



# Call for future conferences: 2025 and 2026

**The SLSA Board is seeking expressions of interest from universities wishing to host our Annual Conferences in 2025 and 2026.**

The conference runs for three days (lunch day 1–lunch day 3) and usually takes place just before the Easter break each year, although alternative dates in early to mid-April will be considered. The criteria we consider are:

- ✓ a strong local team of organisers, supported by their head of department, with adequate administrative and finance support;
- ✓ a venue suitable for approximately 500 delegates;
- ✓ an ability to provide “hybrid” arrangements for the conference (i.e. for some or all sessions to be accessible online without physical attendance);
- ✓ a range of types of accommodation close to the conference venue, including low-cost accommodation suitable for postgraduate students;
- ✓ approximately 25 good quality seminar rooms within walking distance of each other;
- ✓ a lecture theatre for plenary sessions and the AGM;
- ✓ reliable wifi in all venues;
- ✓ a central area suitable for registration, publishers' stands, poster displays, and coffee/tea and lunches, and an SLSA stand,
- ✓ plans for two evening events, including a conference dinner;
- ✓ effective support for conference attendees with disabilities, both visible and otherwise – as well as physical considerations, this may include quiet rooms, sign interpreters and/or support workers;
- ✓ a commitment to the SLSA Equality and Diversity Policy on Conferences (available at: <https://slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/socio-legal-publications-2?id=401>)
- ✓ ability to provide a conference website;
- ✓ capacity to promote the conference through local and wider networks;
- ✓ competitive pricing of delegate registration packages.

The SLSA publishers’ liaison officer will also provide assistance in liaising with publishers and organising sponsorship packages. Since donations from hosts of the annual conference are one of the SLSA’s key sources of income, a projected surplus of at least £25,000 is desirable.

Anyone wishing to have an informal chat about the possibility of hosting the conference should contact the SLSA Board by emailing Jed Meers ([jed.meers@york.ac.uk](mailto:jed.meers@york.ac.uk)). Expressions of interest should be submitted to [admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk) by **5pm 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Please provide a short (up to 200 words) summary of why you think your institution is well-suited for hosting the SLSA conference and if you have a preference for either 2025 or 2026.