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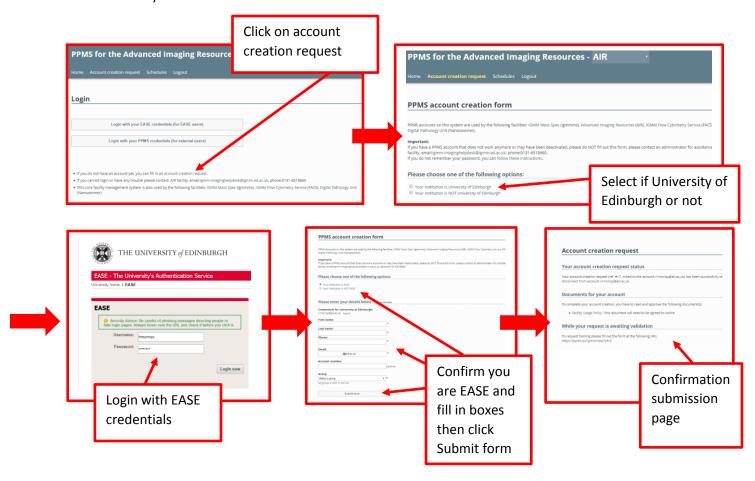
PPMS – An introduction

PPMS is the new booking and charging system being rolled out across the IGMM

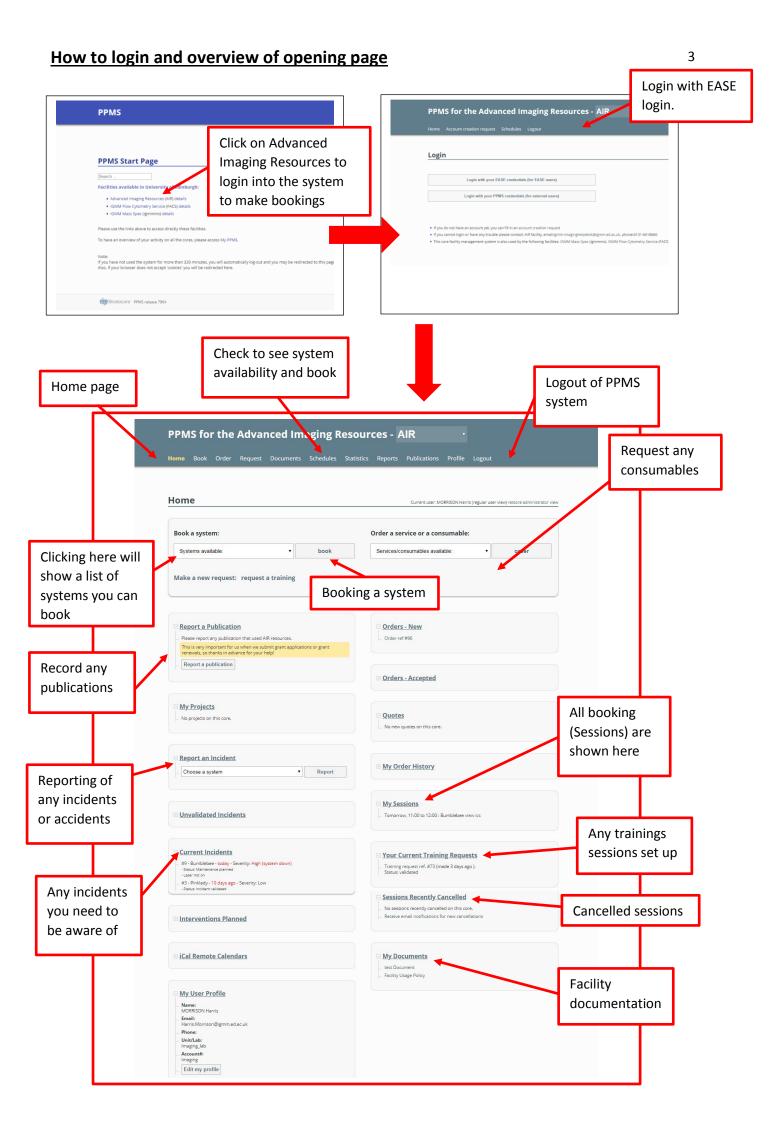
Go to the PPMS page and click on Advanced Imaging Resources (AIR)

https://ppms.eu/igmm/start/

If you are a new facility user or have not been entered onto the PPMS database, you will be blocked from entering the PPMS page proper. In this case, click on *account creation request*, select if you are University of Edinburgh or not, login with your EASE credentials, fill in the required boxes and click Submit form. You will get a confirmation window popping up and your entry onto the database will be validated by one of the administrators.

