



Conference Newsletter

January 2012

A very warm welcome awaits you for the 78th SIGBI Federation Conference in Belfast

Registration: Registration will be available on-line from February 2012 and as usual there will be a discount for early-bird bookings.

Conference Venue

The Belfast Waterfront opened for business in 1997 and has played a key role in Belfast's economic and social development since then. The city is now recognised as a major European destination for conferencing, culture and business investment. The Waterfront is an award-winning, purpose-built conference, arts and entertainment centre offering a variety of facilities including:

- Main Auditorium
- Studio
- 14 meeting rooms
- gallery space
- gift shop
- restaurant
- two bars.



Perfectly placed in the heart of Belfast city centre, the Waterfront Hall is accessible to all main transport networks and is close to many of the city's attractions.

To learn more about Belfast and its many attractions, visit www.gotobelfast.com

What's new this year

Instead of a Gala Dinner there will be a 'Taste of Northern Ireland Event' featuring entertainment by traditional local artistes and the menu will comprise of locally sourced traditional food.

The Change of Insignia

Ceremony will take place in the Signature Building which is scheduled to open in Spring 2012 to mark the launch of The Titanic. It will showcase the story of the Titanic and the wider theme of shipbuilding and seafaring in Belfast, including the engineering, industrial, social, cultural and economic origins and connections. This promises to be an unforgettable occasion in an unique location.



Accommodation: The world-famous **Europa hotel** has been home to some pretty important people when they visited Belfast. People like Presidents, Prime Ministers, Celebrities... Why? Well, maybe it's the VIP treatment everyone receives. The choice of 272 newly refurbished bedrooms including 92 Executive Bedrooms and Suites. The elegant décor, contemporary bistro, bustling bar and relaxing piano bar lounge. Or perhaps it's the superb city centre location with shops, restaurants, theatres and more – right at the front door.

A list of hotels, B&Bs and apartments to suit all needs is available on the website www.sigbi.org/belfast2012

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