

# ISA Guidelines for the Scientific Programme of Sessions Organised by Research Committees, Working Groups and Thematic Groups (RC/WG/TG)

These Guidelines apply to the Scientific Programme constructed by ISA Research Committees (RC), Working Groups (WG), and Thematic Groups (TG) for the XXI World Congress of Sociology (Gwangju, South Korea, 4–10 July 2027).

Other types of sessions (such as Semi-Plenaries, Integrative Sessions, Professional Development Sessions, and Local Organising Committee Sessions) follow separate processes or calls.

All deadlines indicated in these Guidelines are strict and enforced at 23:59 UTC/GMT. ISA does not provide deadline extensions.

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# Global Sociology in Turbulent Times

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## 1. Access to the Conference System and User Profile

Access to the Conference System requires a user profile in the ISA Member Portal. The same login (email and password) must be used for all actions. Users who already have an ISA profile, particularly ISA members, must use their existing account and should not create a new profile with a different email address, as this may prevent the system from recognising their membership status.

Creating a profile in the ISA Member Portal does not constitute ISA membership. However, this step is mandatory, as the system uses this information to determine the user's country of residence, registration category, and applicable Congress registration fee.

Participants registering under specific categories, such as students, may be required to upload supporting documents to the ISA Member Portal. If this validation is not completed in advance, the corresponding registration category may not be applied.

ISA membership and Congress registration are separate processes. Membership fees are not included in Congress registration fees.

Technical guidance on the use of the Conference System and the ISA Member Portal is provided separately through official user manuals and support materials available on the ISA website.

## 2. Conference Format

The XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology will be held in person only. All sessions and presentations are expected to take place on site in Gwangju, South Korea. No online participation will be possible.

### 2.1 Session Allocation and Time Structure

The number of sessions allocated to each RC/WG/TG is determined by the number of ISA members in good standing in the respective group as of October 31, 2025. The allocation table for the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology is presented as follows:

XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology – Gwangju, Korea									
Number of sessions allocated to Research Committees (RC), Working Groups (WG) & Thematic Groups (TG)									
ISA Members October 2025*	250 +	200 – 249	150 – 199	100 – 149		50 – 99		25 – 49	< 25
Number of Allocated Sessions	27	25	23	19		15		10	6
RC/WG/TG	RC02	RC05	RC11	RC07	RC44	RC01	RC42	RC36	TG02
	RC04	RC06	RC14	RC08	RC46	RC03	RC43	RC50	TG13
	RC21	RC16	RC15	RC09	RC52	RC10	RC45	RC54	
	RC24	RC22	RC17	RC12	RC53	RC13	RC49	TG07	
	RC28	RC34	RC18	RC20	RC55	RC25	RC51		
	RC31	RC47	RC19	RC33	RC56	RC26	WG01		
	RC32		RC23	RC37	RC57	RC27	WG06		
	RC48		RC30	RC38	WG04	RC29	TG05		
	WG10		RC58	RC39	WG11	RC35	TG09		
			TG03	RC40		RC41	TG12		

\* RC/WG/TG numbers and names are updated as approved by EC in February 2026

The number of sessions indicated in the table represents the total number of sessions allocated to your RC/WG/TG. This total must be distributed across all session types (Open, Invited, Joint, Roundtable, Poster, as well as the Business Meeting).

## 2.1 Session Allocation and Time Structure (continuation)

All sessions of Research Committees (RC), Working Groups (WG), and Thematic Groups (TG) will last 1h 45 min [105 minutes], except for the 19:30–20:50 evening time slot, which lasts only 80 minutes and is recommended for the Business Meeting.

The available time slots for session scheduling are presented below. Programme Coordinators schedule Open and Invited sessions within the available time slots. Roundtable, Poster, and Joint Sessions are scheduled centrally by the Conference System. Further details on the scheduling process are provided in the [Duties and Deadlines](#) section.

The following structural limits apply:

- Each RC/WG/TG must hold one Business Meeting.
- Each RC/WG/TG may organise up to two Roundtable Sessions.
- Each RC/WG/TG may organise up to two Poster Sessions.
- Each Joint Session counts toward the total session allocation of the host RC/WG/TG. (It does not count for the co-organiser RC/WG/TG).
- Joint Sessions may not represent more than 50% of the total number of sessions in which a RC/WG/TG is involved, whether as host or co-organiser.

