

## 7<sup>th</sup> BBG Intergulf Conference



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This year's conference was hosted by Bahrain British Business Forum (BBBF) at the Gulf Hotel during 20/21 October and was chaired by Jim Sillars (Assistant Secretary General - Arab British Chamber of Commerce).

The RGBB once again was well represented with John Freel, Ian Maddison and Richard Northern as our delegates. In fact the RGBB contribution was quite significant this year with Ian Maddison playing a "starring role" as a speaker on both days.

Other Gulf BBG's represented were; Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Dubai, KSA-Eastern Province, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar. Following a welcoming address by H.E. Ian Lewty, H.M. British Embassy Bahrain, a keynote address was given by H.E. Saleh Ali Al Saleh, Bahrain's Minister of Commerce. Also on the first day, the BBG's various presented reports on their individual groups on-going activities, giving highlights of new developments. Our Chairman, John Freel, presented the RGBB report.

Ian Lewty HMA Bahrain, kindly hosted a reception at his residence on the eve of the conference and on the following evening a dinner was held at the Gulf Hotel with H.E. Tariq Al-Moayed (ex-Minister of Information - Bahrain) as the guest speaker.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Intergulf Conference will be hosted next year by QATAR BBG in Doha.

### DAY 1

- SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS Peter Kendall (Dubai)
- BAHRAIN MARKETING & PROMOTIONS BOARD Ausamal Al Absi (BMPB Bahrain)
- OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION & TRAINING John Short (British Council)
- THE GULF CULTURE Jeremy Williams (Dubai)
- KSA/BBG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENTS Ian Maddison (RGBB)

### DAY 2

- DTI Richard Parry (London)
- KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY Jim Sillars (Arab British Chamber)
- W.T.O. Jim Sillars (Arab British Chamber)
- POTENTIAL Y2K PROBLEMS Ian Maddison (RGBB)

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