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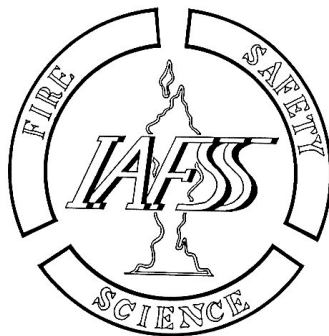
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Call for bids to organize & host the 16th IAFSS Symposium, Americas, 2029

The IAFSS Trustees and MAC welcome bids for the 16th IAFSS Symposium, to be hosted in the Americas in 2029. Selection of the host for the symposium will be made during the 14th IAFSS Symposium to be held in Tsukuba, Japan, **22 – 27 October 2023**. If you are interested in hosting the 16th IAFSS Symposium, we kindly ask that you:

- (a) make your interest known (intent to submit a bid) no later than 15 April 2023, and**
- (b) submit your formal bid no later than 15 September 2023.**

Considerations for host selection will include:

BACK-UP and SUPPORT

- Institutional / departmental commitment and adequate department staffing to support event
- Commitment to abide by IAFSS policies on DEI and Safeguarding
- Commitment of local/national fire community to hosting symposium
- National and local sponsorship opportunities
- Local meeting planning and execution staff (either in-house or external agency)
- Website development and online registration capabilities
- Active participation in Symposium Committee meetings.
- Ability to organise a virtual or hybrid symposium.

SYMPOSIUM FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

- If in-person or hybrid, to be located in the Americas.
 - Options should be provided for (a) hybrid as a backup to in-person, if needed, and (b) hybrid meaning an on-line option concurrent with the in-person option (i.e., ‘true’ hybrid event).
- Adequate IT facilities and capacity, including reliable Wi-Fi or other institutional internet access
- Adequate, accessible, meeting facilities / on-line capacity (up to 400-500 attendees in-person, 500-700 online) with large plenary space and 3 session spaces, two poster sessions (at least 60 posters each), preferable all in one building (in person). Catering facilities nearby (with 2-4 minutes) walk for lunch.
- Adequate number of accessible sleeping rooms in close proximity (i.e., ideally walking distance or with dedicated buses or similar transportation option) is desired. A mix of quality (i.e. 2-4*star) hotel and other accommodations, including student housing opportunities, should be available.
- Ease of international travel (e.g., flights, rail) and local transportation to venue and accommodation.
- Social program opportunities (welcome reception, night out, and symposium banquet inclusive, as well as providing optional social opportunities for evenings).
- Partner program opportunities.
- Virtual/hybrid alternatives to be listed and explained (i.e., approach, technology capabilities, etc.)

The local host organization is **not** responsible for the content of the technical program, poster program, or workshops. The Program Committee makes the decisions on the program and the Symposium Committee makes decisions on the content of the overall symposium. Cooperation between both committees is a crucial component for the success of the symposium. The local host committee **does** have a critical role in the finances of the symposium. A financial agreement is made before the organization of the conference with IAFSS. A draft agreement will be prepared by IAFSS, for discussion and concurrence with the local hosts / organizers, to ensure that IAFSS rules are followed (e.g. for DEI, Code of Conduct, etc.) and that the financial terms are clear. A minimum expectation is that the symposium is self-supporting. However, the symposium has historically been a source of revenue for IAFSS, and bidders/organisers should be aware that the generated revenue in excess of costs is to be forwarded to IAFSS.

The timeline and selection process is as follows:

- Bidders are to submit a written (email) **intent to submit** a formal bid to the IAFSS Secretariat (secretariat@iafss.org), no later than **15 April 2023**.
- IAFSS will provide the draft operational and financial agreement document to bidders by **30 April 2023**.
- Bidders are to submit written details of their **formal bid** to the IAFSS Secretariat (secretariat@iafss.org), **no later than 15 September 2023**.
- Bidders are asked to prepare a **pre-recorded presentation, maximum 20 minutes**, and send to the Honorary Secretary **no later than 1 October 2023**. The IAFSS Honorary Secretary will be in contact regarding acceptable format and email address / file transfer location.
- Bidders will be able to **defend their bid** to the IAFSS Trustees and Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) during the 14th Symposium in Tsukuba. This is anticipated to be during their meeting on **Sunday, 22 October 2023** (exact date and time to be provided to bidders in early October). This meeting will provide opportunities for questions and discussion with the Trustees and MAC members. The time allotted for discussion will depend on whether the meeting is in-person or virtual (in-person is planned at this time).
- **A decision will be made by the IAFSS Trustees and MAC at this meeting.**
- **Bids arriving after 15 September 2023, or incomplete bids, will not be considered.**

For reference and guidance, I have attached to this letter a copy of the material provided by the University of Poitiers and partners in their successful bid for the IAFSS 15th Symposium to be held in 2026, which they have graciously allowed us to share.

If I can be of any assistance to you in your decision to bid, or in the content of the bid, feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you for your support of the IAFSS.

Sincerely,



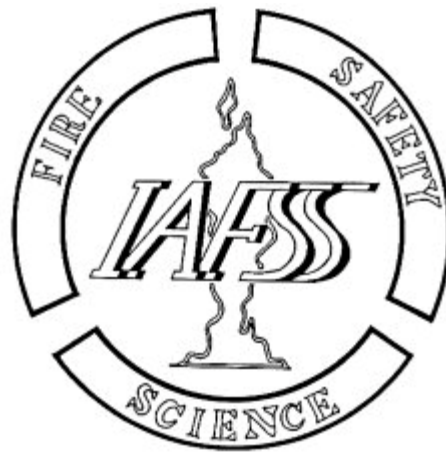
Brian Meacham
Chair, IAFSS

Annex

Example of bid for the 15th IAFSS Symposium



IAFSS 2026 - Application of the University of Poitiers, France



Application of the University of Poitiers,
France

International Symposium on Fire Safety
Science 2026





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1. France

France is located in the (south) west of Europe. It's a medium country, with 67,80 million inhabitants living on 544 000 km² in the France metropolitan, and 120 000 km² in the overseas territories.



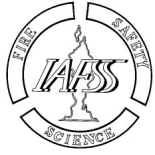
France is a very touristic country offering a large diversity of landscape and nature, with a large coastal area, different mountain regions, various campaign places and a lot of famous cities, as Paris, Marseille, Lyon, Bordeaux, Nancy, Nantes and... La Rochelle.

