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Conference Newsletter

March 2012

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

Registration for the Conference is NOW OPEN—Check out the website for the competitive registration Rate. **REMEMBER** to book before 30th June for the **EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT**.

Concessions for First Time Attendees: to encourage those who have not attended Conference before, the Committee is offering a discount to the first one hundred first time attendees who register. They will be required to pay the full amount but will be reimbursed following the Conference.

GETTING TO BELFAST

By Air

Belfast is served by two airports: Belfast City Airport and Belfast International Airport. In the north of the Province there is also Derry City Airport. **Fly be, BMI, easyJet** and

AerLingus all fly into Northern Ireland.

- **BMI** flies directly from several International locations as well as some UK airports including Stanstead.
- **easyJet** flies from most UK airports and some European ones to Belfast International.
- **Flybe** flies from several UK airports and some European ones to Belfast City Airport.
- **AerLingus** flies from Heathrow to Belfast International.

By Sea

The Conference Committee are in negotiations with Stena and P&O Ferries to secure discount on all sea routes from the UK to Ireland. Details of access arrangements for this offer will follow.

Visit the conference website for further updates:
<http://sigbi.org/belfast2012/>



On the Friday night of the Conference delegates will be treated to '*A Taste of Northern Ireland*' event in The Europa Hotel. The meal will be prepared with locally sourced produce and the Entertainment will be traditional and provided by local artistes. Book early as places are limited.



Remember to bring your National Trust Membership Card when you visit Belfast. There are historic houses and sites to visit and some of the most beautiful scenery in the world can be found in N.Ireland. Details of Tours will follow. Belfast also offers City Tours on Hop on, hop off buses—these cover most areas of the City and as your ticket is valid for 48 hours you will have ample time to explore.

BELFAST FESTIVAL AT QUEEN'S

The Belfast Festival at Queens runs from 19th October until 3rd November. Over the years it has attracted celebrities such as Billy Connolly, Rowan Atkinson, Michael Palin and Yoko Ono. It has expanded into a two week long arts extravaganza hosting everything from the Moscow State Ballet and The Royal Shakespeare Company to DEXY'S Midnight Runners and the Flying Pickets. For more information go to www.belfastfestival.com

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