



BBA May 2026 Highlights

From the President:

UK's first National Honour recipient for Blockchain



From a parliamentary roundtable to the Nobel Prize dialogue, May saw BBA activity across policy advocacy, international engagement, and quadruple-helix collaborations.

On 13 May, we hosted an International **Roundtable in Parliament** on Blockchain for Healthcare and Life

Sciences.

More details [HERE](#) and Meeting Minutes [HERE](#).

On 14 May, I spoke at the **Financial Times Digital Assets Summit** in London, on the panel discussing interoperability, governance and standards in the Digital Assets space.

More details [HERE](#).

On behalf of our members, we have submitted its response to **FCA's consultation on Cryptoassets** (CP26/13).

Read our Full Response [HERE](#).

Preparations have begun for the Blockchain Associations Forum's 6th Annual Summit, to be held in September, with participation from **52 countries**.

Learn more about BAF [HERE](#).

On 26 May, I was delighted to take part in the **Nobel Prize Dialogue** on the future of AI, organised by **The Royal Society**.

Further details [HERE](#).

Next month on 9 June, I will be giving a **keynote** at the '**Blockchain Future Symposium**', hosted by Ulster University, Northern Ireland.

More details [HERE](#).

That's it for now. Until next time,

Professor Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE

President, [The BBA](#)

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📍 The latest issue of The JBBA has become a part of the British National Heritage, and now available at **The British Library**.

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The Nobel Prize Dialogue: Royal Society





Dear Prof Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE,

Thank you for your participation in The future of science with AI, Nobel Prize Dialogue London 2026.



 On 26 May 2026, BBA President, **Prof. Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE FBBA**, took part in The **Nobel Prize Dialogue**, hosted by **The Royal Society** in London.

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Parliamentary Roundtable: Life Sciences



**APPG Roundtable:
Blockchain for Healthcare & Life Sciences - 13 May 2026**



📍 On 13 May, the **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Blockchain Technologies**, organised by The British Blockchain Association. The discussion focused on Blockchain and AI for the UK's Life Sciences and Healthcare sector.

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BBA Policy and Industry Updates

BBA Submits Formal Response to FCA Cryptoasset Guidance

19 May 2026

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

Submitted via email to: cp26-13@fca.org.uk

Response to FCA Consultation Paper CP26/13: Cryptoasset Perimeter Guidance

(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.)

Introduction and Summary of Position:

The British Blockchain Association (BBA) is the United Kingdom's longest-standing professional body for blockchain, digital assets and distributed ledger technologies (established 2017), and serves as the Secretariat of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Blockchain Technologies. This response has been prepared by the BBA's research community, its members, its policy advisory board across academia and industry, and members of the BBA's Centre for Evidence Based Blockchain.

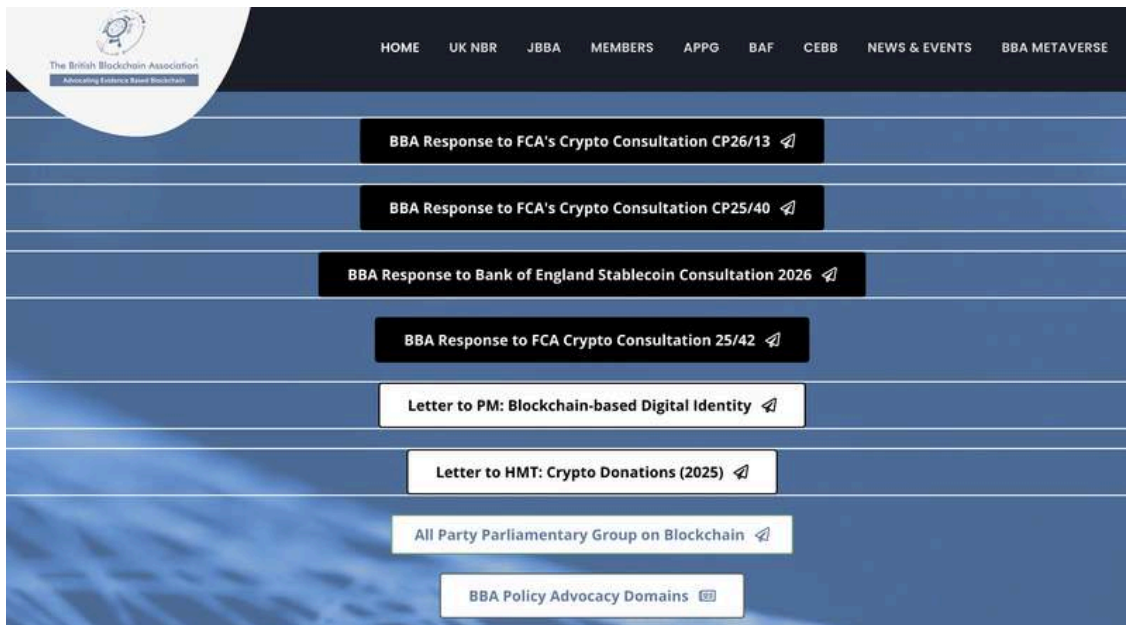
We welcome the FCA's effort in CP26/13 to clarify the perimeter ahead of the regime commencing on 25 October 2027. However, the BBA cannot agree with all of the FCA's proposed positions. In several areas, the draft guidance is insufficiently evidenced, may create interpretive inconsistency, and is likely to produce outcomes contrary to the FCA's secondary international competitiveness and growth objective. We set out our principal disagreements below, in each case supported by published evidence.