France is a country with an intense history and is well known for its architectural, its famous art and is renowned for its gastronomy.

France is also a sportive country with an important tradition of teaching and research.

La Rochelle is a city in the southwest of France, located on the Atlantic Ocean. The city belongs is now the most important town between the Loire estuary (Nantes) and the Gironde estuary (Bordeaux). With the presence of three ports (fishing, boating and trade), it is nicknamed «La Porte océane».

The city of La Rochelle has a population of 75 000 inhabitants, named "the Rochelais". It is a very famous tourist place because of the beauty of the ancient city, its capacity of reception, its historic reduced ecological footprint and its very pleasant climate.



Position of La Rochelle in France

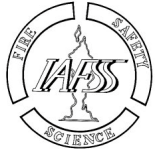
2. Poitiers University

The University of Poitiers was founded in 1431 by Pope Eugene IV, later confirmed by French King Charles VII's letters patent. It was originally composed of five Colleges: theology, canon law, civil law, medicine and arts. As early as the 16th century, the University of Poitiers was the center piece of the city's cultural life. At that time, it was considered the second most important University in France, after Paris, and one of the major in Europe.



Presidence and bibliotheca of science of the University of Poitiers

Nowadays, the University of Poitiers is multidisciplinary with 14 Faculties addressing all the disciplines (science, economics, law, humanities, medicine, engineering, etc.). It currently serves more than 28 000 students and employs more than 3 000 people. It is particularly renowned for the quality of its training and for the quality of its student life, but also for its research which is internationally recognized into the different international rankings. This research is based on the 37 laboratories and is realized by more than 1 100 PhD students. About 200 PhD are defended each year.



The University of Poitiers is symbiotically rooted in its region, getting as close as possible to institutional, economic, cultural and academic actors. Main campus is located in Poitiers, with additional campuses in Angoulême, Châtelleraut and Niort.



Campus of the University of Poitiers

University of Poitiers is also an historic international university with more than 4 000 international students per year, and about 500 partner institutions worldwide.

It plays a central role in Europe, being the president of the Group of Coimbra which in a network comprising the 40 oldest multidisciplinary universities in the “enlarged” Europe. The Coimbra Group is at the origin of the creation of the ERASMUS program. The University of Poitiers is very active in the working groups of the Coimbra Group (Task Forces) and enjoys privileged partnerships with other member universities, in particular through participation in numerous European projects and specific mobility agreements (students and staff).

The University of Poitiers is one of the 850 member institutions of the European University Association (EUA) whose objective is to promote innovative practices in the fields of higher education and research in Europe. It regularly participates in thematic conferences, particularly in connection with the promotion of doctoral studies (EUA Council for Doctoral Education).

Finally, University of Poitiers is the leader of the European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U) project.

Pprime Institute

Pprime Institute is a research laboratory of the National Center of Scientific Research (CNRS) linked with the University of Poitiers and ISAE-ENSMA (National Higher School of Mechanics and Aeroengineering).

It is specialized in the fields of Physics and Engineering Sciences. Its research activities cover a large range of topics from physics of materials to fluids and mechanics of materials, mechanical engineering and energetics. It is about using this set of competences, recognized at both national and international levels, to favor collaborations and synergies between different disciplines/subjects, and to respond appropriately the needs of the socioeconomic sector. The privileged areas of application are the transportations and the energy, with a careful consideration given to environmental aspects.

Pprime Institute research activities are developed over 38 000 m² of facilities, mainly located at the Futuroscope, but also on the University of Poitiers, Angoulême and Niort campuses.

It is composed of about 600 persons, with 200 permanent researchers and 170 PhD students distributed within 3 main Departments.

The Fluids-Thermal-Combustion Department develops research activities of a fundamental nature in the field of fluids and energetics. Its purpose is to allow upstream subjects to be tackled in an original and innovative way in response to the problems encountered in the aeronautics and space, land



transport, energy and environment fields. The main themes addressed relate in particular to passenger safety, respect for the environment by optimizing performance and reducing polluting emissions and noise pollution in transport.



Pprime Institute building

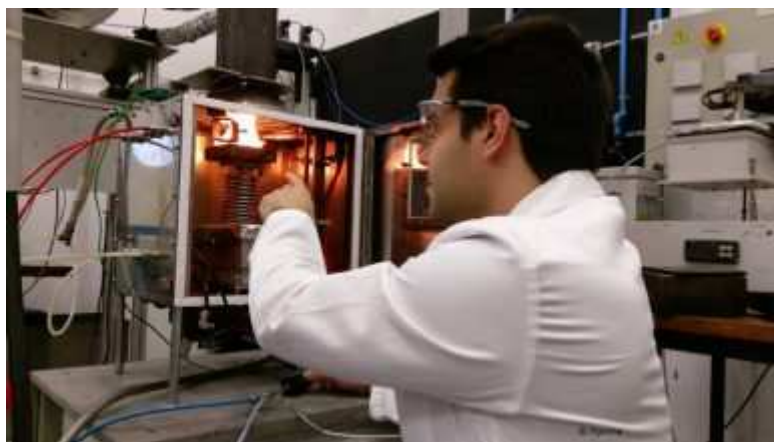
Fire safety science Group - Fluids-Thermal-Combustion Department – Pprime Institute

The research on fire safety science started in Poitiers in the 1960's. This was the foundation of the advanced, internationally high valued research now being conducted into Pprime Institute. Pierre Joulain and Jean Pierre Vantelon were ones of the pioneers in fire safety engineering in Poitiers.

More recently, the International FORUM of Fire Research Directors selected Prof. Thomas Rogeaume, University of Poitiers, as the recipient of the 2020 Mid-Career Researcher Award.

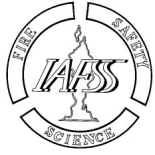
The researchers on Fire Safety Science of the University of Poitiers are active members of the IAFSS and are continually helping to produce newsletters and other works. They were active members of the European Symposium on Fire Safety Science (ESFSS) held in 2018 in Nancy (France), and are co-chairs of session for the IAFSS Symposium 2017 and 2021.