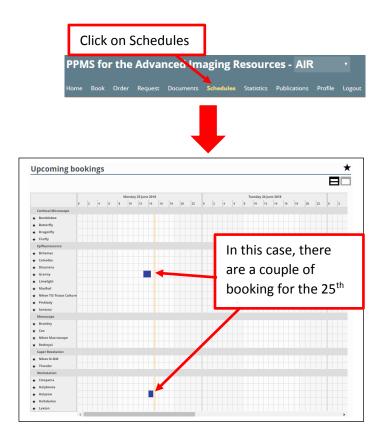


Once validated, go to the same webpage as before and login with your EASE credentials.



How to make a booking on PPMS.

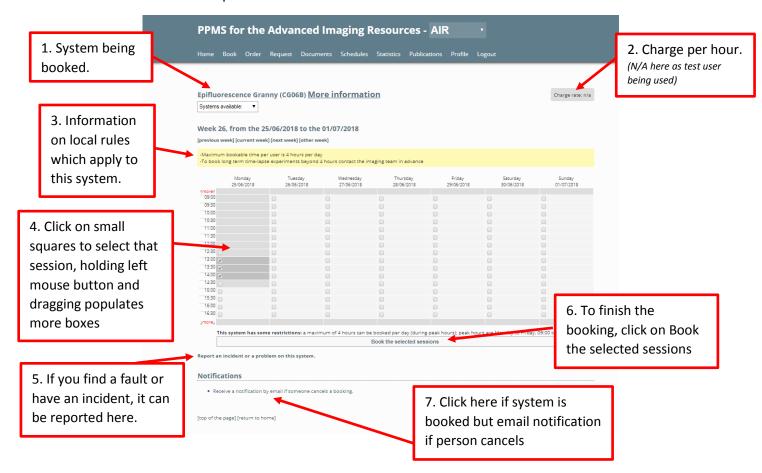
To start with, you will want to check which microscope or workstation is free and you are able to book (If the system you want to use is not listed, then you will need to book an induction/training with the Imaging Facility. See page 6). If you click on Schedules the Upcoming bookings page will open, showing the free sessions.



You can click on the 'blue block' and this opens the booking window where it will show you who has booked what system and for how long. Hovering the mouse over the booking block will also show you who has made the booking.

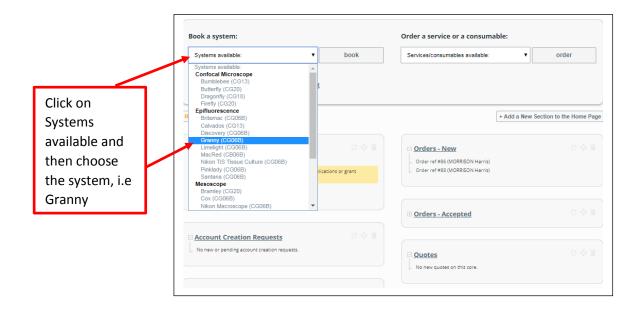


A booking can now be made from this point, as seen below. On the schedules page, click on an empty, unbooked box you want for the required system, i.e. Granny. The following, booking page will appear. Select required time slots and submit. If time slot is booked, you can set up an email notification if the other person cancels.



Once you've clicked the 'Book the selected sessions' the schedules page will change and a blue box will show the session time and microscope booked.

To book a microscope or workstation without going through the schedule page, click on the Book a system (In the main screen) \rightarrow Systems available box and the list of those systems you can book will appear (In this case it's all of them as I am an Admin).



How to arrange a training session.

Once you have clicked on the system required, i.e. Granny, you will be taken to the booking schedule page, which is covered above for booking a session from the schedule button.

If you find that you are unable to book a certain piece of equipment due to you having never used it before, then you can request training. As a result, you will then be able to use and book said system afterwards. On the Home page, click on Request \rightarrow Microscope Training Request Form \rightarrow Fill in and Submit Form. You will then be contacted by the appropriate person in the Imaging Facility.

