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To: ACM Members

Dear Member,

Visa application to attend SIGBI Conference

Some members have encountered problems when applying for a visa to attend the SIGBI annual conference when held in the UK. Therefore, we suggest that members wishing to attend conference **must apply for a visa at least six months prior to Conference.**

On request, Federation Office will send you a letter of support which may assist with your visa application (please see appendix 1). **If you require a letter of support, please email: joanne@sigbi.org giving your name as it appears on your passport and the name of your Club.** The letter will be sent to you by email.

We strongly advise you not to confirm travel arrangements to come to the UK until you have received your visa. We also strongly recommend that you do not buy a non-refundable, non-flexible ticket to the UK, until your visa application has been approved, and you have received your visa.

For further details on how to apply for a visa please visit: [UK Visas and Immigration - GOV.UK](#)

From 25 February 2026 depending on your nationality, you may need to get an electronic travel authorisation (ETA). Currently this applies to the following countries within our Federation:

Antigua and Barbuda

Barbados

Malta

St Vincent and the Grenadines

To check if you need to apply please visit: [Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK](#)

For further information: [Electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) - GOV.UK](#)

For additional information about contacting the British High Commission within your country, please see appendix 2.

If you should have any queries regarding the above, then please contact SIGBI HQ.

Kind Regards,

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