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS FOR RESEARCH COMMITTEES (RC), WORKING GROUPS (WG) & THEMATIC GROUPS (TG)							
	8:30-10:15	10:30-12:15	12:30-13:45	14:00 - 15:15	15:30 - 17:15	17:30-19:15	19:30 - 20:50
<b>Monday 5 July</b>		RC/WG/TG			RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG
<b>Tuesday 6 July</b>	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG			RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG
<b>Wednesday 7 July</b>	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG			RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG
<b>Thursday 8 July</b>	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG			RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG
<b>Friday 9 July</b>	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG			RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG	
<b>Saturday 10 July</b>	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG	RC/WG/TG			

## 2.2 Types of Sessions

Sessions within the RC/WG/TG programme may take different formats. The type of session must be indicated at the time of proposal submission. The following types of sessions are possible:

### **Open Sessions (Paper Presentation Sessions)**

Open Sessions are included in the Call for Abstracts and are open to receive abstract submissions. Session organisers evaluate and select the abstracts to be included in their session.

Open Sessions are normally structured as Paper Presentation Sessions. It is recommended that each session use its 105 minutes to accommodate 4 to 5 papers and 15–20 minutes of collective discussion.

Further details on abstract selection, distributed papers, and presentation allocation are provided in the [Duties and Deadlines](#) section.

### **Invited Sessions**

Invited Sessions are organised with a pre-defined list of participants. They are not included in the Call for Abstracts and are not open to receive abstract submissions from the general public.

Invited Sessions may take different forms, including but not limited to:

- Featured or Keynote Speaker Sessions, centred on a presentation by a leading scholar, followed by discussion;
- Panel Sessions, involving structured debate among invited panellists on a specific theme, followed by an open floor;
- Author Meets Their Critics sessions, around a discussion of a recent publication.

The above are simply suggestions. Other formats, such as a hands-on workshop or a session on pedagogy, may also be appropriate for your group.

### **Poster Sessions**

Poster Sessions present research in a visual format and are scheduled centrally within the Congress timetable. Presenters showcase their work during a designated time slot, allowing for one-on-one discussions with participants. Each RC/WG/TG can organise up to 2 Poster Sessions.

## Types of Sessions (continue)

### Roundtable Sessions

Roundtable Sessions are a format used to accommodate a larger number of accepted abstracts within a single session time slot. In a Roundtable Session, multiple small-group discussions take place simultaneously in the same room, with up to five tables running in parallel. Each table includes a limited number of presenters (typically 5–6) and participants (up to 10), and is organised around discussion rather than sequential formal presentations. Tables within a session may address the same topic or different topics.

Roundtable Sessions are not typically proposed at the Call for Sessions stage. They are usually designated later in the programme-building process, when a session receives a high number of quality abstracts.

Further details on when and how Roundtable Sessions are designated and organised are provided in the [Duties and Deadlines](#) section. Each RC/WG/TG can organise up to 2 roundtable sessions.

### Joint Sessions

Joint Sessions are organised collaboratively by two or more RCs, or by an RC together with a WG or TG, on a theme of shared interest.

Joint Sessions require coordination between the participating units and are included within the session allocation of the host RC/WG/TG. They count only toward the allocation of the host unit. Joint Sessions may not represent more than 50% of the total number of sessions in which a RC/WG/TG is involved, whether as host or co-organiser.

Scheduling of Joint Sessions is handled centrally and cannot be modified by Programme Coordinators.

### Business Meeting

Each RC/WG/TG must hold one Business Meeting during the Congress. This session is reserved for governance and organisational matters and counts toward the allocated session total.

## 2.3 Linguistic Diversity

The ISA has three official languages: English, French, and Spanish. English is the administrative language of the Association.

Abstracts may be submitted in any of the three official languages. The language(s) in which abstracts are accepted for a session indicate the language(s) in which the session will be conducted. For Open Sessions, Session Organisers must specify, at the time of proposal, which of the official languages will be accepted for abstract submission.

Participants may present in any of the three official languages. Session Organisers are responsible for defining the working language(s) of their session and should ensure that this is clearly indicated in the session description and, where relevant, reflected in the session title.

The ISA does not provide simultaneous interpretation. Where participants do not share the same working language, Session Organisers may, where appropriate, plan simple arrangements to facilitate communication within the session.

Possible approaches may include, for example, the use of bilingual presentations or slides, brief summaries in another language, or informal support among participants. Any such arrangements should be communicated in advance to both presenters and the audience.

## 3. Roles and Responsibilities

This section outlines the roles involved in the development of the scientific programme and their respective responsibilities. It identifies the main actors – Programme Coordinators, Session Organisers, and Authors – and clarifies their roles within the process.

Detailed tasks and actions associated with each role are provided in the Duties and Deadlines section.

### **3.1 Programme Coordinators and Session Organisers**

The Programme Coordinator for each RC/WG/TG is responsible for organising a high-quality programme of sessions.

