



BBA February 2026 Highlights

From the President:

UK's first National Honour recipient for Blockchain



A lot happened in February. Here's my summary of the key updates from across our ecosystem:

1. BBA's Submissions to Policy Consultations:

The UK's crypto regulatory framework is being written now and we've submitted three formal consultation responses — to the FCA (CP25/40 and CP25/42) and

the Bank of England — representing the evidence-based view of BBA's industry network.

- > Read our CP25/40 response - Regulating **Cryptoassets** [HERE](#).
- > Read our Bank of England response - **Stablecoins** - [HERE](#)
- > Read our CP25/42 response - **Prudential Regime** Crypto Firms - [HERE](#)

2. BBA's Annual International Conference - ISC2026, 27 March:

The conference is just 4 weeks away, and we have put together an impactful programme. The conversations will be richer, deeper, and [science-backed](#) and, most importantly, practical, with a clear focus on real-world utility. We would also like to welcome United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) as [Conference Partners](#) of the BBA's upcoming Annual International Blockchain Conference, ISC2026.

- > List of the participating organisations [HERE](#).
- > Confirmed speakers [HERE](#).
- > **Register Now** [HERE](#)

3. Blockchain Made Easy Podcast for Policymakers and Industry:

We've launched the BBA Podcast: accessible, evidence-based blockchain insight for policymakers and industry. Episode 1 covers **post-quantum blockchains** — [why they matter](#) and what's at stake.

- > Listen to Episode 1: Post Quantum Blockchains [HERE](#).

4. BBA at UK Jurisdiction Task Force Consultation on Digital Assets:

The UK Jurisdiction Taskforce is shaping how courts treat digital assets. Our contribution sets out the evidence-based case for clarity.

> My contribution to the UKJT consultation [HERE](#).

5. Chaired a Session on Tokenisation at Digital Assets Forum:

I chaired a panel on Tokenisation at DAF2026 - More [HERE](#).

6. The JBBA, 17th issue

The 17th issue of the Journal of the British Blockchain Association (**JBBA**) is on track for April. I've been reflecting on the journal's remarkable 9-year journey since our inaugural issue in July 2018.

More [HERE](#).

7. New Blockchain APPG Chair

Matt Bishop MP joins as the new Chair of the [APPG on Blockchain Technologies](#). Welcome, Matt — we look forward to an impactful year in Parliament.

> More [HERE](#).

Until next time,

Professor Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE
[President, The BBA](#)

Top 100 Blockchain Leaders - Globally



BBA President has been featured in CCNs' top 100 blockchain leaders, globally.

CCN quotes: ***"A rare bridge between academia, policy, and real-world blockchain adoption — and the first person globally awarded a UK national honour (MBE) for services to blockchain..."***

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Our Work as Blockchain APPG Secretariat

New APPG Chair

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I'm delighted to be appointed Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Blockchain Technologies. I look forward to working with colleagues across Parliament and stakeholders across industry to advance evidence-based adoption of blockchain technologies – to strengthen trust, support innovation, and accelerate growth across the UK economy.

Matt Bishop MP

Labour Member of Parliament

Chair, APPG on Blockchain Technologies



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We are pleased to welcome **Matt Bishop MP** as our new Chair, following a recently held EGM at Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament.

Matt Bishop MP is The Labour Party Member of Parliament for Forest of Dean and brings a strong commitment to innovation, regional growth, and public service transformation.

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BBA Events

ISC2026, London



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ISC2026 - Participating Organisations

BBA's 8th Blockchain International Scientific Conference, London

ISC2026 | Confirmed Participants (as of 7 February 2026)



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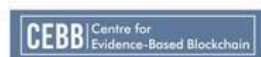
ISC2026 is already shaping up to be a historic conference!

🌐 With confirmed participation and institutional interest spanning policymakers, regulators, academics, global institutions, leading universities, and industry think-tanks, ISC2026 is on track to be a must-attend convening on Blockchain and Digital Assets.

