QEII seals 2026 contract for world adhesive conference



London’s leading events venue The QEII Centre has secured the World Adhesive and Sealant Conference in September 2026, as confidence returns to business meetings and events.

Known as WAC, the three-day event that takes place once every four years alternating between the United States, Europe and Asia, is billed as the most important international conference for stakeholders working in the adhesive and sealant industry.

The exclusive hire for WAC2026 will see over 1,250 international attendees enjoy education sessions and keynote addresses from leading global speakers, as well as an EXPO tradeshow, networking events and emerging leaders’ workshops.

WAC will be hosted by FEICA – the Association of the European Adhesive and Sealant industry – and co-organised by the USA’s ASC (Adhesive & Sealant Council) and the ARAC (Asia Regional Adhesive Council).

Kristel Ons, FEICA Secretary General, said: “The QEII Centre is central London’s largest dedicated conference and exhibition space and therefore ideal for WAC, which is not only a very prestigious event, but also attracts more than a thousand participants from all over the world. Easily accessible, the QEII has all the space we require with, as a bonus, stunning views of some of London's most famous landmarks.”

Chief executive of the QEII Centre, Mark Taylor, said: “After much uncertainty, it is fantastic to see major long-term events being secured. In particular, WAC2026’s commitment to contracting four years ahead demonstrates the growing confidence in the sector and is a glowing endorsement for our committed team who are renowned for delivering successful global events that provide a significant economic contribution to both London and the UK.”

Other major future events secured by the QEII include the British Thoracic Society, which also plans to return to the venue for its Winter Meeting in 2023 and 2024, as well as the International Marine Purchasing Association (IMPA), which will host its annual conference in September 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

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The QEII Centre

Widely regarded as a beacon of British excellence, the QEII Centre seeks to deliver unbeatable service and choice for events, meetings and conference organisers across the world.

The 7-floor QEII Centre offers 32 adaptable conference and events spaces, with capacity for up to 1,300 theatre style in a single room. World-class facilities for high profile conferences, conventions, exhibitions and corporate events have capacity for up to 2,500 delegates. Around 400 national and international events are hosted there each year. The centre sits opposite World Heritage Site, Westminster Abbey.

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