

# Autumn conference programme 2026

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026  
 Venue: Leonardo Hotel Hinckley Island, Watling Street, Hinckley, LE10 3JA  
 Room: London Suite

| Time          | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |
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| 11:00 – 12:30 | <b>Executive meeting</b><br><i>Chaired by Gary Henderson, BIAFD chair</i>                                                                                                                                              | Executive members only |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | All members welcome    |
| 14:00 – 14:05 | <b>Chair's welcome</b><br><i>Chaired by Gary Henderson, BIAFD chair</i>                                                                                                                                                | All members welcome    |
| 14:05 – 14:20 | <b>Annual General Meeting</b><br><i>Chaired by Gary Henderson, BIAFD chair</i>                                                                                                                                         | All members welcome    |
| 14:20 – 14:40 | <b>UK CBAM countdown is on: Your final questions answered</b><br><i>Delivered by Jamie Mcleod, Crowe UK customs director</i>                                                                                           | All members welcome    |
| 14:40 – 14:50 | <b>PPWR is here: What you need to know</b><br><i>Delivered by Crowe UK</i>                                                                                                                                             | All members welcome    |
| 14:50 – 15:20 | <b>Panel session: CBAM implementation – the reality so far</b><br><i>Panellists include Jamie Mcleod (Crowe UK) and Martin Greenwood (TR). Hosted by Gary Henderson (BIAFD). More panellists to be announced soon!</i> | All members welcome    |
| 15:20 – 15:50 | Afternoon break                                                                                                                                                                                                        | All members welcome    |
| 15:50 – 16:05 | <b>Sponsor session</b><br><i>Delivered by associate member Fasten.it</i>                                                                                                                                               | All members welcome    |
| 16:05 – 16:45 | <b>How to overcome generational divides and retain top young talent</b><br><i>Delivered by award-winning speaker and Gen Z expert Alex Atherton</i>                                                                    | All members welcome    |
| 16:45 – 17:15 | <b>Panel session: How our teams stay engaged and motivated</b><br><i>Panellists include Alex Atherton and Demi-Leigh Mitcheson (Accu). Hosted by Gary Henderson (BIAFD). More panellists to be announced soon!</i>     | All members welcome    |
| 19:00 – 21:30 | Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | All members welcome    |

**General and Associate members** – cost for lunch and the general meeting for one delegate is covered by your membership subscription.

**Executive members** – cost for dinner for one delegate is also covered by your membership subscription.

**Group Executive members** – cost for dinner for two delegates is also covered by your membership subscription.

Additional delegates are very welcome.

Please see the costs below:

- Day delegate rate to include lunch, the general meeting, and refreshments is £35 +VAT person
- Three course meal, including wine, is £45 +VAT per person

Costs will be invoiced after the event as normal. Late cancellations may incur a charge if applied by the hotel.

If you wish to book a hotel room, please click [here](#) and use the discount code **LHICONF20**. No rooms will be contracted by BIAFD so we recommend booking early.

Delegates may wish to review other comparison sites before booking.

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