They are hardly implicated into the IAFSS Working Group on Measurement and Computation of Fire Phenomena (the MaCFP Working Group). Indeed, they are at the origin of the creation of the Condensed Phase Phenomena subgroup and are members of the organizing committee of the workshops.



Experimental investigation into the fire safety group of Pprime Institute

Researchers of the fire safety science group of the university are involved in training on fire safety, into different formation: bachelor of technology, Licence, Master, school of engineers.



Their research expertise concern both the experimental and the numerical of the:

- Thermal decomposition of liquid and solid fuels
- Ignition process
- Flame propagation
- Flame/wall interactions
- Flame extinction
- Pool fire / Large scale / Facade / Building / Transport fires application.

They are very active members of the “French Group of Research” which federates all the academic and partnership (institutions, private societies, fire rescue) implicated in the field of fire safety science in France.

The application of the University of Poitiers is thus the one of all the French fire safety science community (see part “Supports of the application”).

Support, competences and commitment.

The present application is supported by the President of the University of Poitiers and the Director of the Pprime Institute. It is also fully supported by all the French Academic and private laboratories and industries involved into Fire Safety Science and federated into The French “Groupement de Recherche Feux”. Finally, it is supported by different private partners interesting to sponsor the IAFSS symposium (see letters of support at the end of the document).

The local organizing committee is composed of both the host scientific team, helps from persons from the University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute, the French community (“Groupement de Recherche Feux”) and the WildEvents team, a firm specialized in the creation and organization of scientific congress. Its role will be to coordinate all the communication, the registration and the logistic operations, before, during and after the symposium. WildEvents is internationally recognized for its extensive experience of the organization of international symposium, notably in La Rochelle. The local organizing committee is then composed of:

- 10 persons from host scientific team.
- 10 persons of the University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute.
- 15 persons from the French « Groupement de recherche Feux ».
- 4 persons of the WildEvents team.

The local organizing committee (University of Poitiers-Pprime Institute, partner WildEvents and French “Groupement de Recherche Feux”) will be fully implemented into the organization and the host of the IAFSS Symposium:

- Development and management of all the required communication, including the website: Development of the website (1 person from WildEvents dedicated to the website development and update), update, publication, call for abstract, program announcement, venue, accommodation and hosting information, social tour, etc.
Preparation and print of all the support prints, and the required supports for the participants.
- Research of sponsorship, relationship and administrative contract with the sponsors.
- Registration to the IAFSS symposium, payment, invoicing, etc.



- All the logistic aspects before, during and after the conference. Relationship with all the suppliers. Local execution staff of the symposium: hostesses, catering, cleaning, social tour, etc.
- Proposition of touristic activities, management of the registration, achievement of the activities with the required partners, etc.
- The total commitment of national fire community to hosting symposium, with the support of the French “Groupement de Recherche Feux” involving all the French Academic and private laboratories and industries involved into Fire Safety Science (see letters of support).
- The local organizing committee is responsible for planning and executing all logistical aspects of the congress
- The local organizing committee will actively participate in Symposium Committee meetings.
- We have the fully ability to organize a virtual or hybrid symposium (see part 6).

University of Poitiers and WildEvents Society have an important experience of organizing international symposium, as: IAFSS 1999, several past International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists symposium, several past International Symposium of Green Chemistry, Cosminnov, etc.

3. La Rochelle

University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute propose to organize and host the 15th IAFSS Symposium 2026 in the city of La Rochelle. La Rochelle is located at 140 km from Poitiers, on the Atlantic Coast.

La Rochelle is a welcoming city on a human scale, a living, ecological, sun-filled seafaring city. It has 80 000 inhabitants.

It is the 5th among France’s most-visited cities, due to the quality of its landscapes, architecture, climate and hospitality. La Rochelle, “Gateway to the Ocean”, has a remarkable heritage and natural setting. It is a dynamic economic center open to the world. It benefits of 2 400 hours of sunshine, more than anywhere on the French Atlantic coast.

La Rochelle is committed for past decades to environmental protection. It offers 100 miles of cycle routes, 650 bicycles available free of charge.

Everything you like or need is within 10 minutes’ walk from the Conference Center, permitting to place science and conviviality at the heart of the event.



La Rochelle center – Old port

4. Conference Venue and Accommodation

The venue to La Rochelle is quite easy due to its high connection to the main international airports as well as its railway connection.

Venue

La Rochelle is connected to the main European airports

La Rochelle Airport serves a large number of European destinations (Amsterdam, Barcelona, Munich, Madrid, Bologna, etc.). There are a dozen direct lines including Lyon, London, Bristol, Bruxelles, Genève, Manchester, Luxembourg, Dublin and Porto, used by over 200 000 passengers.

Other options (mainly for intra-Europe travels).

It is possible to fly to Lyon, and to connect by plane La Rochelle in a second time.

It is also possible to fly to Bordeaux or Nantes and to connect by train (about 2:00 h) to La Rochelle (shuttles from airports to train stations in both cases).

Finally it is possible to fly to Paris and to connect La Rochelle by Train.



Flight connections of La Rochelle's Airport

Train venue

La Rochelle is situated halfway between Nantes and Bordeaux, and connected by train (about 2:00, with shuttles from airports to train stations in both cases). Paris is only 2 hours 45 minutes away by 14 daily TGV trains. Paris's Charles De Gaulle airport offered train direct connection to La Rochelle, or shuttled from airports to Paris Montparnasse train Station. From Paris-Orly Airport, the shuttle Orlyval permits a direct connection to Massy railway station.



La Rochelle railway station

La Rochelle railway connection:

- 6 TGV per day La Rochelle - Paris, in 2h50mn
- At least 1 train per day La Rochelle - Marseille,
- 14 trains per day La Rochelle - Paris,
- Over 100 trains leave La Rochelle station all through the year for destinations such as Fontenay-Le-Comte, Poitiers, Bordeaux, Nantes, Paris, Angoulême, Toulouse and Lourdes.

Road Venue

La Rochelle is located:

- Paris: 467 km
- Lyon: 650 km
- Toulouse: 400 km
- Bordeaux: 190 km
- Nantes: 136 km
- Barcelone: 815 km

Accommodation

All accommodation types (from five star hotel to youth hostel) are available in La Rochelle which is a major touristic destination on French Atlantic seaboard. La Rochelle propose more than 2400 hotel rooms in the city and 350 restaurants.