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BBA's ISC2026: WHY ATTEND

- ✓ **BEST ABSTRACT AWARDS:** Meet the “Rising Stars” of Web3
- ✓ **NETWORKING HUB:** Industry - Academia - Policy - Nexus
- ✓ **EBB in ACTION :** Policy and Regulation - From Evidence to Impact
- ✓ **PATH-BREAKING Research:** Case Studies that Transform Society
- ✓ **MEET TEAM BBA:** Our Members, Advisors, Partners & Editors
- ✓ **FBBA CEREMONY:** Meet New and Current BBA Fellows
- ✓ **ISC2026 Proceedings:** Featured in the JBBA
- 🏆 **CPD CERTIFICATION:** 8-Hours of Blockchain-based BBA CPD



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🇮🇹 Over 70% of large-scale innovation programmes fail when one of the four pillars of Quadruple Helix — academia, industry, policy, or society — is missing.

🎓 Academia | 🏛️ Policy | 🏭 Industry | 🌐 Society

🚀 ISC2026 is where the full ecosystem comes together.

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**60 Seconds to Stand Out:
Student Impact Statements at ISC2026**

Why should they hire you?

Tell us in 60 seconds - Live at ISC2026

Top 3 Impact Statements receive:

Honorary Membership of the Centre for Evidence-Based Blockchain (CEBB)

Invitation to become a BBA University Student Forum Representative



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BBA's 8th Blockchain International Scientific Conference, London



ISC2026



“Why should we hire you?” is a tough question — especially when you’re asked to summarise years of hard work in 60 seconds.

At the 8th Annual Blockchain International Scientific Conference (**ISC2026**), we’re running a high-impact student segment:

“Why should we hire you?” — 60-second live impact statements:

[Read more](#)

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Some of the Confirmed Speakers

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CONFERENCE THEME:

Blockchain in 2030:

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SPEAKER



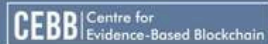
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Dino Cataldo Dell'Accio

Chief Information Officer

United Nations

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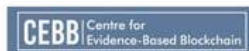
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Rt Hon. Viscount Camrose

Shadow Minister

**Dept. for Science, Innovation &
Technology [DSIT]**

Member, House of Lords

Member, Blockchain APPG



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Rt Hon. Viscount Camrose will be one of the Speakers at the BBA's 8th Blockchain International Scientific Conference (ISC2026).

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Some of the Confirmed Speakers



JOEY GARCIA
XAPO BANK



NASEEM NAQVI MBE
PRESIDENT, THE BBA



CHARLOTTE ELI
PARIS DAUPHINE UNIVERSITY

9 AM - 5 PM



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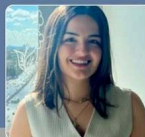
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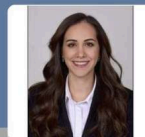
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DR LARISA YAROVAYA
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DR OLEKSANDR LETYCHIVSKIY
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DR SEAN MANION
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DR LORENZO SCHOENLEBER
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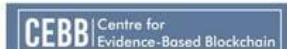
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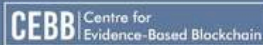
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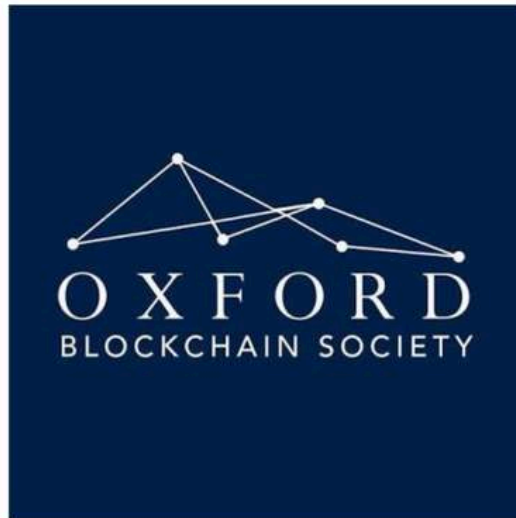
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We welcomed **King's College London Blockchain Society** as Conference Partners at ISC2026.