In cooperation with the RC/WG/TG Board, the Programme Coordinator defines session themes and, where appropriate, an overall theme for the group's programme, and selects Session Organisers who will ensure the academic quality expected at a World Congress.

The Programme Coordinator serves as the main point of contact with the ISA Secretariat on all matters concerning the group's programme and relays relevant information to Session Organisers as needed.

Following the Call for Abstracts, the Programme Coordinator supports Session Organisers in the evaluation of submissions and may transfer abstracts between sessions where appropriate.

The Programme Coordinator monitors the progress of session organisers, determines the final programme structure, and is responsible for the scheduling of sessions.

Session Organisers are responsible for all correspondence related to their sessions and for ensuring that session information in the Conference System is accurate and up to date. All changes must be made through the system.

**Programme Coordinators and Session Organisers are expected to comply with all deadlines set for the Congress. No extensions will be granted.**

## 3.2 Authors

Authors are responsible for submitting abstracts in accordance with ISA rules and within the deadlines indicated in the Duties and Deadlines section. **All deadlines are enforced at 23:59 UTC/GMT, and no extensions will be granted.**

Each abstract must be submitted to one specific session. Authors are responsible for selecting the session that best aligns with their proposal and ensuring their abstract fits within the theme of that session. Authors are encouraged to explore sessions by Research Committee (RC), Working Group (WG), Thematic Group (TG), or by keyword.

### **Abstract requirements**

Abstracts must not exceed 300 words.

Abstracts must be submitted in one of the languages accepted for the session. Authors are responsible for verifying the language(s) indicated in the session description before submission.

The title and abstract text must be carefully reviewed prior to submission. The ISA does not provide proofreading or editing services, and abstracts are evaluated as submitted. They may be edited on the platform up until the submission deadline; after this deadline, no further changes can be made.

Submission of an abstract does not guarantee its acceptance.

### **Participation limits**

A participant may be included as author or co-author on a maximum of two abstract submissions. Each abstract may include up to seven authors. The submitting author is responsible for entering all co-authors' details correctly into the Conference System.

Participants may also take on additional roles in the programme (such as chair or discussant), in accordance with ISA rules. A participant may not serve as chair (or co-chair) and present a paper in the same session.

These limits are enforced automatically by the Conference System at the time of submission.

## 3.2 Authors (continuation)

### Registration requirement

Acceptance of an abstract does not constitute confirmation of participation in the Congress. To be included in the programme, at least one author of each accepted abstract must complete registration by the deadline indicated in the Duties and Deadlines section.

## 3.3 Rules for All Presenters

A participant may appear in the programme in the following roles:

- up to 3 times as a Session Organiser
- up to 2 times as author or co-author (including oral and poster presentations, distributed papers, and roundtable presentations)
- up to 2 times as chair or co-chair, panellist, critic, or discussant

A participant may not serve as chair (or co-chair) and present a paper in the same session.

RC/WG/TGs may apply stricter limits within their own sessions and must clearly communicate these requirements to participants in advance.

The following limits also apply:

- a maximum of 3 Session Organisers per session
- a maximum of 7 authors per abstract

All limits are enforced by the Conference System.