Several information desks at key locations in the city held by enthusiastic volunteers from La Rochelle, with more than 2400 rooms as well as Airbnb locations: + 200 boats, +300 houses & apartments.





La Rochelle « green city »

The Conference Center is located at 10mn walk from center town. Huge variety of dining options are offered for relaxing and networking at night.

On-site lunch proposed at the attendee's choice... for convenience and efficiency between morning and afternoon sessions;

5. The Congress Center

The Congress Center, named "Espace ENCAN" is situated in La Rochelle, from 10min walk from the city center, and is located along the sea.

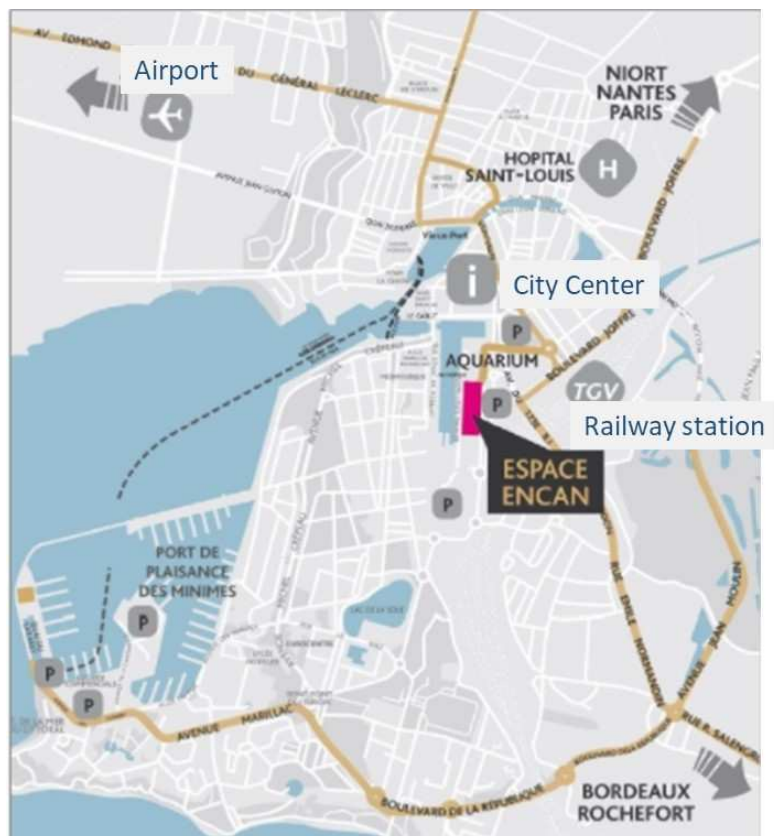
It permits the tenue of the workshops, the parallel session, the lunch and it offers spaces for meetings and relaxing within a same place.

The Espace Encan, formerly the auction hall for the fishing port and now repurposed, extends more than 200 yards along the Grands Yachts basin in the heart of the city, a stone's throw from the station and close to the hotels.

An all-in-one service is offered, provided by an experienced technical team to cover all aspects from the meeting rooms and associated facilities to managing booking for accommodations.



Congress center – Espace ENCAN



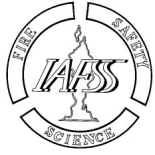
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Espace ENCAN location in La Rochelle city

