

Call for Papers

EICF 34th International Conference 2026
Lectures, Exhibition & Technical visits

SICC (Sevilla International Convention Center), Seville



**People, Skills & Knowledge:
The Future Workforce of Investment
Casting**

Conference Dates : 10 - 12, May 2026
Abstract Deadline : 30 November 2025



EICF 34th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION, SEVILLE 2026

Europe's annual Investment Casting International Conference & Exhibition comes to Seville, Spain, hosted at the modern Sevilla International Convention Center (SICC).

The theme selected for the 2026 edition is: "People, Skills & Knowledge: The Future Workforce of Investment Casting"

The investment casting industry stands at a crucial crossroads. Beyond technological and supply chain advancements, the future success of the sector depends on its people—their skills, expertise, adaptability, and resilience. The 2026 conference will address on top of technical innovations and industry advances, how workforce development, knowledge transfer, innovation, and sustainable practices will shape the investment casting sector in an era of transformation.

STRUCTURE & CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

The conference is organised by the European Investment Casters' Federation (EICF). The Conference structure in addition to the usual Technical Sessions shall incorporate the People, Skills & Knowledge Seminar as a one day track.

Further information about services and membership can be found at www.eicf.org

LANGUAGE

English will be the official language of the conference

VENUE

The Seville International Convention Center (SICC) is a state-of-the-art facility located in one of Spain's most vibrant cultural and historical cities. SICC provides an outstanding professional environment combined with easy access to Seville's unique heritage, making it the perfect setting for international collaboration.



SPEAKER ABSTRACT DEADLINE

Abstract Deadline: 30th November 2025 (please note that abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Presentations from the Conference Technical Sessions and Seminar, shall be published as part of the Conference Digital Proceedings and made available to registered delegates in video format, after the event.

Past seminar & conferences proceedings are also available through www.eicf.org



TO PRESENT A PAPER

Speakers are invited to submit abstracts of original, unpublished work for presentation at the Technical Sessions or at the Seminar. Commercialism in presentations is not permitted.

All abstracts must be submitted online via the dedicated portal accessible at www.eicf.org.

Papers shall be allocated to the Conference Sessions by the CTC (Conference Technical Committee). Sessions will consist of several presentations, with 20/25 minutes scheduled for each paper, plus 10/5 minutes for questions & discussion.

When assessing submitted papers, the CTC will consider:

- i. Originality and novelty of the subject
- ii. Innovation in material, process or product
- iii. Scientific outcome of R&D
- iv. Advances in manufacturing/management
- v. Use of Digitalisation and AI Tools (where applicable)
- vi. Comparisons with competitive processes and cast products
- vii. Standard of the paper and alignment with the conference theme

Presentations must be submitted in **PowerPoint format (*.pptx)**.

CONFERENCE THEME :

People, Skills & Knowledge: The Future Workforce of Investment Casting

Abstracts can be submitted on the following topics :

- Innovation & Research: R&D projects advancing investment casting processes and applications; advances in casting simulation, predictive modelling, and defect reduction; digital twins and AI-driven foundry optimisation
- Materials & Process Development: new alloys and high-temperature materials for aerospace and energy; ceramics, refractories, and shell system innovations; coatings, waxes, surface treatments, and dimensional accuracy improvements; sustainability in materials
- Equipment and Process Innovations – new equipment and technologies for improved process control, reduced variability, automation, and advanced inspection methods.
- New Management Practices & Competitiveness: innovative management approaches; supply chain resilience and risk management; ESG integration; case studies of business transformation
- Digitalisation & Automation: robotics and human-machine interaction; Industry 4.0/5.0; AI and data analytics for quality assurance and process improvement
- Additive Manufacturing : hybrid manufacturing approaches; certification and quality assurance; design flexibility; workforce skills and training needs

People, Skills & Knowledge in Investment Casting Seminar

- Workforce development and upskilling strategies
- Attracting and retaining skilled professionals
- Collaboration with universities, RTOs, and vocational schools
- Knowledge transfer and mentorship across generations
- Digital skills for the smart foundry of the future
- Competence certification and professional development frameworks
- Diversity, inclusion, and cultural transformation
- Worker health, safety, and mental well-being
- Policies and funding mechanisms supporting skills and education

Speaker Deadlines

Abstract Submission Deadline	30 November 2025
Programme Selection	30 December 2025
Presentation Submission Deadline	28 February 2026
Speaker Registration & Licence to Publish Agreement Deadline	30 March 2026

Abstracts Guidelines

Abstracts Structure in the following format:

1. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words in length—not including Title, Author's name, or Company & Institution's name. This limit includes all text, spaces, and punctuation.
2. The text of the abstract should consist of a single paragraph. The abstract should be factual and informative. It should adequately summarise the work to be presented, including results and conclusions.
3. Ensure that all italics, superscript, subscript, and any special characters are in place before submitting an abstract.

Conditions

The content of all abstracts will be refereed by the Conference Technical Committee, who reserve the right to reject a paper that does not meet its evaluation criteria. The inclusion of a paper in the final programme will also be dependent upon:

- the submission of the abstract and final presentation in requested format (*.pptx) by the official deadlines
- the receipt of the Licence to Publish Agreement by the deadline
- the presenting author completing his/her delegate Conference registration and payment by fixed deadline.

Note to Speakers:

All costs relating to Conference participation, including registration (special rate for Speakers), travel accommodation and subsistence expenses, to be covered by the Speaker.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The EICF invites the community of INVESTMENT CASTING, Foundries, Suppliers, Design Offices and OEM Customers, Universities, Research and Technology Organisations, to contribute, by submitting their Abstracts Proposals for the EICF 34th International Conference & Exhibition, to be held 10 - 12 May 2026 at Sevilla International Convention Center (SICC), Seville (Spain)

Appreciation is given to all contributors

Abstracts applications to be presented via EICF portal at www.eicf.org

The EICF reserves the right to modify the Conference date subject to extraordinary circumstances

About Seville

Seville, capital of Andalusia, is one of Europe's most historic and vibrant cities. Known for its rich cultural heritage, architectural landmarks such as the Alcázar and the Cathedral, and a thriving modern economy, Seville offers an inspiring backdrop for this international event. Seville has a municipal population of about 686,741 as of 2024, and a metropolitan population of about 1.5 million, making it the largest city in Andalusia and the 5th-largest city in Spain. Its old town, with an area of 4 square kilometres, contains a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising three buildings: the Alcázar palace complex, the Cathedral and the General Archive of the Indies. The Seville harbour, located about 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the Atlantic Ocean, is the only river port in Spain.

Its unique blend of tradition and innovation mirrors the conference theme: the future of investment casting shaped by the skills and knowledge of its people.

