picturesque Aire Canal which runs through the centre of Leeds.

Abstract Submission is via the SBNS website www.sbns.org.uk. Lines will open on 23rd April and will close on 4th June 2012.

The Life Long Learning Session on the Wednesday morning will have a spinal theme and is being organised by the Society in conjunction with the British Association of Spine Surgeons (BASS). An excellent opportunity for delegates to update their knowledge on the latest trends in spinal surgery and gain added CPD points!

We are delighted to be able to welcome Prof Robert Spetzler as one of the guest speakers, who will speak on whether surgery still has a role in aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage. Prof Susan Short, recently appointed professor of Neuro-oncology in Leeds, previously at UCL and chair of NICR, has also been invited to speak and Prof Paul Marks will be our local guest speaker. Paul has retired after almost 20 years as a consultant neurosurgeon and also has many years experience as deputy coroner. In addition there will be the usual free paper sessions, Evening and Breakfast Seminars and an extensive Trade Exhibition.

Social Events

Welcome Reception, 26 September
The Welcome reception on Wednesday evening will be held in one of the Galleries at the Museum giving delegates an opportunity to mingle with colleagues and friends in an informal setting and explore the exhibits as well as viewing a themed demonstration. Food and drinks are included in the registration fee. Dress code, smart casual – armour not necessary!

Gala Dinner, 27 September
The Gala Dinner will be held in Leeds Town Hall. Built in 1858 the building has become famous as an example of Victorian neo-classical architecture that reflects the wealth, power and confidence of the age in which it was created. The building is also home of the famous Leeds International Piano Competition and houses a magnificent Victorian organ. We hope to have a short performance during pre dinner drinks and a traditional Yorkshire Brass Band welcome us on arrival. Dress code is black tie.

No formal accompanying persons programme is planned, but Leeds City Centre has much to offer with fine shopping in the elegant Victoria Quarter (which includes Harvey Nichols), many restaurants and theatres and access to the beautiful Yorkshire countryside.