**BHIVA BASHH Joint Conference session proposal**

The 6th Joint BHIVA and BASHH conference will be held from 27th – 29th April 2026 in Liverpool. Each organisation’s individual conference alone attracts 500 - 700 delegates from across the UK and internationally, so we are excited to be working together on this joint venture. It is our intention to feature topics of interest to both BHIVA and BASHH members on all days, some of which will be running in parallel, others as plenary sessions. As part of both organisations’ commitment to providing high quality education showcasing a range of topics, we are seeking proposals for conference sessions/symposiums from members of both organisations (including those representing Special Interest Groups, sub-committees and affiliated organisations).

If you are interested in putting forward a session for the conference, please fill in the below form with a brief proposal. Please note that should your session be selected, you will be responsible for sourcing speakers. Due to programme space and conference logistics, we will not be able to accommodate all requests, but priority will be given to the following:

* Topics of broad interest to conference attendees from both BHIVA and BASHH.
* Symposiums featuring topics which are new or have not previously/recently been covered at conference.
* Proposals which include speakers from a diverse range of backgrounds/disciplines, in line with BHIVA/BASHH EEDI review recommendations.
* Symposiums that include speakers drawn from the community.

All proposals will be reviewed by the BHIVA/BASHH Programme Development Committee (PDC). If selected, symposiums will be allocated a PDC member who will work with you to finalise details for the symposium.

Whilst we understand that ideas may still be at an early stage of development, and we do not expect speakers or topics to be finalised or agreed, please provide as much detail as possible to allow the Committee to have as clear a picture as possible of what you are proposing.

Timeline:

* Call for proposals: 9th October 2025
* Deadline for proposals: 3rd November 2025
* Scoring proposals: 4th – 13th November 2025
* November meeting of the PDC – discussion on accepts – Monday 17th November 2025
* Notifications to proposers: Wednesday 19th November 2025
* Informal invitations to speakers (by session leads) – 20th – 28th November 2025
* Formal invitations to speakers (by Conference Secretariat): December 2025

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| **Title:** | **First Name:** | **Surname:** |
| **Person/group proposing session:** |
| **Proposed session title/topic:** |
| **Proposed length of session:** |
| **Brief description of the topic to be presented:** |
| **Proposed speakers:** |
| **Relevance to BHIVA and BASHH audiences:** |