



Call For Proposals for FRPRCS-18

Call for proposals for the 18th International Conference on Fibre-Reinforced Polymers for Reinforced Concrete Structures (FRPRCS-18, 2028)

The *International Conference on Fibre-Reinforced Polymers for Reinforced Concrete Structures (FRPRCS)* is the longest-running conference series dedicated to the application of FRP in civil construction. Since its inception in Vancouver (1993), the conference has been held in Ghent (1995), Sapporo (1997), Baltimore (1999), Cambridge (2001), Singapore (2003), Kansas City (2005), Patras (2007), Sydney (2009), Florida (2011), Guimarães (2013), Nanjing (2015), Anaheim (2017), Belfast (2019), Shenzhen (2022), and New Orleans (2024).

Since 2019, FRPRCS has been one of the two official conference series of the International Institute for FRP in Construction (IIFC). Delegates who attend either of the two official IIFC conferences receive a two-year membership in the Institute unless they are already members. The upcoming FRPRCS-17 will be held July 6 to 8, 2026 in Girona, Spain. We are now inviting proposals from interested institutions to host FRPRCS-18 in 2028.

Proposal Content Requirements

Your proposal should include the following:

1. Proposed Chair of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and tentative composition of the LOC.
2. Proposed conference dates, with justification and identification of potential conflicts with other major conferences in 2028.
3. Type of conference venue (e.g., hotel, convention centre, or university campus).
4. Publication of proceedings, including whether papers will be available in hardcopy, electronic, or open-access formats.
5. Tentative registration fees.
 - For non-IIFC members, the fee must include a one-year IIFC membership (\$60 for regular members and \$15 for students). Membership fees collected through

- registration, along with a full list of conference registrants, must be transferred by the LOC Chair to IIFC within 4 weeks after the conference.
- Active IIFC members should receive a reduced rate (i.e. IIFC membership fee waived).
 - Final registration fees should not deviate from those proposed by more than 5% (increase or decrease). This deviation must be approved by the IIFC ExCom based on a rationale submitted by the LOC.
6. Accommodation options: affordability, range, proximity to the venue, and approximate nightly rates.
 7. Attractive features of the host location, covering:
 - a. *Technical attractions* (e.g., iconic FRP projects, local expertise, site visit opportunities).
 - b. *Geographical novelty* (especially locations where IIFC has not yet hosted an international conference).
 - c. *Social and cultural attractions* (heritage sites, tourist destinations, cultural experiences).
 8. Financial and in-kind support from host institutions, government agencies, or industry partners. The conference organizer is expected to underwrite the conference.
 9. Special events for inclusivity and professional development, including:
 - Networking sessions or workshops for women in FRP and construction.
 - Dedicated activities for students and post-docs (e.g., mentoring breakfasts, “meet the expert” panels, student competitions).
 10. Additional features that strengthen the proposal, such as:
 - Journal special issues for selected papers.
 - Pre- or post-conference short courses or workshops.
 - Industry exhibitions and engagement opportunities.
 11. Legacy and impact: how hosting FRPRCS will build long-term capacity in the host country or region, and expand the impact of IIFC (e.g., training for local engineers, engagement with students, promotion of FRP adoption in construction).

Submission and Review

Please submit proposals by December 5, 2025 electronically at [this link](#). Any questions regarding the submission process should be directed to Prof. Jovan Tatar at jtatar@udel.edu. Shortlisted proposals will be invited to present at a joint IIFC Executive Committee (ExCom) and Council Zoom session before the final vote. The winning team will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with IIFC to ensure smooth delivery of the conference.

Role of IIFC

The LOC will be supported by the IIFC ExCom in establishing the International Scientific Committee and in publicising the event. The LOC may recommend keynote speakers; however, final approval rests with the IIFC ExCom. IIFC is not responsible for covering any costs related to

keynote speakers. The LOC Chair(s) will automatically serve as a member of the IIFC ExCom for one term in the role of FRPRCS Conference Coordinator. Ownership of the conference lies with the IIFC. In the unlikely event of unresolved disagreements between the LOC and the ExCom, IIFC reserves the right to withdraw hosting rights and reassign them.