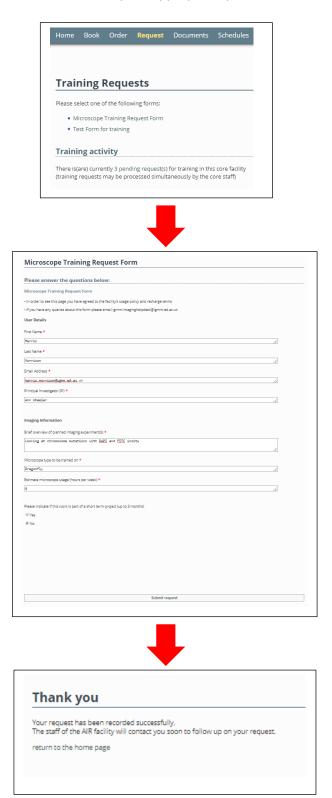
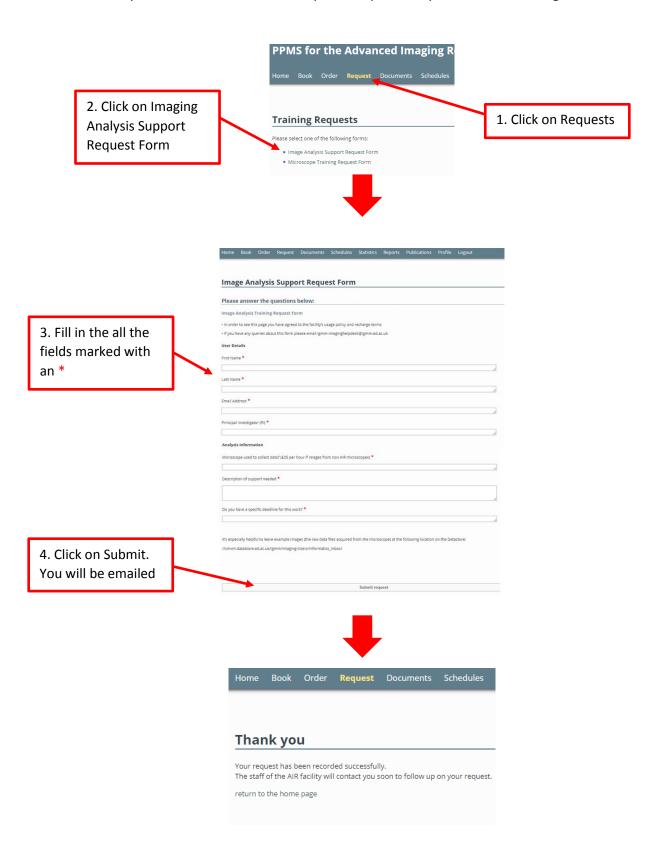


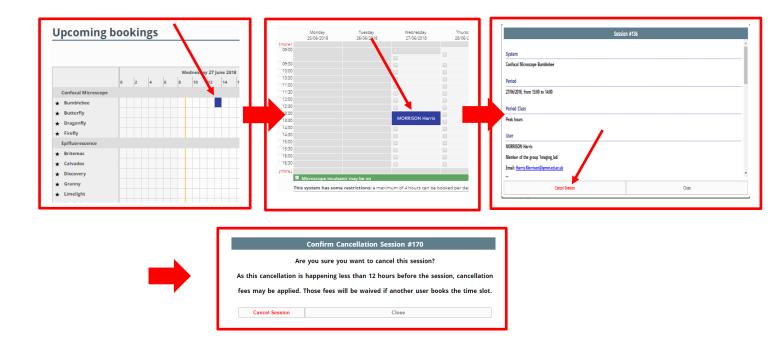
Image analysis requests

If, as a result of acquiring images, you can request help from the Imaging Analysis specialist. To do this, click on Request \rightarrow Image Analysis Support Request Form \rightarrow Fill in the form \rightarrow Submit. Once submitted, you will be contacted, further questions potentially asked and a booking made.



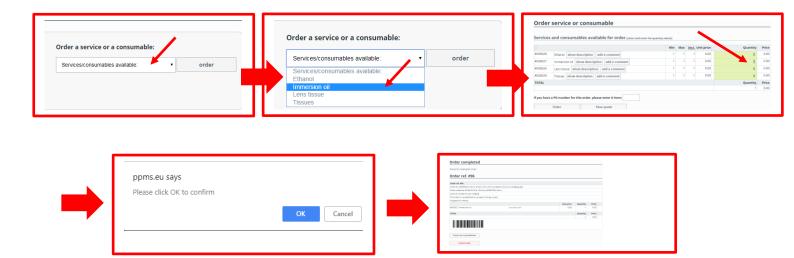
How to cancel a booking.

As a user, you must plan your system time carefully. At present, if you book a microscope you are able to cancel or amend that booking if it's more than 12 hours from the start time, at no charge. If it is less than 12 hours from the start time, your cost centre is charged 50% of the original booking unless another user takes up the booking you have cancelled (All booking rules are covered in the Facility Usage Policy). Or, you can cancel the booking, make a booking of the same length on the same day and that new booking will be charged as before; But if the replacement/second booking is shorter, then you will be charged a 50% cost for the time difference between the two bookings you no longer use. To cancel, go to the Schedules page, click on your booking and in the popup window that appears, click cancel session at the bottom.



