# VALIDATE 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting & VALIDATE-BSI 2019 Conference – Wembley, London, UK

#### <u>Venue</u>

The 3<sup>rd</sup> VALIDATE Annual Meeting and VALIDATE-BSI 2019 Conference will be held at <u>The Drum</u> <u>at Wembley</u>, Engineers Way, Wembley, London, HA9 OFJ, UK. The meetings will take place in The Grand Hall, with breaks held in the Winter Garden. The venue is next to the iconic Wembley Stadium, famous as the central hub of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The Drum at Wembley has very convenient travel links. It is close to many train and underground (tube) stations, all within walking distance of the venue, and we highly recommend using public transport to get to the venue for both cost and convenience. There is limited parking around Wembley. The Drum and Wembley Stadium both offer parking on a first come first serve basis on each day and the stadium also offers permits for ~£110, which should be booked as far in advance as possible.



## **Getting to Wembley**

**Airports:** The most convenient airports are London Heathrow and London Gatwick, due to better transport links into London itself and a greater array of international flights landing at these main airports. However, London Stansted, London City and London Luton are also within a reasonable distance. All of these airports either have coach or train options to get to the centre of London, at which point you can take the under- or over-ground train/tube to Wembley (see below). London Heathrow is on the underground Piccadilly line.

**Underground Tube:** Wembley Park Station is a short walk from the venue and can be accessed via the Jubilee and Metropolitan lines (it is a quick 10-minute ride on the latter from central London's Baker Street). Wembley Central is accessible on the Bakerloo line. Tube maps can be found <u>here</u>.

**Train:** Wembley Stadium station is part of Chiltern railways and is a nine-minute ride from London Marylebone. Wembley Central Station is connected by the London Overground, London Midland and Southern lines.

**Coach:** National Express has links to Wembley. Visit their <u>website</u> for more details.

Local bus: Local buses serving the area are 18/N18, 83/N83, 92, 182, 206, 223, 297 and 483.

**Taxi:** Taxis in London and the UK are extremely expensive. Wembley has excellent public transport links so we highly recommend avoiding taxis. If you do take a taxi, please only use licensed taxis for your own safety.

The Wembley Stadium (which is nearby) '<u>plan your visit</u>' interactive planner may help you with planning your trip across London.

#### **Accommodation**

There are a number of hotels located around Wembley, many of which are less than a kilometre from the venue. Please find below some suggestions of hotels within that area. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee their quality, but we have only suggested places with good online reviews.

If you cannot find a hotel from this list that you would like to stay at, or, if booking late with no rooms available, we recommend searching on either <u>TripAdvisor</u> or <u>Airbnb</u>.

### Nearby recommended hotels to book

(We recommend booking via the Hotel websites, as it's more reliable – however booking sites are available and typically cheaper e.g. <u>Booking.com</u>, <u>Expedia.co.uk</u>)

<u>St George's Hotel London Wembley</u> 650m from venue From ~£72-£150 per night https://www.stgeorgehotelwembley.co.uk/

Hotel Novotel London Wembley 500m from venue From ~£85-£200 per night https://bit.ly/2xj8cjE

Holiday Inn London - Wembley 650m from venue From ~£104-£150 per night https://www.hiwembley.co.uk/

<u>Travelodge London Wembley High Road</u> 1600m from venue From ~£76-£90 per night <u>https://bit.ly/2HaI29K</u>

Wembley International Hotel 500m from venue From ~£80-£120 per night https://www.wembleyinternationalhotel.co.uk/ <u>Premier Inn London Wembley Stadium</u> 500m from venue

Approx. £85 per night https://bit.ly/2YkNoGt

ibis London Wembley Hotel 650m from venue Approx. £97 per night https://bit.ly/2FkxAxe

Premier Inn London Wembley Park 800m from venue Approx. £76 per night https://bit.ly/2V5YugJ

Best Western Plus London Wembley Hotel 1150m from venue From ~£54-£70 per night http://www.londonwembleyhotel.co.uk/home

The Arch Wembley- Bar Dining Hotel 1000m from venue Approx. £55 per night http://thearchwembley.co.uk/hotel.html

#### **Weather**

In October the UK is moving from autumn to winter and it can get quite cold with typical temperatures of 8-16°C during the day (colder at night). The UK tends to get rain at this time of year, so we'd recommend bringing an umbrella and a coat! That said, the British weather is known for its unpredictability, so for a more accurate weather estimate closer to the meeting date, do check the BBC's forecast for London and Wembley on the days you are staying: <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/</a>

## **Contact Details**

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The Grand Hall



Winter Garden



The Drum at Wembley (in Brent Civic Centre)



Brent Civic Centre Entry Stairwell