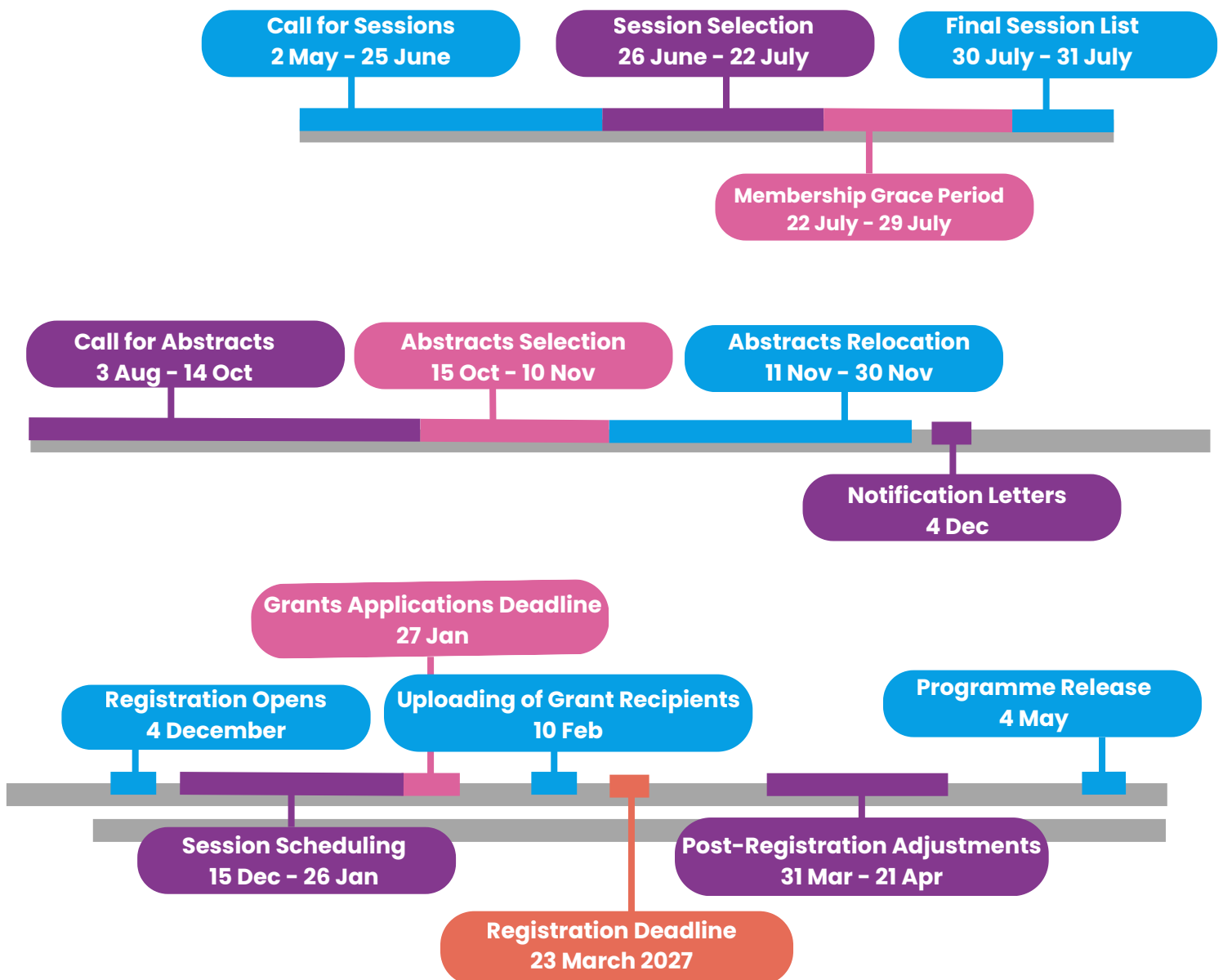
## 4. Duties and Deadlines

The following guidelines are presented in a colour-coded diagram organised by phase, responsible role, and required action to help Programme Coordinators, Session Organisers, and Authors quickly identify their responsibilities at each stage.

**Please note that all deadlines indicated in the table are strict and expire at 23:59 UTC/GMT. No extensions will be granted.**

## 4. Duties and Deadlines

The following timeline provides a consolidated overview of the key phases and deadlines in the programme-building process. Detailed duties and responsibilities are outlined in the following section and should be carefully reviewed to ensure compliance with all requirements and deadlines.



Identify your role responsibilities by colour

Program Coordinator

Session Organizer

Authors

## PROGRAMME COORDINATOR NOTIFICATION

Program Coordinator



**27 April 2026**

Each RC/WG/TG provides the name and contact details of its Programme Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat through this form:  
<https://forms.gle/JjAHNDFWQ1r36orH7>

## CALL FOR SESSIONS



**2 May – 25 June 2026**

Program Coordinator

**Plan your session slots according to the total number of sessions available for your unit.**

Plan with your Board the Invited Sessions you will set up.

In the initial phase of the Call for Sessions, Programme Coordinators may wish to share a brief orientation outlining themes or issues considered particularly relevant within their RC/WG/TG, including those aligned with the Congress theme “Global Sociology in Turbulent Times”.

**TIP! Create “backup” or “reserve” Invited Sessions** directly in the Conference System to reserve session slots. These sessions do not appear in the Call for Abstracts, so authors cannot send submissions for them. If you later receive more accepted abstracts than expected or need to reorganise sessions, you can rename and use these reserved slots. This helps you avoid losing any allocated sessions, as no new sessions can be created after this stage.

## CALL FOR SESSIONS



**2 May – 25 June 2026**

**Session Organizer**

**Propose a session in the Conference System**

by selecting a session type and providing a clear title and description. Indicate the language(s) of the session.

ISA membership is not required at the time of submission. For accepted sessions, at least one Session Organiser must be an ISA member and a member of the relevant RC/WG/TG by the end of the membership grace period; otherwise, the session will be removed from the programme.

Session proposals may be edited in the Conference System until the deadline. No further changes can be made after this deadline.

