medicine, finance, research, science and technology, architecture and the arts, and has been designated the first UNESCO City of Literature

- Weather the weather is temperate, with annual rainfall the same as Rome, Frankfurt and New York, and enjoys clear, crisp, sunny days in spring and autumn
- Access the airport is only eight miles (12km) from the city centre, with many new air routes between Europe and North America, and high-speed rail links to all major cities in Britain

New developments 2007

Salisbury Green Hotel and Conference Centre

The University of Edinburgh has just opened a wonderful new hotel and conference centre in a magnificently refurbished 18th century mansion house, just 10 minutes from the city centre. Four beautifully-proportioned meeting rooms for up to 40 people offer comfort and the latest technology, and delegates have a choice of 36 twin, double and single bedrooms, all en suite, with internet access and freeview television.

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The Surgeons' Hall Complex

A very high quality new conference facility in the city centre has recently opened, part of the prestigious Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Conference facilities include a modern, self-contained auditorium for 158 people and the Quincentenary Hall – a beautiful modern complex of three meeting rooms and reception areas suitable for up to 250 delegates. The new Ten Hill Place Hotel, opened in November 2006, and offers 73 en suite twin rooms and four deluxe suites, a breakfasting room and bar for evening networking.

All rooms have air-conditioning and internet access. Discounts will be available to Surgeons' Hall delegates.

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