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1 Top keynotes

The Conference attracts some of publishing's biggest names, and keynotes in recent years have included Penguin's Johnathan Ford, Bloomsbury's Nigel Newton and Waterstones' James Daunt. We pull in speakers from outside the UK too, including

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former Business Secretary Vince Cable in 2016.

2 Huge range of speakers

Our Conference programme is packed with dozens more speakers from across the spectrum of UK and international publishing. “Brilliant programming which led us from one sparkling session to the next,” said one delegate after last year’s Conference.

3 Stimulating case studies

Case studies give members some great insights into the day to day successes and challenges of independent publishers, and our programme is stuffed full of them.

4 Focused training

We set aside the first morning of the Conference for training workshops—practical and stimulating sessions that equip you with the skills you need in many different areas of publishing.

5 Targeted break-outs

From trade to children’s to education to academic and professional, we have break-out sessions tailored to specific areas of publishing. Experts in their fields guide you through the hot topics of the different sectors.

6 Great networking

Our relaxed coffee and lunch breaks give you plenty of chances to meet new contacts, while our ever-popular ‘Me and My Business’ session mixes up members to learn more about one another’s publishing. “Amazing networking... such a fantastic bunch of people,” said one delegate last year.

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7 Prestigious awards

The IPG Independent Publishing Awards enter their second decade in 2017, and we are looking forward to adding more publishers and individuals to our illustrious roll call of 100-plus winners. A special guest presenter will announce the recipients after a glitzy gala dinner on the second night of the Conference—could you be among them?

8 Entertaining after-dinner speakers

The first night of the Conference always brings entertainment from an after-dinner speaker. Recent guests have included broadcaster Andy Hamilton, performance poet John Hegley, author Mark Evans and, memorably, a Chinese Elvis impersonator! This year's speakers will be two of the IPG's own: the wonderfully entertaining double act of John Mitchinson of Unbound and John Hudson of Historic England.

9 A comfy hotel

State of the art Conference facilities, smart rooms, good food, expansive grounds and a modern leisure centre—the Crowne Plaza Heythrop Park has established itself as a popular destination for our Conference.

10 Break from the office

We've squeezed the Conference into two days to give you maximum benefit from your valuable time out of the office—and delegates tell us that it is an excellent way to reflect on achievements and think about future opportunities and challenges. "It's so vital to get time to move away from the office and stand back from things," said one last year.

11 Expert exhibitors

Use Conference breaks to meet some of publishing's best suppliers and service providers in our dedicated exhibition space—and win one of their brilliant prizes in our exhibitor draw.

12 Spirited socialising

Drinks receptions before each of the Conference's two dinners are places to catch up with old friends and make new ones. And the bar stays open late for those who want to carry on the conversations...

13 A lively Twittersphere

Twitter has added an extra dimension to the Conference over the last few years, the **#ipgsc** hashtag offering a way for visitors to share tips and insights.

14 A friendly team

The IPG's experienced and friendly team is on hand throughout the Conference to ensure your visit runs smoothly.

15 The IPG AGM

Join our short Annual General Meeting on the final morning of the Conference to help shape future of the IPG.

What our delegates think—feedback from our 2016 Conference

"Totally brilliant atmosphere and organization."

"The best Conference ever!"

"A very well planned and organized conference which sent me away with lots of useful ideas and insights."

"Fantastic and inspiring... this event just keeps going up and up."

"A very enjoyable few days and everyone was so friendly and kind."

“The sessions were sensational, and the networking is always great.”

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