



# Events

**The British Fluid Power Association holds a number of events throughout the year. The busy calendar reflects the activity of the association and offers significant opportunities for members to meet others. Each event is a chance for members to network, learn, and share news and advice with their industry peers and experts.**

## Steering committees

The British Fluid Power Association's key steering committees meet regularly – typically four times a year. These include the BFPA Board and the British Fluid Power Distributors' Association (BFPDA) Council, the leading bodies for each association. There are also active and lively meetings of the technical, marketing, statistics, and education and training steering committees. These are usually held three to four times a year, mainly at BFPA offices in Oxfordshire, but we often hold these meetings at our members' premises, too.

## Exhibitions and trade shows

The BFPA has a regular presence at the industry's major European trade shows. The Fluid Power & Systems Show is held in the UK every two years, alternating annually with Motion, Drive & Automation in Hanover, Germany. We take a stand at each of these two important showcases, enabling us to raise the profile of our Association and our members. Our stand becomes a centre point for discussion and news about the issues facing the industry and is a valuable meeting place and networking area for British and international representatives of our widespread industry.

We also attend other shows from time to time, and in recent years have been in attendance at similar large trade forums in China and India.



## Economic seminar

This is open to all members and is held annually in the autumn. The venue changes from year to year and is always at a location of interest to members. In the past few years it has been hosted by manufacturers and technology centres – recent venues have included Yamazaki Mazak, Jaguar Land Rover and the Bristol Robotics Laboratory. Speakers have come from Oxford Economics and end user industry or technology centres. Subjects covered include the UK and world economies, a five year fluid power forecast and trends in specific end use markets or new technologies affecting our industry.

## Industry dinner

Also held in the autumn, at a hotel or conference venue, this networking event features an expert speaker and a hot topic of the day.



## Regional meetings

Our programme of regional meetings around the UK is organised periodically throughout the year, offering members a chance to catch up with others in their region and hear a speaker on matters relevant to their area. Past topics have been health and safety, social media, the Machinery Directive, CE marking and R&D tax claims.

## AGM

The BFPDA and BFPDA annual general meetings are held together each May. The venue varies each year in order to reach all regions of the country. As well as reviewing the progress of the Association, it is an opportunity to network, and features a guest speaker.

## Annual dinner and ball

Our regular dinner and ball is usually held in February at the Dorchester Hotel in London. The event holds a special place in the industry's calendar and is an opportunity for around 400 people, including members, customers and other stakeholders, to socialise with each other and enjoy a celebration of our industry's achievements.

## Networking

Golf days are held in May, July and September, at a variety of golf clubs in the Midlands and are open to all players connected to the fluid power industry, including their guests and customers. These meetings provide an ideal opportunity for networking in a relaxed and sociable setting. Other corporate social events organised by BFPDA have included motorbike track days, karting sessions and clay pigeon shooting.



If you are a member and would like to attend or find out more about our events programme, please contact:

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