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Call for papers

15th International Symposium on Fire Safety Science

La Rochelle, France – June 8 – 12, 2026

The International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) is delighted to announce that the 15th International Symposium on Fire Safety Science will be held between June 8 – 12, 2026 in La Rochelle, France.

The IAFSS Symposium has been organized triennially since 1985 and has become the premier fire safety science meeting attracting researchers, students, and practicing fire protection engineers from across the globe. The five-day event will feature invited lectures from world-leading fire science researchers, parallel presentations of peer-reviewed papers, work-in-progress poster sessions, and an image session showcasing fire research.

In addition to the technical sessions, social activities are planned to provide meeting and networking opportunities for colleagues at different career stages in informal settings. During the two days prior to the symposium, a series of workshops will be organized, targeting a range of important topics in fire safety science and fire protection engineering.

01 Host venue

The symposium will be held at Espace ENCAN in La Rochelle. La Rochelle is a city in the southwest of France, located on the Atlantic Ocean 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 80,000 inhabitants, named “the Rochelais”.

La Rochelle ranks 5th among France’s most-visited cities due to its rich history, landscapes, architecture, climate and hospitality, benefiting from 2,400 hours of sunshine per year.

From La Rochelle, it is possible to visit the spectacular Re and Oleron islands by boat or public transport. The old and beautiful cities of Bordeaux and Nantes are also easily accessible from La Rochelle. The famous French vineyards of Cognac and Bordeaux are a short distance away.

The city of La Rochelle is well connected to Europe and the world. La Rochelle Airport serves a number of European destinations, including Brussels, Dublin, Geneva, London, Lyon, Marseille, and Porto. The city also benefits from the excellent French railway network, being served daily by TGV trains from Paris Montparnasse Station and Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport.



02 Research topics

Submissions are encouraged on the following topics:

- Ignition, flame structure, and spread (including pool fires and flame heat transfer)
- Solid pyrolysis and smoldering
- Material flammability (including flame retardant materials, flammability testing, fire emissions and their toxicity)
- Enclosure fire dynamics (including compartment, building, facade, tunnel fires, and smoke transport)
- Large outdoor fires (wildland, wildland-urban interface fires, and urban conflagrations)
- Fires in energy systems and industrial installations (including electrical vehicles, hydrogen, photovoltaics, wind turbines, manufacturing and storage facilities)
- Fire detection and suppression
- Structure-fire interactions (mechanical response to fires of steel, concrete, timber or composite structures)
- Evacuation, human behavior, and societal impact of fires
- Fire risk assessment, performance-based design, and fire forensics

03 Symposium timeline

Full papers

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Submission deadline for full papers

NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Reviews and requests for rebuttal are sent to authors

DECEMBER 2, 2026

Author's rebuttals are due

JANUARY 8, 2026

Authors notified of selection decision for oral presentations

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Revised papers with extended rebuttals are due

JUNE 1, 2026

Authors notified of selection for publication in Fire Safety Journal

Posters and images

JANUARY 30, 2026

Submission deadline for poster abstracts and images

MARCH 2, 2026

Authors notified of selection decision for posters

MARCH 2, 2026

Authors notified of selection decision for images



04 Manuscript requirements

Manuscripts must be original work and must not have been submitted to another forum. Manuscripts must be no more than 16 pages in length, with text in single-spaced 12-point Times New Roman and 1-inch page margins. The title, abstract, keywords, figures, and figure captions are subject to the page limit. References, acknowledgments, and author contribution specifications are not subject to the page limit. Supplementary materials are permitted but are not encouraged. A detailed paper style guide and template are available [here](#).

The platform for manuscript submission and review is currently being identified. Information on the submission process will be provided in future communications. Submitted papers will be subject to three independent peer reviews. Papers will be accepted for oral presentation at the symposium based on their quality and originality. The papers accepted for presentation will undergo a second round of evaluation, which may include additional reviews, to determine whether they meet the standard for publication in a special issue of the Fire Safety Journal.

05 Poster and images submission

A Call for Posters and Images will be issued in late 2025. Posters may describe work-in-progress or completed projects. Images should display fire-related topics and can be original photographs, composites, or artwork.

06 Contact

If you have any questions on the paper submission process for the 15th International Symposium on Fire Safety Science, please contact Dr. Xinyan Huang (xy.huang@polyu.edu.hk) or Dr. Pedro Reszka (pedro.reszka@uai.cl).

07 Code of conduct

All symposium attendees are expected to adhere to the IAFSS Code of Conduct. IAFSS is dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion within its organization and official events, and no discriminatory behavior will be tolerated.

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