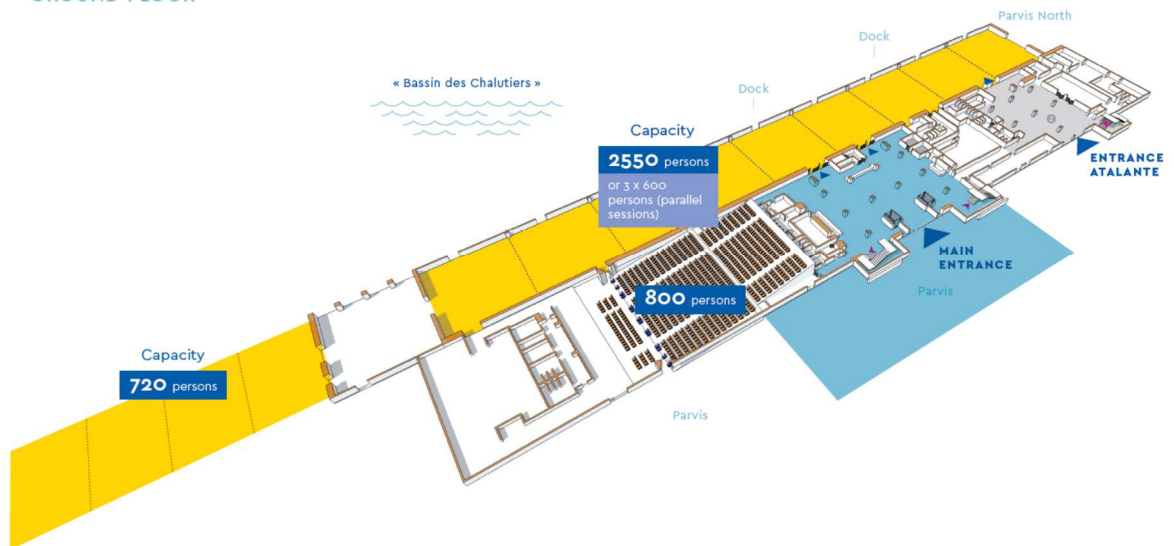


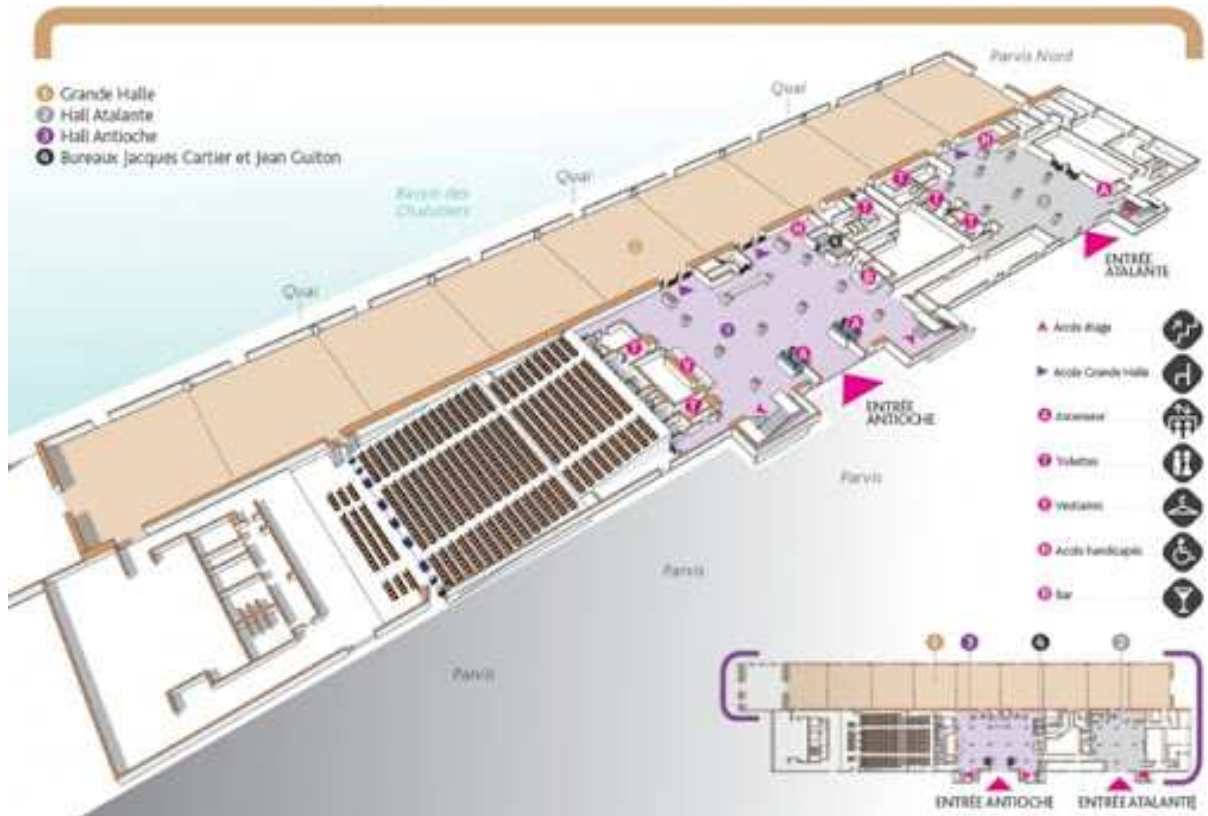




Congress center- Espace ENCAN

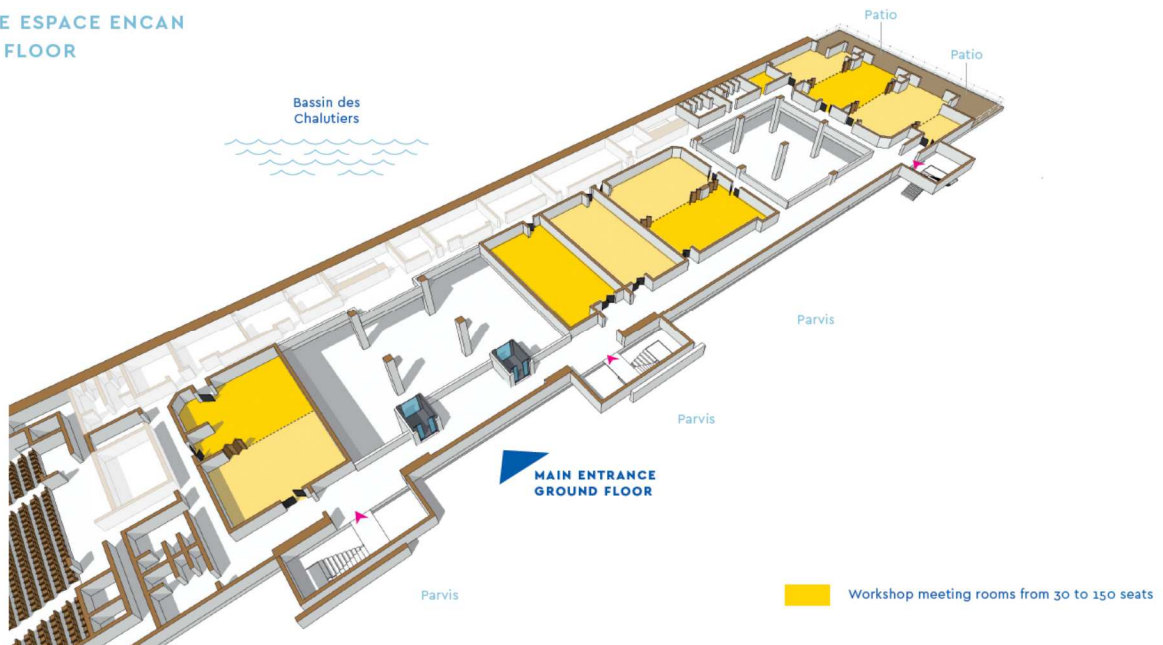
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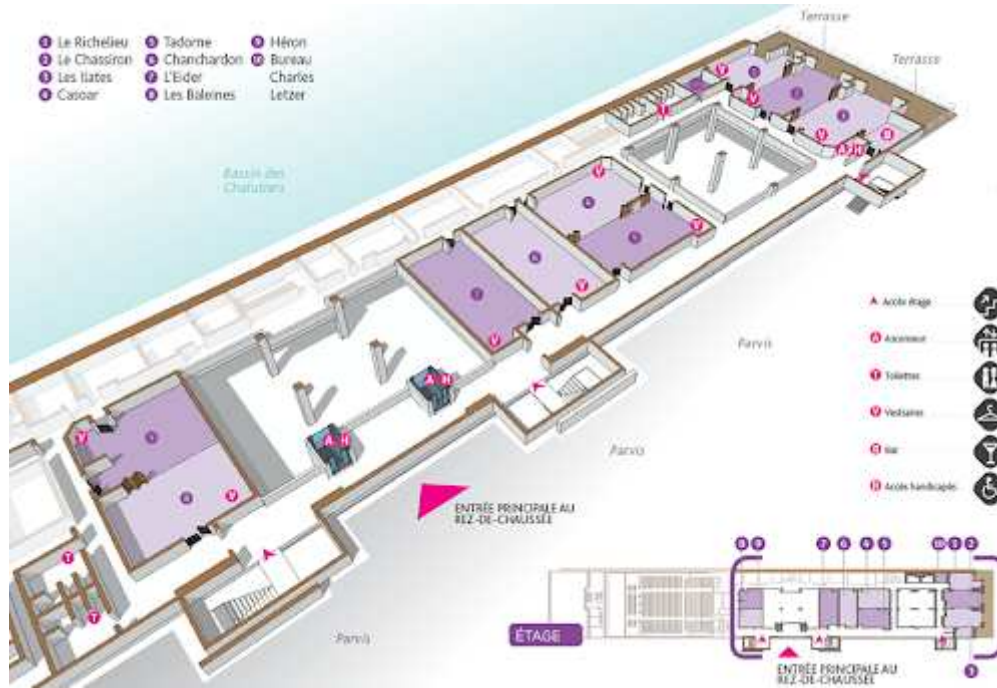




