

Third International Conference on Subseasonal to Seasonal to Decadal Prediction (S2S2D)

7–11 September 2026 – Reading, UK

Where will the meeting take place:

University of Reading - Palmer Building
Pepper Ln, Reading RG6 6EW, United Kingdom

[Map](#)

Contact the organizers

For questions regarding the meeting, please contact the ESMO IPO at ipo@wcrp-esmo.org

[Event Webpage](#)

[LINK TO THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME \(Reading local time\)](#)

Posters and Presentations

Each presentation is allocated a 15-minute timeslot, which should include approximately 10 minutes for the presentation itself and 5 minutes for discussion. Both 'pdf's and powerpoint presentations are acceptable. If you are using powerpoint, please ensure to embed fonts into the file. We will send you a link to an online drive where you can upload your presentation prior to the conference.

Poster boards are 100 cm x 100 cm. Please make sure your poster fits those dimensions. Note that posters in size A0 may not fit the board in landscape format!

Online participation

Remote presentations as well as online participation will not be possible during S2S2D. A streaming service may be available for viewing presentations live.

Meetings photos

Photos might be taken for use in ESMO media and publications, and presentations will be made available through the ESMO website. If you do not wish to feature in these or have your presentation uploaded online, please make the organisers aware through the registration form.

SOCIAL EVENTS

There are a few social events planned during the conference (icebreaker, poster sessions, conference dinner). Please check back later for more details.

VISA INFORMATION

You may need a visa to come to the UK to visit or work. Depending on your nationality, you may need to get an electronic travel authorisation (ETA). You can check for the correct documentation required in your case on the [UK Government website](#).

TRAVEL INFORMATION – TRANSPORT GENERAL INFORMATION

From the airport to Reading

RailAir offers a direct coach service that runs between Heathrow Airport and Reading town centre. Coaches offer free Wi-Fi and at-seat USB charging, and operate frequently: up to every 20 minutes on weekdays, and every 30 minutes on weekends. For more information, please visit the [RailAir website](#).

If you are arriving at Gatwick airport, take a train to Reading train station. Fast trains depart once an hour and the journey time is about 75 minutes.

By train from London

Take a train from Paddington station to Reading station. The journey time is about 30 minutes. [Check timetable](#).

If you are arriving by Eurostar (St. Pancras International Station), take the Underground (Circle line or Hammersmith & City line) to Paddington station and proceed as above.

Alternatively, take the Underground (Victoria line to Oxford Circus, then the Bakerloo line) to Waterloo station, or you can also take bus number 59 to Waterloo station. From Waterloo station take a local train to Reading station via Wokingham. [Check timetable](#). Trains depart every half hour and the journey time is about 75 minutes.

Public transportation in Reading

Getting to Whiteknights campus from the centre of Reading is easy.

The White Knight 20 is a direct service to Whiteknights Campus from Reading Station in the town centre. This service runs up to every 10 minutes during term time.

The Claret 21 also runs from Reading train station to Whiteknights at regular intervals. Once you arrive at the train station, you can walk or cycle to either campus.

If you choose to take a taxi or bus, the bus stops and taxi rank can be found outside the station. You purchase your ticket on the bus and will need either the exact change or a contactless bank card. Bus fares range from £3.00 for a single ride to £5.40 for a day pass in the region. View further details including fares, route maps, schedules and more about travelling to the University from the surrounding area on the [Reading Buses website](#).

VENUE

The conference will take place in the Palmer Building, in the Whiteknights Campus of the University of Reading. An overview of the University Campus can be found [at this link](#).

Further information, including a map of the campus complex and parking at the venue can be

found in the Venue Reading Delegate information, attached below.

During the conference, you are encouraged to bring your own bottle and use the many water fountains for refills, which will help to reduce waste.

Accommodation

As places are limited, please ensure you register for the conference before making any accommodation bookings.

- A set of rooms have been reserved at favorable rates at the University Hall at U Reading. You can book them through this link:
https://registration.venuereading.com/S2S2D_Conference_2026
- A list of recommended hotels can be found on the ECMWF website: [ecmwf-reading](https://www.ecmwf.int/en/visiting)

ABOUT READING

Reading

Known for its beer, biscuits and bulbs in the industrial revolution, Reading has transformed into a vibrant, metropolitan town located on the River Thames and Kennet & Avon Canal. Home to the UK's iconic [Reading Festival](#), its growing [arts and culture](#) community boasts some of the best entertainment in the country. Reading's rich and diverse communities are represented by its global [food and drink](#) scene, with well-known chains and quirky independents serving everything from street food to fine dining. And, with three shopping centres and a pedestrianised highstreet jam-packed with household brands and independent retailers, you'll find [shopping in Reading](#) rivals some of the bigger cities in the South East. More travel information can be found on [visit-reading.com](https://www.visit-reading.com).

