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The MBA in Air Transport Management (MATBA) had the honour of being presented at the aviation industry event held at the London Southend Jet Centre, London Southend Airport, on Friday, 19 June 2026. The conference brought together senior representatives from airlines, airports, manufacturers, and industry associations to discuss the future of regional aviation, connectivity, sustainability, and the regulatory and economic challenges facing the sector.

MATBA postgraduate students attended the event and had the valuable opportunity to follow insightful keynote addresses, industry outlook presentations, panel discussions, and a roundtable on regional connectivity challenges. The event also offered meaningful networking opportunities with distinguished aviation professionals and provided students with direct exposure to current industry priorities and real-world developments.

The event opened with welcome addresses by Dr Kostas Iatrou, CEO of ATN – Air Transport News and Director General of Hermes – Air Transport Organisation, also MATBA module Convenor and Chair of MATBA Industry Board, and Nigel Mayes, Business Development Director of London Southend Airport. As part of the programme, MATBA was presented by Anargyros Ziakas, MATBA Administration Officer, highlighting the programme's academic mission, international orientation, and strong connection with the aviation industry.

MATBA's presence at London Southend Airport formed part of the programme's wider educational philosophy, which combines high-level academic training with meaningful exposure to industry practice, professional dialogue, and international aviation networks. The event contributed significantly to the students' understanding of regional aviation, connectivity challenges, sustainability priorities, and the strategic issues shaping the future of air transport.