We propose the FCA revisit (i) the "identifiable person" doctrine as applied to permissionless infrastructure (Q1); (ii) the scope of the qualifying stablecoin definition and the absence of effects-based safeguards (Q2); (iii) the over-broad safeguarding "control" test, the categorical treatment of crypto lending as dealing, and the artificially narrow QCATP scope (Q3); (iv) the wholesale removal of the overseas persons exclusion for institutional flows (Q4); (v) the duplicative MLR/FSMA architecture (Q5); and (vi) the empirical effectiveness of the financial promotions regime as currently constituted (Q6).

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📌 On 19 May 2026, BBA submitted its formal response to the Financial Conduct Authority's Consultation Paper CP26/13: Cryptoasset Perimeter Guidance.

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BBA Responses to Recent Public Consultations

BAF 6th Annual Summit 2026



CEBB Centre for
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6TH ANNUAL BAF MEMBER SUMMIT

#BAF2026

9 SEPTEMBER 2026

For more info, visit <https://britishblockchainassociation.org/baf/>

 We are delighted to announce that the **Blockchain Associations Forum (BAF) 6th Annual Summit** will take place on **9 September 2026**.

Dubbed the "united nations of blockchain", BAF is a unique global consortium of blockchain associations from 52 countries across six continents — the world's largest trans-national think tank dedicated to advancing blockchain, Web3 and digital asset technologies.

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BAF2026 - Preparations

**BLOCKCHAIN
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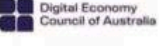
Hosted by the British Blockchain Association

BAF 5th Annual
MEMBER SUMMIT

15 October 2025

#BAF2025

SOME OF THE SPEAKERS...

 Matt Vickers MP CHAIR APPG on Blockchain Technologies Shadow Minister for Policing & Crime  BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES All-Party Parliamentary Group   https://britishblockchainassociation.org/baf/	 Country Representative: Prof Naseem Maqvi MBE President, The BBA  	 Country Representative: Tasos Oureilidis CEO, Xenios Blockchain Group  	 Country Representative: Juan Jiménez Zaballos Chairman, ALASTRIA  	 Country Representative: Jorge García Travesi President Mexican Association of Tokenisation and Blockchain (AMTB)  
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🌐 As we begin preparations for the *6th* Annual Summit of the Blockchain Associations Forum (BAF), we want to acknowledge some of the country representatives who spoke at last year's Summit.

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JBBA 17th Issue Goes Global

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From Brussels to Singapore, from Washington to Tokyo, and from Rio de Janeiro to Melbourne:

Earlier this month, the 17th issue of the Journal of the British Blockchain Association was despatched in print to Vice Chancellors and Deans across universities in the BBA's global network, and to an international circle of central banks, parliamentary libraries, fintech hubs, regulators, and leading research institutions across six continents.



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A massive thank you to [The British Blockchain Association](#) and [Prof. Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE FBBA](#) for sending over the physical copy of the May 2026 issue of the JBBA!

Seeing the proceedings from the 8th Blockchain International Scientific Conference ([#ISC2026](#)) on the cover brings back wonderful memories of being in London this past March for my induction as a Fellow of the BBA.

