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To: AACM Members

Cc: National Association/Networks

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. Please note: a hard copy of the letter may be required. On request Federation Office can send this to you by post (please advise the office of your full postal address).

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:

Website <u>http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/</u> Website: <u>http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/general-info/</u>

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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Appendix 2

Contact details for the British High Commission by Country

Bangladesh British High Commission Dhaka United Nations Road Baridhara PO Box 6079 Dhaka -1212 Bangladesh Emai<u>: Dhaka.Press@fcdo.gov.uk</u>

Nepal British Embassy Kathmandu PO Box 106 Lainchaur Kathmandu Nepal Email: <u>BEKathmandu@fcdo.gov.uk</u>

India British High Commission New Delhi Shantipath, Chanakyapuri New Delhi 110021 India Email: postmaster.NEDEL@fco.gov.uk

Pakistan British High Commission Islamabad Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna 5, PO Box 1122 Islamabad Pakistan Email: Islamabad-general.enquiries@fcdo.gov.uk

Jamaica British High Commission Kingston PO Box 57528 Trafalgar Road Kingston 10 Kingston Jamaica Email: <u>ppa.kingston@fcdo.gov.uk</u> Sri Lanka British High Commission Colombo 389 Bauddhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7 Sri Lanka Email: <u>colombo.general@fcdo.gov.uk</u>



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