Round Level of Espace ENCAN

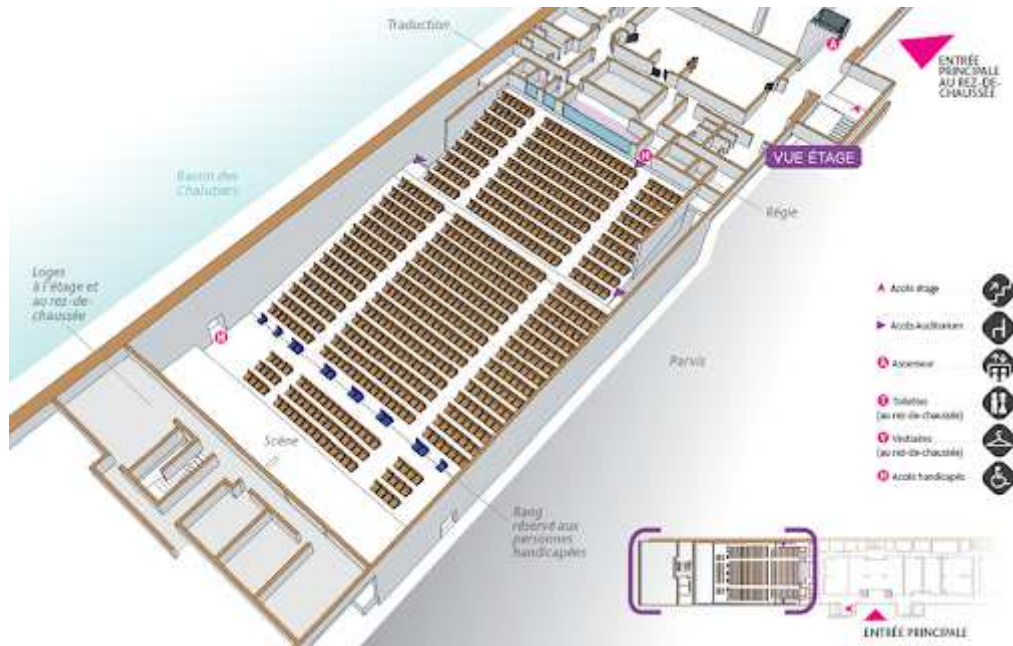
THE ESPACE ENCAN
1ST FLOOR





First level of Espace ENCAN – Rooms





Auditorium of Espace ENCAN

The capacity of the Congress Center are:

- 2500 attendees in plenary
- 4 sessions of 500 to 700 seats
- 7 500 m² exhibition hall along the sea
- 30 to 150 workshop meeting rooms from 30 to 150 seats up to 10 other additional rooms located within 5 min walks

The Congress Center offers a high quality service, including:

- Logistics
- Security
- Cleaning
- Hostessing
- Wi-Fi
- Audio-visual
- Signage Technical Support
- Registration area
- Booth conception & construction



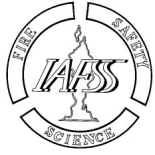
Reception and catering of the participants in Espace ENCAN

6. Virtual edition possibility

The local organizing committee is fully disposable in order to organize the 15th edition of the IAFSS Symposium on a virtual or Hybrid version.

Indeed, in the context of the sanitary crisis COVID-19, the French Universities has been obliged to develop virtual and hybrid teaching. More particularly, University of Poitiers have anticipated the crisis and have done a very important work permitting to maintain the trainings and the different events (colloquium, symposium, others) in a distance or hybrid manner.

Particularly, University of Poitiers:



- Has a subscription to the CISCO Webex meeting system permitting to organize videoconferences with more than 1000 persons, to share contents, to create group of discussions, to registers the sequences...
The system is free and very easy for each participant, with a connection possible from a PC or all portable devices (smartphone, tablet).
- Is equipped of an important number of Cisco Webex toolbars to equip if necessary the congress rooms.
- Offers the possibility of realizing video capture and to post them on Youtube or UP'TV, with the service "I-media".
- Is providing the support of "I-media" service and the "PedagoLab" in order to assist the local committee in the preparation of the event, its realization and to ensure the service of the users. This concerns all the technical and educational aspects.
- Is equipped

7. Activities and attractions

La Rochelle proposes an exceptional environment with a rich cultural heritage. Its location offers the best way to discover this seafaring city with easy access to the islands of Ré, Oléron and Aix, is by sea: the Old Port (Le Vieux-Port), the La Pallice trading port, the Chef de Baie fishing port, the Minimes marina, which is the largest in Europe.

Today, the city centre is a conservation area containing half-timbered houses, Renaissance residences and private houses constructed in the 18th century, all remarkable buildings overlooked by the medieval towers in the Vieux Port, the Saint Nicolas tower and the La Chaîne and Lantern towers.

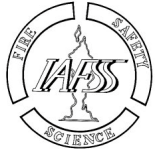
La Rochelle offers a sustainable and responsible future. The urban area of La Rochelle is constantly evolving, with innovation driving its development. The city is renowned for its quality of life and has been a pioneer of urban ecology, focusing on "clean" transport (self-service bicycles, water buses, electric cars and shuttles...) and green spaces.

