



**Dear Colleagues,**

We are pleased to inform you that ITFA's **International Trade and Forfaiting Conference** is returning to Budapest after 18 years!

The 46<sup>th</sup> ITFA Conference and Annual Meeting will be taking place at the Marriott Hotel Budapest from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. We expect to have 200+ delegates from all around the world for two days of presentations, panel discussions relating to trade finance and networking opportunities. Since ITFA is a non-profit organization the cost of participation is quite economical (member local delegate only €1,300 and non-member local delegate, conference only €1,800).

Please find more details about the registration process by following this link:

<http://www.2019conference.itfa.org/registration/register/>

A half-day is dedicated to networking utilising a booking portal enabling delegates to book an unlimited number of meetings with other delegates at allocated private tables

The conference includes, in addition to the plenary sessions, a fintech demo session during which a number of our fintech members will show how their cutting-edge technology (Blockchain and non-Blockchain) products actually work and, on the last day of the conference, an open meeting with fintechs and others banks to discuss the future of trade asset distribution.

In addition to the conference there is a great opportunity for those who are new to trade finance or wish to refresh their knowledge to participate in a special **Educational Seminar** held by ITFA before the start of the conference. The seminar is taught by members of the ITFA Board, who are all practicing bankers with over 80 years of combined experience. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the trade finance market, products and developments from active practitioners. They will explain the ins and outs of trade finance in general, different products and then discuss recent developments impacting the market and ways to mitigate and manage risks arising from financing trade. The seminar is organized in an interactive way. Participants are asked to contribute to case studies and have the opportunity to discuss the issues relating to their own countries/regions which affect trade finance.

We sincerely believe that you should take advantage of this opportunity and send 1-2 young bankers from relevant departments of your institutions to learn about trade finance, the associated risks and tools to successfully mitigate those risks.

**Details of the program can be found here;**

<http://www.2019conference.itfa.org/programme/educational-seminar-on-trade-finance/>

The Educational Seminar includes: attendance at the seminar on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, all seminar documentation, coffee breaks and lunch. The Educational Seminar will be held at the Budapest Marriott Hotel, 4 Apáczai Csere Janos street, 1052 Budapest, Hungary. Cost is €600 for non-members.

Combined educational seminar and conferences prices are available which are even more cost effective and both events are available separately.

We have cc'd Ms. Alexia VELLA ([alexiavella@itfa.org](mailto:alexiavella@itfa.org)) from ITFA to this message for your convenience should you have any further queries on the conference and/or educational program.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference and educational program!

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