 The Society's student leaders will be speaking and showcasing the Society's work at King's College London.

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ISC2026: University Partner



We welcomed the **University of Oxford Blockchain Society** as a Conference Partner at ISC2026.

 With evidence of teaching dating back to 1096, **University of Oxford** is the oldest university in the English-speaking world and the second-oldest university in continuous operation worldwide.

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BBA Industry Updates

[Property Conveyancing Consultancy](#) has renewed its annual Corporate Membership with the British Blockchain Association.

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Blockchain Research, Made Easy.

Episode 1
Feb 2026

Post-Quantum Blockchains:

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👏 The first episode has officially launched.

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BBA Submits Response to FCA Consultation CP25/42

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27 January 2026

Prudential Policy
Financial Conduct Authority
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Sent via email: cp25-42@fca.org.uk

BBA's Response to FCA's Consultation Paper CP25/42:

A prudential regime for cryptoasset firms

Consent to publication: The British Blockchain Association (BBA) consents to publication of our name as a respondent. We are responding as an organisation and do not request confidential treatment for this submission.

How this response was developed

This submission draws on consolidated input from BBA members and industry stakeholders, including cryptoasset issuers, crypto banks, exchanges, custodians, payments and fintech firms, legal and compliance practitioners, and academic specialists. The BBA often weighs in on UK and international consultations, engaging with stakeholders on regulatory design, how practical it is to implement, and its impact on the market. Where it makes sense, we reference positions from our earlier responses (including to FCA consultations) to promote consistency and avoid unnecessary differences across UK frameworks.

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SUBMISSION UPDATE: Financial Conduct Authority's Consultation on Cryptoasset Regulatory Regime CP25/42.

On 27 January, the BBA submitted its response to the FCA's consultation paper on prudential regulatory regime for Cryptoassets.

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BBA Submits Response to FCA Consultation CP25/40

30 January 2026

Financial Conduct Authority
Crypto Policy
Payments & Digital Assets Division
12 Endeavour Square
London, E20 1JN

Submitted via email to: cp25-40@fca.org.uk

BBA's Response to Financial Conduct Authority's Consultation Paper CP25/40: Regulating Cryptoasset Activities

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SUBMISSION UPDATE: Financial Conduct Authority's Consultation on Cryptoasset Regulatory Regime CP25/40

On 30 January, the BBA submitted its response to the FCA's consultation paper on regulatory regime for Cryptoassets.

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BBA Submits Response to Bank of England Stablecoin Consultation

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8 February 2026

FMID Payments Policy Team
Bank of England
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Via Email: CP-systemicstablecoin@bankofengland.co.uk

BBA's Response to Bank of England's Consultation Paper On Proposed Regulatory Regime for Sterling-Denominated Systemic Stablecoins

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How this response was developed

This submission reflects input from BBA members and our wider network, including stablecoin issuers, trading venues, custodians, payment and fintech firms, legal and compliance practitioners, and academic researchers. The BBA routinely contributes to UK and international policy consultations and convenes stakeholders to assess regulatory design, operational feasibility, and likely market impacts. Where relevant, we reference positions taken in our previous UK stablecoin submissions to support consistency across the emerging framework and to avoid avoidable regulatory fragmentation.

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SUBMISSION UPDATE: Bank of England's Stablecoin Consultation

On 8 February, the BBA submitted its response to the **Bank of England's**

consultation paper on regulatory regime for Sterling-denominated Systemic Stablecoins.

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BBA Partner Event

BBA President at Financial Times Digital Assets Forum, London

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The banner has a blue-to-teal gradient background. In the top left corner is the 'FT LIVE' logo. On the right side is a 3D graphic of several white and blue cubes arranged in a cluster. The text 'DIGITAL ASSETS SUMMIT' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, in a smaller white font, is the subtitle 'Defining the next era of money, markets and assets'. Further down, in white, is the event information: '13-14 May 2026 | In-Person & Digital' and '200 Aldersgate, London | #FTDigitalAssets'. At the bottom left, a yellow line is followed by the text 'Get 20% off your pass with code BBA' in yellow. In the bottom right corner, the text 'Strategic sponsor' is above a small version of the BBA logo and its full name.