Climate

Weather in Reading is generally mild, benefitting from the Southern-UK climate. The hottest month, on average, is July with highs reaching the low-mid 20s. However, Reading tends to stay warm and comfortable across the summer months, from mid-June to early September, making it a good time of year to visit Reading for outdoor or warm-weather activities.

Like with most parts of the UK, rain tends to fall throughout the year in Reading and can be a little difficult to judge - although October averages the most rainfall. Reading has the most sunshine during the summer season between May-September, with 21 June being the longest day of the year.

More information and daily weather forecasts for Reading can be found on the [BBC weather website](#).

Currency

The legal currency in the UK is the pound (£ / GBP). Please check the current conversion rates online.

Electricity

The mains supply in the UK is an alternating current (ac) voltage at a frequency of 50 hertz (Hz) and a voltage of 230 volts (V). Plug type: G.

We hope you enjoy your experience at the University of Reading.

Palmer Building

The event you are attending is being held in the Palmer Building (building number 26) on the University of Reading's Whiteknights campus and you will be directed to the appropriate room by the building signage you will see on arrival.

 what3words <https://w3w.co/swift.universally.stays>

Post Code for Palmer Building – RG6 6EW

GETTING TO THE UNIVERSITY

We would encourage the use of public transport where possible as the University is very well connected via public transport, and you could lower your carbon footprint. Detailed information about how to get to the University of Reading can be found here: reading.ac.uk/findus and information on sustainable travel can be found here: <https://sites.reading.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/>

Car Parking:

If you are travelling by car, please use Car Park 1a at the Shinfield Road entrance to the campus (Sports Park). You will be required to pay and display. There are closer car parks than Car Park 1a (such as 4), however these can get extremely busy during the week, and we would therefore recommend parking in Car Park 1a.

If the event is taking place between 9am and 5pm on a weekday, please pay and display in Car Park 1a. If the event is taking place during the evening after 5pm or over a weekend you do not need a parking permit unless you park in Car Park 1a.

Failure to display a parking permit can result in a penalty notice being issued via an external company that the University are unable to cancel or refund.

By Taxi:

In partnership with the University of Reading, Yell Cars offer affordable 24h taxi services. To book a taxi please call 0118 9660 660 or 0118 9666 555. Alternatively, you can book online by heading to <https://yellcars.com/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nearby Accommodation:

We have handpicked a few places to stay if you're planning on stopping over in Reading before/after your event or visit to campus. These hotels are all within a 5-minute drive or bus journey to the University of Reading. We have also negotiated the best rates with some of the hotels on your behalf so you can book directly with the hotel. Please see our guide to local accommodation here: <https://www.hospitalityuor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/Venue-Reading-Hotels-near-the-University-of-Reading.pdf>.

Catering:

Please note that a dietary option will only be provided for those who have specified a requirement for this prior to the arrival of the event. For those who have already advised of a specific dietary requirement (including allergies/Gluten Free/ Halal) these requirements will be catered for separately. If you do have requirements please notify the organiser of your event as soon as possible. We are unable to adapt catering requirements on the day of your event.

Please use the below link to check what food options would be safe for you to eat, depending on allergies and dietary requirements - [NetNutrition](#). If you are having any issues with using NetNutrition please use this [guide](#). If you are unsure as to what your catering is, please contact your event organiser.

Wi-Fi Access:

To access the Venue Reading Wi-Fi, please follow these 4 steps:

1. There are two options: you can either scan the QR code which will automatically connect you to the Wi-Fi or enter the details manually within your Wi-Fi setting
2. Select '**Venue_Reading**' (Not UoR guest) from the available network list
3. You will need to enter the PSK NAME and password (these can be found either within the room or with the organiser)
4. Once you have entered these details correctly, you will be connected to the network.

We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Reading.

Venue Reading

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Venue Reading parking permit for S2S2D Conference 2026

Permit not valid in car park 5.

Date

07th – 11th September 2026

Vehicle

If you have any queries please

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Parking is extremely limited and spaces may not be available.

You are strongly encouraged to use alternative means of transport:

www.reading.ac.uk/about/visit-us.aspx

This parking permit must be displayed when the vehicle is parked on the University of Reading premises, and is valid only for the event stated on the permit.

On arrival

- You must park in a designated bay.
- Display the parking permit so the details can be seen clearly from the outside.
- Do not leave valuables in your car.
- Failure to comply with the University's parking regulations may incur a charge.

The parking regulations are available at:

www.reading.ac.uk/parking/visitors/park-visitors-parking.aspx

Palmer Building Map

Parking during a weekday

Car Park 1a

Closest parking at weekends

Palmer Building

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WHITEKNIGHTS CAMPUS

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- Academic buildings
- Halls of residence
- Bus stop
- Car parks
- Pay & display
- Car parks restricted to specific users (not available for UoR parking permit use)
- Primary pedestrian and cycle routes
- Secondary pedestrian and cycle routes
- Unsurfaced/unit paths
- Pedestrian entrance
- Pedestrian exit to Wokingham Road off-site housing
- Accessible toilets
- Gender-neutral toilets

