

## **2013 Conference Newsletter**

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# Do come and join us at THE SAGE for the 79<sup>th</sup> SIGBI Federation Conference 31 October to 2 November 2013

All roads lead to NewcastleGateshead... and so do planes, trains and ferries

#### **The Conference Venue**



On the south bank of the Tyne the SAGE is as much a tourist attraction for its Lord Foster designed architecture as it is for its music – one of the top five concert halls on the planet – and wonderful Conference facilities with restaurants, bars and gift shop.

The Quayside, with its landmark buildings and the seven bridges that span the River Tyne, has become the iconic image of NewcastleGateshead including the Millennium Bridge – remember the Pink Bridge in 2006?

Next to the Sage is the largest gallery of its kind in the world, the BALTIC, which presents an ever changing calendar of exhibitions and activities of the world's most prominent figures.

Look out for the little bright yellow buses that regularly go along the Quayside and will also take you up into the 'toon'.

### Accommodation and eating out in NewcastleGateshead

A comprehensive listing of accommodation will be available on the website shortly.

There are several easily accessible hotels on both sides of the Quays with a wide range of prices to suit all pockets. Some hotel chains have chosen to build two! New Jury's on the south bank will host the FMB and PAC meetings.

Eating out couldn't be easier. From Marco Pierre White's Steakhouse Bar and Grill and its signature dishes, to the Baltic's roof top restaurant you'll find a world of flavours in the many restaurants that grace the Quayside. Take your choice, Sardinian at Panis, Japanese at Fujiyama, Latin American at Las Iguanas, and many others.



Watch out for the Conference Makers We've chosen to call our volunteer helpers Conference Makers in 2013. Click on to the web site at www.sigbi.org/gateshead2013

for news in the coming months on early bird registration, accommodation, programme, keynote speakers and events.