A big thank you from the BIGGA Delegates

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The objective of the day was to present various awards along with introducing the Board of Directors and members are about their Association.

The class was delivered very professionally and in great depth and there were attendees from all over the globe who could exchange ideas and gain something that was relevant to them from the lecture.

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