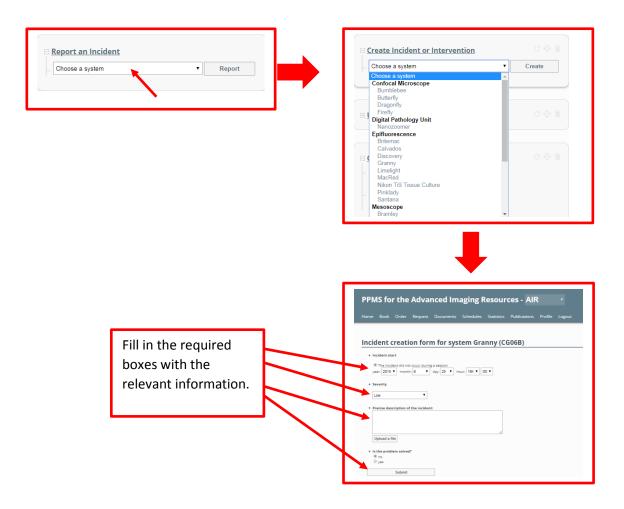
Ordering consumables.

Sometimes you will find one of the consumables at the microscope missing. These can be reordered, there is no cost applied, on the PPMS website Home page.



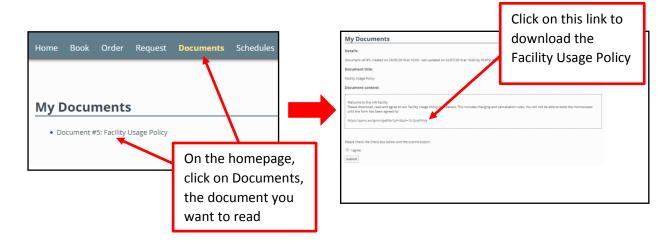
How to report an incident.

If you have an accident at the microscope, or accidentally break a slide, this can be reported so that one of the facility members can safely remove the glass, for example. Go to the Home page, click on Report an Incident and select the microscope in question. Now click on Report and fill in the boxes shown.



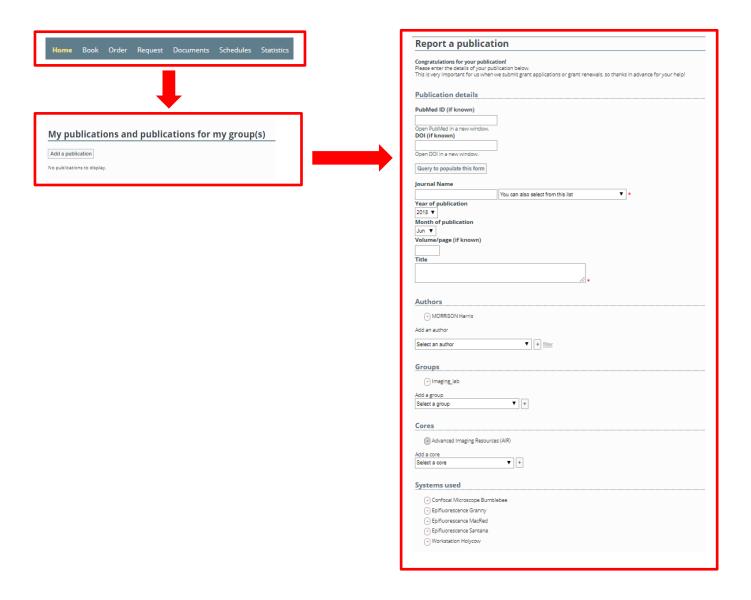
Facility documentation.

The Advanced Imaging Facility have a Fair Use policy which can be viewed from the PPMS website.



How to log publications.

Should the result of your work, using AIR resources, result in a publication, it would be appreciated if you would enter said publication into the PPMS database? Can easily be done by clicking on the Publications button and in the following window, click on Add a publication button. A new page appears with a few questions to be answered with regards the work done.



With this new system, there is a log kept of who is logged into a particular system and when they log out, this being what additionally allows system checks and statistics for the Imaging Facility and Finance. Charges will be based on the time that user is logged into the system if it is longer than the booking made on PPMS. Please make sure **YOU LOG OUT** when you've finished your session.

Please contact us if you have any questions or issues at igmm-imaginghelpdesk@igmm.ed.ac.uk