



Call for proposals for IIFC official conference in 2025 (CICE 2025)

Dear IIFC Members,

Re: Call for proposals for the IIFC Official conference in 2025 (CICE 2025):

The CICE (International Conference on FRP Composites in Civil Engineering) conference series started with CICE 2001 in Hong Kong, China and became the official conference series of IIFC in 2003. It has then travelled to Adelaide (Australia) in 2004, Miami (USA) in 2006, Zurich (Switzerland) in 2008, Beijing (China) in 2010, Rome (Italy) in 2012, Vancouver (Canada) in 2012, Hong Kong (China) in 2016, Paris (France) in 2018, and Istanbul (Turkey) in 2021.

CICE 2020/2021, the 10th official conference of the IIFC, will be held in 2021 in Istanbul, Turkey.

CICE 2023, the 11th official conference of the IIFC, will be held in 2023 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

I am now writing to call for proposals from interested organisations for hosting and organising CICE in 2025, the 12th International Conference on FRP Composites in Civil Engineering (CICE 2025). Your proposal should contain the following details:

- (1) Proposed Chair of the Local Organising Committee;
- (2) Tentative composition of the Local Organising Committee;
- (3) Tentative dates of conference and justification for the choice of dates (conference names and dates (if known) should be identified that are scheduled for 2025 that could conflict with CICE 2025);
- (4) Type of conference venue (hotel or campus etc.);
- (5) How the proceedings will be published (hardcopy full papers; CD; USB Flash Drive etc.);
- (6) Tentative registration fee. Based on the IIFC constitution, the registration fee for all delegates (including keynote speakers) must include the IIFC membership fee for the following two years (i.e. \$100 USD for full members and Fellows, \$25 USD for students). The total membership fee owing is to be electronically transferred to the IIFC account at the conclusion of the conference. There is an expectation that the fees charged at the actual conference should not deviate considerably from the fees proposed in the bid;
- (7) Availability of affordable accommodation including types of accommodation and their approximate costs per night;
- (8) Attractiveness of the conference city in terms of three aspects: (a) Technical (e.g. because there are many FRP applications in your region/country); (b) Geographical (e.g. the region has not had an international conference on FRP etc.); (c) Social aspects (e.g. a location with many interesting sights to explore);
- (9) Any financial support from your organisation. The conference organiser will be expected to organise the underwriting of the conference;
- (10) Any other aspects that make your proposal attractive (e.g. publication of papers in journal special issues; pre- or post-conference short course for local engineers + conference participants).
- (11) Contingency and/or plan for hybrid or partially hybrid conference should the need arise (e.g. COVID)

Please submit your proposals by email to me at cejgdai@polyu.edu.hk by 1 November 2021.

The Local Organising Committee will be supported by the IIFC Executive Committee (IIFC ExCom) in the setting-up of the International Scientific Committee and in publicising the event. The Local Organising Committee may also recommend Keynote Speakers but the decision ultimately lies with the IIFC ExCom. A Chair of the Local Organising Committee will automatically become a member of the IIFC Executive Committee from CICE 2025 for one term as the CICE Conference Coordinator.

The IIFC will give out its usual best paper awards to papers presented at the conference and published in the proceedings. The IIFC will also present an IIFC Medal and a Distinguished Young Researcher award. The winner of the IIFC Medal will be invited to give the IIFC Distinguished Lecture and the winner of the Distinguished Young Researcher award will be invited to deliver one of the keynote lectures.

If you are not interested to host this conference yourself, but would like to nominate a particular institution or location for CICE 2025, please also email your suggestions to me for consideration by the IIFC ExCom

All proposals will be assessed by the IIFC ExCom. Proposals shortlisted by the ExCom will be submitted to the IIFC Council for decision at its next meeting at CICE 2020/2021 in Turkey (possibly online). Proposers of the shortlisted proposals will be invited to deliver a short presentation at the Council meeting in Turkey (possibly online). The IIFC ExCom will work closely with the winning team to maximise the likelihood of a successful conference.

It should be noted that the ownership of the conference lies with the IIFC. Should an unlikely situation arise where disagreements between the Local Organising Committee and the IIFC ExCom cannot be resolved through negotiation, the IIFC reserves the right to withdraw the award of the conference to the Local Organising Committee and to award it to an alternative team.

The winning team will be requested to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the IIFC to ensure the smooth running of the conference.

Best regards,

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Vice-President, IIFC