La Rochelle offers a wide range of activities

- Shopping
- Pubs and bars
- Cinemas and Theatres
- Museums
- Golf
- Walking trails
- Bicycling
- Fishing
- Cruising
- Nautic activities

For the inter-continental travelers who might want to visit area, highly attractive destinations are within proximity of La Rochelle:

- Bordeaux*
- Saint Emilion vineyard*
- Châteaux de la Loire*



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- Atlantic seashore and islands (Ré, Oléron)
- (*including several UNESCO world heritage sites).



Ré Island



Oléron Island



Bordeaux



Saint Emilion vineyard



Loire Castle

8. Summary

The application of University of Poitiers and the Pprime Institute is the one of all the French community working and concerned by Fire Safety Science. A robust, large and experienced local organizing committee is mobilized and will be very pleased to host the 15th edition of the IAFSS symposium in a beautiful and remarkable place, the city of La Rochelle on the Atlantic coast. La Rochelle, a dynamic, welcoming city on a human scale, a living, ecological, sun-filled seafaring city, proposing a large number of activities and attractions. The venue to La Rochelle is very easy with a large number of flight and train connections. La Rochelle proposed all the conveniences required for the accommodations of the participants with more than 2400 hotel rooms in the city and 350 restaurants.

The congress center, Espace ENCAN offers all-in-one service provided by an experienced technical team to cover all aspects from the meeting rooms and associated facilities to managing booking for accommodations. The auction hall for is located on the fishing port and now repurposed, it extends more than 200 yards along the Grands Yachts basin in the heart of the city, a stone's throw from the station and close to the hotels. It offers more than 7 500m², for the reception of the participants, the plenary lectures, the session rooms, the catering and the relax of the participants.



ANNEX 1

University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute supports to the application



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To the IAFSS Management
Committee

Poitiers, the 18th March 2021,

Support of the application of the University of Poitiers to organize and host the 15th IAFSS Symposium, Europe, 2026

Dear Management Committee

I undersigned, Prof. Virginie LAVAL, President of the University of Poitiers certify by the present to support the application of the University of Poitiers in order to organize and host the 15th International Association for Fire Safety Science Symposium, planned in 2026.

The University of Poitiers, created in 1431, is formed by 28 000 students, 3 000 collaborators and 37 laboratories. It is internationally recognized for the quality of its training, its research as well as its hospitality.

The Pprime Institute of the University of Poitiers (UPR 3346 CNRS) is the second laboratory concerning engineering science in France. With 570 persons, it develops a renowned research notably in the domain of Fire Safety Science.

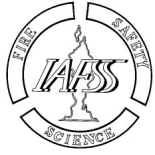
The application of the university of Poitiers and Pprime Institute to organize and host the 15th IAFSS symposium is an opportunity to promote our University and our competence. I wish the success of our application and I assure you the support of the University to provide all the humans resources and the means required in order to prepare and to organize this very important symposium.

We remains at the entire disposal of the IAFSS management committee, and waiting for the next deadlines, please accept my respectful greetings.

Virginie LAVAL

President of the University of Poitiers

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Prof JOULAIN Karl
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University of Poitiers

To the IAFSS Management Committee

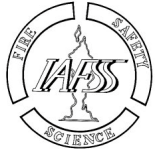
**Support Letter of Pprime Institute for the application in order to organize the 15th
IAFSS Symposium 2026**

Pprime Institute is a laboratory of the CNRS in partnership with the University of Poitiers and the ISAE-ENSMA (college of Engineering). Pprime Institute is composed of 600 persons including 200 permanent researchers, specialized in the fields of Physics and Engineering Sciences. Its research activities cover a large range of topics from physics of materials to fluids and mechanics of materials, mechanical engineering and energetics.

Researchers of the Department Fluids-Thermic-Combustion of the Pprime Institute have been internationally recognized experts on Fire Safety Science for about 60 years now. This research is internationally recognized and is one of the main research activities supported by the laboratory. This research is realized through strong partnerships with various industrial economic companies, European projects, in collaboration with French but also international laboratories.

In this context, I certificate to strongly support the application of the University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute to organize in La Rochelle the 15th International Symposium of the IAFSS in 2026. It would be great honor to be selected. In such a success, we will be pleased to provide all the humans resources and the means required in order to prepare and to organize this very important symposium.

Prof JOULAIN Karl
Director of the Pprime Institute UPR 3346 CNRS



ANNEX 2

French “Groupement de Recherche Feux” support to the application



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France, 3/17/2021

Subject: support to the University of Poitiers to organize the 15th IAFSS Symposium

Dear Professor Rogaume,

We would to thank you for your recent letter concerning your project to organize in France, in La Rochelle the 15th International Symposium of the IAFSS in 2026. It is a very ambitious project and we are convinced that your University has all the necessary assets to make this event a great success.

Since the pioneering works of your laboratory in Poitiers in the 1960's the French community has enlarged and many researchers of laboratories in France are active member of the IAFSS. As you know, the "Groupement de Recherche (GDR) Feux 2864" is a federation of the National Center for Fire Research (CNRS) in France that brings together all the academic and private laboratories working on fire safety science. Our federation has organized in 2018 the 3rd European Symposium on Fire Safety Science led by the LEMTA laboratory of Nancy for which the contribution of the researchers from your group in Poitiers was particularly important.

We keep all in mind that France had the opportunity to organize the 6th international symposium of the IAFSS in 1999 in Poitiers thank to your University that was the leader. Since that time your research group has been a continuously recognized leading laboratory in France and also in the context of the IAFSS with a recent implication in the MacFP Working Group.

During our last meeting, our board of the GDR Feux has validated your proposal to organize and host the 15th IAFSS Symposium in 2026. We strongly support the bid of the University of Poitiers. All the laboratories of the GDR Feux in France are motivated to bring their skills and to help you. We obviously confirm our interest to actively contribute to present our research work for this event as we usually do for the IAFSS events.

With our strong support

Paul-Antoine Santoni
Head of the GDR Feux 2864 CNRS

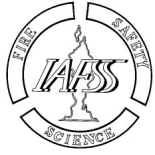
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ANNEX 3

Partners supports to the application



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Support for the application of the university of Poitiers and Pprime Institute to organize and host the 15th IAFSS Symposium, Europe, 2026

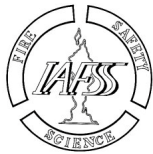
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University of Poitiers is an active member of the French “Groupement de Recherche (GDR) Feux 2864” federating all the academic and private laboratories working on fire safety science in France. The results issued from your research is directly correlated to the requirements of the organisms such as ours.