BBA President will be speaking at Financial Times Digital Assets Summit in London on **13-14 May**. The BBA is the **Strategic Partners** of the event.

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BBA Chairs Digital Assets Forum Panel

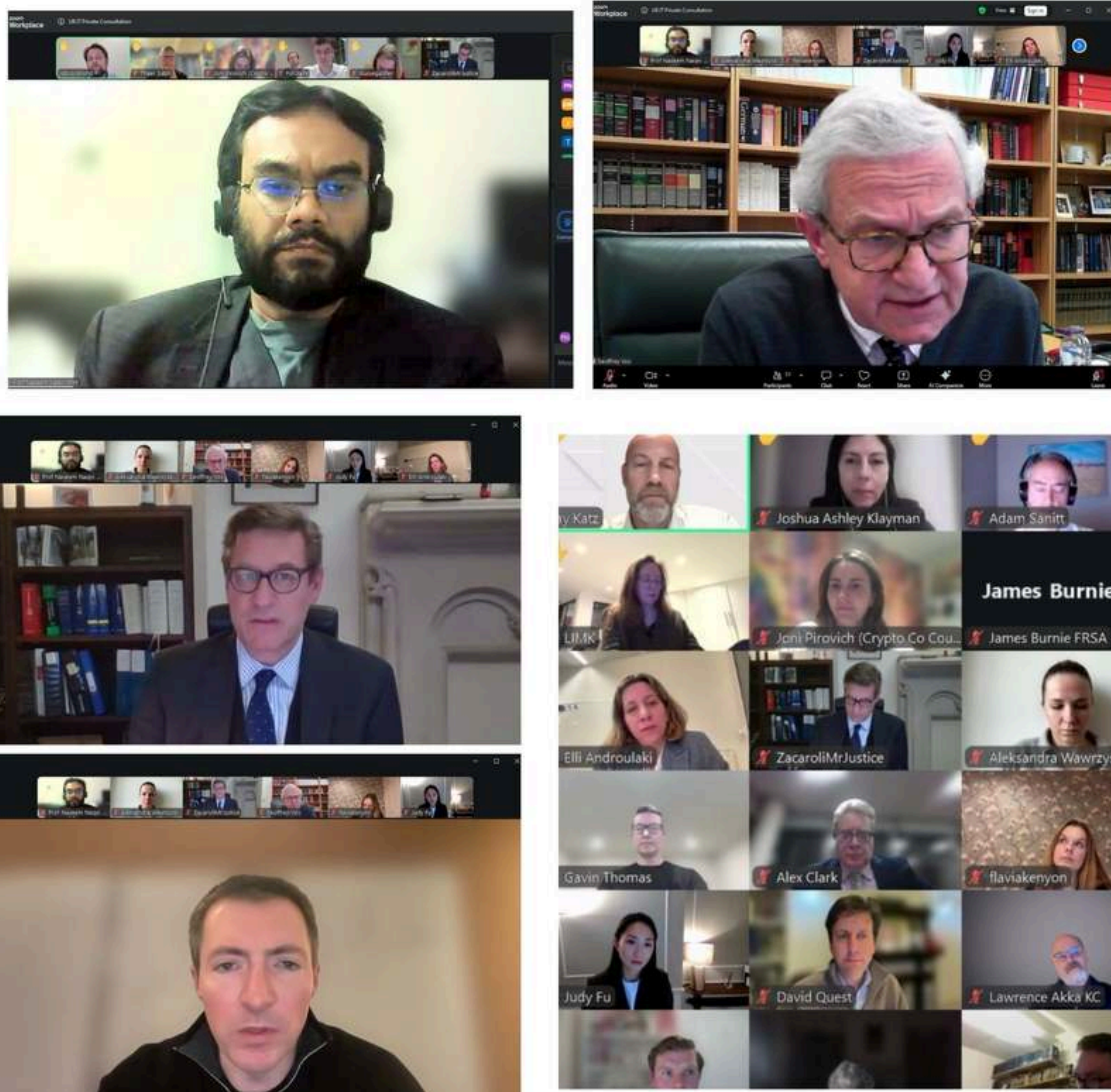


“Blockchains are working fine. But for tokenisation to scale, it must outperform today’s capital markets — on cost, evidence, trust, speed, usability, and design. The blockchain isn’t the bottleneck; governance, interoperability, and incentives are.”