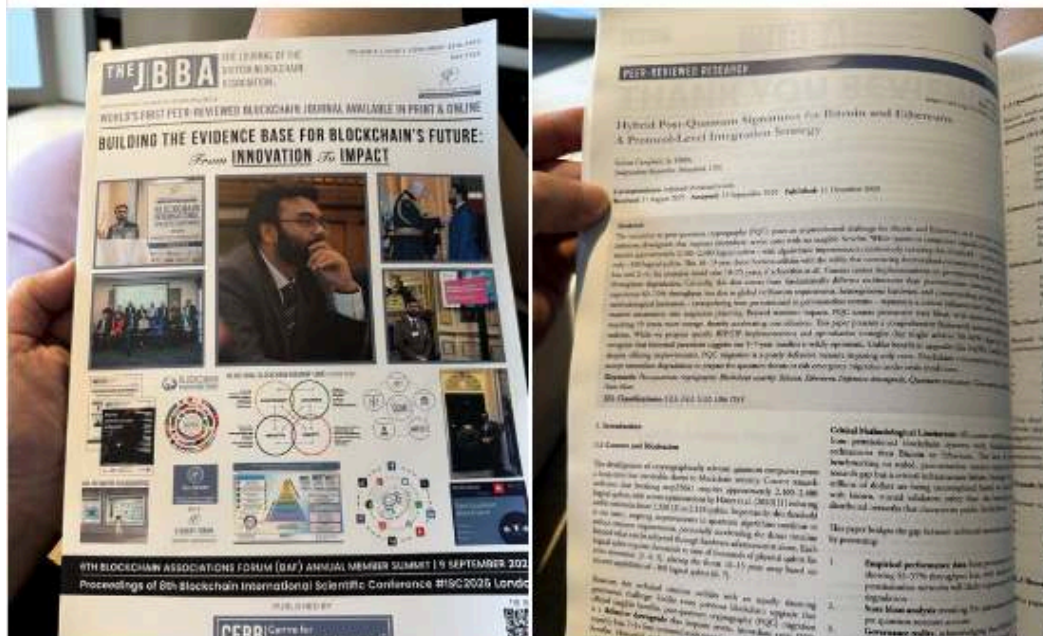
This weekend, I'm dedicating some quiet time to dive into [Dr. Rob Campbell, FBBA](#) 's peer-reviewed piece: Hybrid Post-Quantum Signatures for Bitcoin and Ethereum: A Protocol-Level Integration Strategy.

As we spend so much time designing and scaling Sovereign Layer 1 and Layer 2 architectures for the [#finternet](#), it is easy to focus purely on performance upgrades.

Campbell's research is a sobering reminder of the looming quantum threat. The reality of migrating to post-quantum cryptography (PQC) is daunting—essentially a "defensive downgrade" that could impose a 50-60% capacity loss and massive state bloat, with no immediate tangible benefits other than sheer network survival.

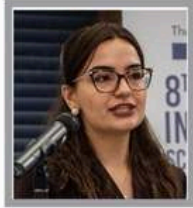
It's a critical governance and architectural challenge for decentralized networks. As we build the future of resilient fintech infrastructure, future-proofing our foundational layers isn't optional; it's existential.

What are your thoughts on the timeline for quantum-resistant blockchain infrastructure? Are we underestimating the migration friction?



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📍 A Warm Welcome to all new CEBB members!

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BBA Partner Events

**BBA President To Deliver Keynote At
Blockchain Future Symposium Ulster
University**

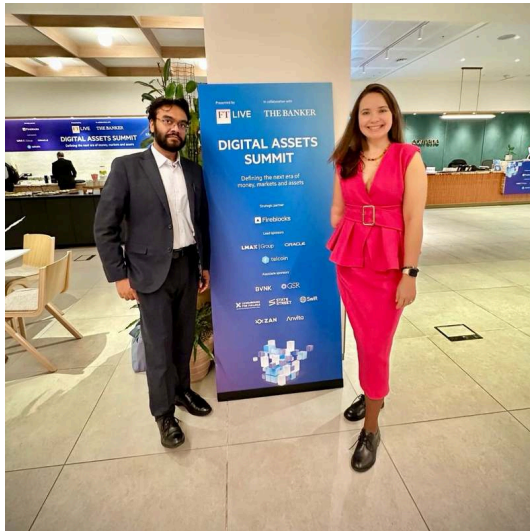


Our President, Prof. Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE FBBA, will be delivering a keynote at the **Blockchain Future - Symposium 2026 Summit** at **Ulster University, Belfast** on **Tuesday, 9 June 2026**.

[Learn more](#)

BBA At The Financial Times Digital Assets Summit 2026





At this year's **Financial Times Digital Assets Summit**, several BBA members, advisors, and partners took part in advancing the dialogue on Evidence Based Blockchain.

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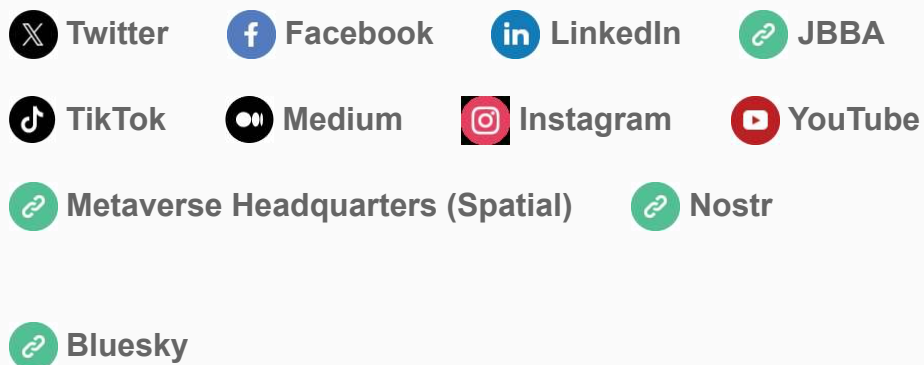


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