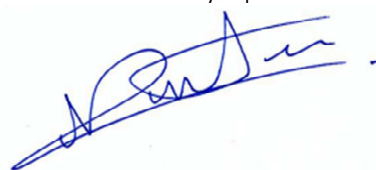




The organization of the IAFSS International Symposium in 2026 in France would be an important opportunity for all the community involved in fire safety science and engineering.

For all those reasons we strongly support the application of the University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute in order to organize and to host the 15th IAFSS International Symposium in 2026.



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To the IAFSS Management Committee

Support for the application of the university of Poitiers and Pprime Institute to organize and host the 15th IAFSS Symposium, Europe, 2026

Dear Professor Rogaume,

We were glad to receive this call from you and your organization, about that ambitious project to host the 15th IAFSS International Symposium in Poitiers in 2026.

Poitiers university is well known for the quality of its research work and its training and besides for its relationships with other French and foreign universities, academic and private laboratories and research groups.

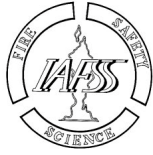
For decades, Pprime Institute and Poitiers University have been working hand to hand with the entire fire science community. Your organization is moreover an active member of the French "Groupement de Recherche (GDR) Feux 2864" and of the IAFSS. It also has been awarded several times for the quality of its works provided by its researchers whom concerns are to develop partnerships with numerous actors of the fire safety science and engineering community.

As far as we are concerned, we worked and still work on different ambitious project with Pprime Institute and Poitiers University which allows us to develop knowledge on fire sciences, gain and reinforce partnerships with organizations such as Ariane Group, Efectis, FCBA and others. The innovative and rigorous experimental and numeric methodologies that are developed throughout these projects represents for us huge opportunities and we are certain that your organization shows the ambition to bring responses in the field of fire sciences through the exploration of fundamental research topics

For all the reasons mentioned above, we are profoundly convinced that Pprime Institute and Poitiers University meet all the requirements to receive such an event and we strongly support your organization's application to host the 15th IAFSS International Symposium in 2026.

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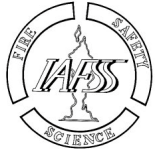
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University of Poitiers is an active member of the French "Groupement de Recherche (GDR) Feux 2864" federating all the academic and private laboratories working on fire safety science in France. The resulting Fire research is directly in line with our requirements. Thus, the organization of the IAFSS International Symposium in 2026 in France would be an important opportunity for all the community involved in fire safety science and engineering.

For all those reasons we strongly support the application of the University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute in order to organize and to host the 15th IAFSS International Symposium in 2026.

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Monsieur le professeur,

C'est avec plaisir que nous avons appris la candidature de l'Université de Poitiers pour l'organisation en 2026 du 15^{ème} Symposium international IAFSS (International Association for Fire Safety Science).

DGA Techniques aéronautiques est très favorable à l'organisation d'un tel événement en France par votre Institut en raison de l'intérêt certain que cela représente pour toute la communauté des experts œuvrant dans le domaine et notamment ceux de notre département d'expertise et d'essais sur la sécurité feu.

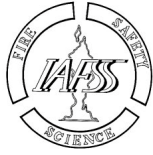
De par le rôle de premier plan que vous jouez dans le groupement de recherche Feux (GDR 2864), votre présence récurrente dans les plus grands symposiums, dont l'IAFSS, et les relations anciennes qui nous unissent nous sommes convaincus de la pertinence de votre candidature.

Soyez assurés de tous nos vœux de réussite dans cette entreprise.

Je vous prie de recevoir, Monsieur le professeur, mes sincères salutations.

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To the IAFSS Management Committee

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Saint-Aubin, March 26th, 2021.

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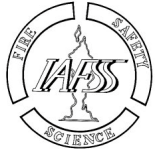
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University of Poitiers is an active member of the French "Groupement de Recherche (GDR) Feux 2864" federating all the academic and private laboratories working on fire safety science in France. The results issued from your research are directly correlated to the requirements of the organisms such as ours.

Your strong involvement in numerous research actions are greatly supported by national programs (ANR, CNRT, GDR), by competitiveness clusters (Aerospace Valley, Astech, Moveo), by Foundations (FNRAE) and federations (FANO), by the State-Region Project Contract and by the European Community, as well as all the industrial players. The complexity and diversity of your work for fire safety concerns have led to various publications with peer review, conferences, and education through PhD and master trainees.

Indeed, your specialization in the fields of physics and engineering sciences covers a large range of topics from physics of materials to fluids and mechanics of materials, mechanical engineering and energetics. In connection with your set of competences, your recognition at the national and international levels correspond perfectly to the synergy activities and collaborations promoted by an organization such as IAFSS.

Additionally to your eminent research activities for theoretical applications in fire science, Pprime Institute integrates experimental facilities and technological platform, that have led to the award of the laboratory by the EQUIPEX program for its GAP project (Groupe Aéro Propulseur). Your institute is also a member of the national network of robotics platforms and controls LABEX INTERACTIFS, a project held by the University of Poitiers, which covers the research program about fluids and solids interfaces.



Your institution develops fundamental research activities in the field of fluids and energy that make it possible to tackle upstream subjects in an original and innovative way in response to the problems encountered in several fields such as of aeronautics, transport, energy and the environment.

Among your research activities, two strong themes are totally in line with IAFSS ones, centered around fire safety. Your global approach to Fire Science combines numerical, theoretical and experimental approaches at different scales, and relies heavily on two large experimental platforms. Thematic relying on fire dynamics, Thermal decomposition of materials exposed to fire, and Coupling fire / thermal decomposition of materials (gas and solid phases) are essential aspect concerning the fire science. They allows better understanding the phenomena and responding to concerns about innovative materials and products used in different applications. These research activities are totally linked to the IAFSS efforts to promote fire safety issues worldwide and communication.

The organization of the IAFSS International Symposium in 2026 in France would be an important opportunity for all the community involved in fire safety science and engineering.

For all those reasons, Efectis France strongly supports the application of the University of Poitiers and Pprime Institute in order to organize and to host the 15th IAFSS International Symposium in 2026. We are also ready to sponsor the event if organized in France.



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