

FAQ's SIGBI BELFAST 2020 VIRTUALCONFERENCE:

1) When will the virtual conference take place?

Friday 30 & Saturday 31 October 2020. Start 13.30 Finish 17.00 each day The Conference will start promptly at 13.30 GMT on both days **but you can log in any time after 13.00 GMT.**

2) How do I register and what is the cost for registration?

Details of on how to register and costs are available on the SIGBI Belfast 2020 Conference website under Virtual Registration, link as follows:

<https://sigbi.org/belfast2020/virtual-conference-registration/>

3) I am a Soroptimist but not from SIGBI Federation, how do I register for the SIGBI conference?

Anyone who is a Soroptimist but belonging to another Federation (i.e. not SIGBI) will need to complete the Non-Soroptimist Registration Form. Details can be found on the SIGBI Belfast 2020 Conference website under Virtual Registration, link as follows:

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4) Can Non-Soroptimists Register?

YES, we would be delighted to welcome guests.

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5) Will there be a comfort break during the conference?

The conference is 3.5 hours each day (1330-1700 GMT) with a short break in the middle.

6) Which web browser should I use?

You will need to use either Google Chrome or Safari as the web browser to gain access to the on-line event.

7) When will I receive the link for the Virtual Conference?

SIGBI HQ will send you the link to the Virtual Conference by email one week prior to the event.

8) How do I login to the Conference? What is my ID login?

Your registration ID login: This is the email address which you used to register for the event.

9) What is the programme for each day?

The Conference Programme is available via the SIGBI Belfast Conference

<https://sigbi.org/belfast2020/programme-timings/>

10) Will the SIGBI General Meeting be part of the programme?

No, there will not be a General meeting this year but there will be a report from President Isobel and Financial report from the Finance Director Ruth Healey.

11) Will the conference be in 'real time'?

The whole conference can be viewed in real time. In addition, access to the conference platform will be available until midnight (UK time) on Sunday 1 November for registered conference 'attendees' only. The majority of conference content will be available over this extended period. It is hoped that this will offer all registered members the opportunity to access conference presentations at a time to suit them.

12) What does the registration cost cover?

The conference is to be a professional level broadcast event that will have the look and feel of a television programme. The four speakers originally contracted to present in Belfast will be with us and most of the usual conference content is included. Belfast would have been one and a half days of presentation plus the Change of Insignia for £150. The virtual conference is a day of conference presentations – 67% of the time for 40% of the price with little or no reduction in content.

13) What if I cannot attend one session - can I pay for just for the other?

Unfortunately not. As this is the first virtual conference SIGBI has put on there is no prior knowledge of how registrations will go so one fee was agreed. However, the conference platform will be available until midnight (UK time) on Sunday 1 November for registered conference 'attendees' who can log in when it suits them to watch the conference either live or on 'catch-up'.

14) What happens if I want to watch it with others?

It is appreciated that members might wish to get together to watch the conference and that some members might think of paying for one registration for a group. However, it is hoped that members understand that costs must be met and that everyone should register.

15) What about FPAC?

The FPAC meeting will be another virtual event held on Thursday 29th October between 13.30 and 17.00 GMT. This event will be free for all members to attend.