Those were the closing remarks of our President, Prof. Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE FBBA, as he chaired a panel at the Digital Assets Forum in London on 6 February.

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BBA Contributes to UKJT Consultation



The BBA President contributed to the UK Jurisdiction Taskforce (UKJT) consultation on Digital Assets and Blockchain, led by Sir Geoffrey Vos, Master of the Rolls, and Justice Zacaroli.

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JBBA Updates

JBBA Issue 18: Submissions Now Open



👉 Submissions are now open for the ***18th* issue** of The JBBA, on track for **October**.

[Submit your papers here](#)

Authors Share Feedback on The Journal of the British Blockchain Association



*"If you want to be prepared for the digital age, you need to read the **JBBA**. Its articles allowed me to identify problems, find solutions and come up with opportunities regarding Blockchain & Smart Contracts."*

Professor Dr. Erik P.M. Vermeulen PhD
Professor of Business & Financial Law
Tilburg University, The Netherlands
Vice President, Philips Lighting



*"The **JBBA** has my appreciation and respect for having a technical understanding and the fortitude for publishing a research addressing a controversial, and poorly understood topic. I can say without hesitation that **JBBA** has no equal in the world of scientific, peer-reviewed, Blockchain Research."*

Professor Rob Campbell
Adjunct Professor of Cybersecurity & Cryptography
Capitol Technology University, USA



*"I had a professional experience of publishing my work in **The JBBA**. The feedback from reviewers and editors certainly helped to turn my manuscript into a better publication. **JBBA's** cross-disciplinary publishing platform is crucial to enable the blockchain sector to flourish. The journal strongly advocates evidence-based outcomes, essential to differentiate sound research papers from those that are not."*

Dr Joshua Ellul PhD
Director, Centre for Distributed Ledger Technologies
Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science
University of Malta
Chair, Malta Digital Innovation Authority



*"We published a multi-centre blockchain research in **The JBBA**, led by authors from China and Singapore. The journal's editorial board is quite diverse in academic and industry expertise. The multi-disciplinary feedback was valuable and a rigorous review process enhanced our research output, outreach, and impact."*

Professor Dr David LEE Kuo Chuen PhD
Professor of Finance and Blockchain
Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore

Some feedback from the authors of **The Journal of The British Blockchain Association!**



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UK National Blockchain Roadmap (UKNBR)

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(as of February 2026)

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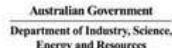
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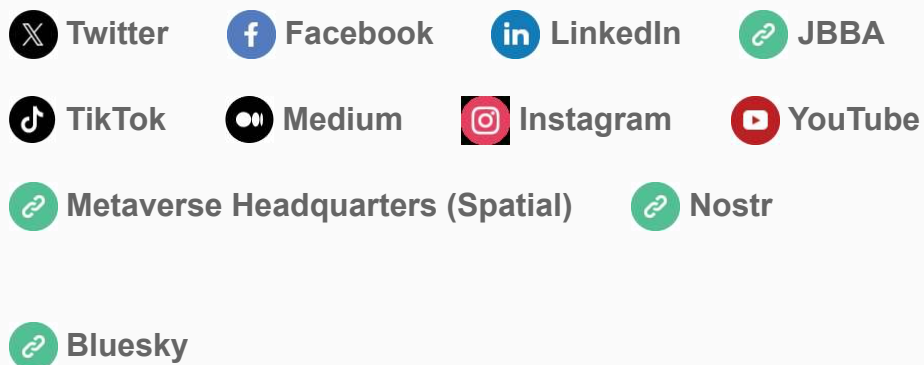


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