**TIP! Refine your session** title, description, keywords, and language(s) carefully before the deadline. Session proposals are published as submitted, and the ISA does not edit or proofread them.

## SESSION SELECTION



**26 June – 22 July 2026**

**Program Coordinator**

**Select the sessions that will be part of your RC/WG/TG programme.**

Review all proposals submitted to your unit and accept or exclude them based on quality, relevance to your unit, thematic balance, and the number of allocated session slots.

**TIP! Use all your allocated session slots.** At this stage, you can only make your selection from the sessions created during the Call for Sessions; no new sessions can be added, and unused slots will be lost. To allow some flexibility, you may retain some “backup” or reserve Invited Sessions created in the previous phase, even if not yet fully defined, and refine or repurpose them at a later stage if needed.

## SESSION SELECTION



26 June – 22 July 2026

Program Coordinator

**TIP!** Create a pool of “extra sessions”. When reviewing proposals, identify additional sessions that meet your quality criteria and keep them in reserve. If a selected session is later removed (for example, due to non-compliance with membership requirements), you can activate one or more of these sessions to maintain your full allocation.

## PRE-SELECTED SESSIONS Membership grace period



22 July – 29 July 2026

Session Organizer

**All Session Organisers of pre-selected sessions will be notified on 22 July 2026.**

From that date, a one-week membership grace period applies. For each session, at least one Session Organiser must be an ISA member and a member of the relevant RC/WG/TG by the end of this period. Session Organisers who are not yet members must fulfill this requirement within this timeframe. If the requirement is not met, the session will be removed from the programme.

## FINAL SESSION LIST



30 July – 31 July 2026

Program Coordinator

**Activate a “backup” session if needed.**

If a session has been removed following the membership grace period (see previous section), you may activate a “backup” session to maintain your full allocation.

**TIP!** Programme Coordinators, in consultation with their RC/WG/TG Board, are encouraged to define clear selection criteria and an application process for registration grants in advance. Providing this information early allows Session Organisers to communicate it clearly in the Call for Abstracts.



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



3 August – 14 October 2026

### Authors

**Submit your abstract to a specific session via the Conference System**

All abstracts must be submitted through the Conference System and linked to one selected session. Identify the most suitable session by browsing RC/WG/TG listings or keywords, and make sure that your abstract aligns with the session description.

Abstracts must not exceed 300 words and must be submitted in a language accepted for the session.

Abstracts are evaluated as submitted. They may be edited in the Conference System until the submission deadline; after this deadline, no further changes can be made.

**TIP!** After submitting your abstract, review the confirmation email carefully to ensure that the authors' details (name and affiliation), title and text display correctly. You may revise your abstract in the Conference System until the submission deadline.

### Session Organizer

**Upload the participants, abstracts and all required details of your Invited Sessions**

in the Conference System. All information must be complete and accurate, as it will appear in the programme as submitted. Invited Session content must be finalised within this period; no additions or modifications are possible after the deadline.

### Program Coordinator

### Session Organizer

**TIP! Programme Coordinators and Session Organisers are encouraged to include information on registration grants in their Call for Abstracts**, including eligibility, selection criteria, and application procedures where these have been defined.

## ABSTRACT SELECTION 15 October – 10 November 2026

### Program Coordinator

**Review that participants, abstracts, and session details have been properly submitted**

in the Conference System before the deadline. Limited adjustments after the registration deadline are managed by the Programme Coordinator. Session Organisers should ensure that sessions are complete and accurate at this stage.

### Session Organizer

**Evaluate the abstracts submitted to your Open Session(s).**

Assess submissions based on academic quality and relevance to the session. Session Organisers are responsible for the academic quality of accepted contributions.

### Session Organizer

**Record a decision for each abstract in the Conference System**

Available options include: Accept as an oral presentation, Accept as a Distributed Paper, Accept as a poster presentation (where applicable), Reject, or Transfer to the Programme Coordinator's basket (for potential reassignment). Only decisions recorded in the system are valid.

### Session Organizer

**Use Distributed Papers as a reserve list.**

Distributed Papers are accepted abstracts that are not initially scheduled as oral presentations due to time constraints. They remain attached to the session and are included in the Programme and Abstracts Books, provided the author registers. If space becomes available after the registration deadline (for example, due to withdrawals or failure to register), Distributed Papers may be upgraded to oral presentations. This approach helps ensure that sessions remain complete and well-balanced despite changes in registration.

**Transfer high-quality abstracts that do not fit your session to the Programme Coordinator's basket for possible reassignment.**

**For Roundtable Sessions, assign each accepted abstract to a specific table within the session.**

## ABSTRACT SELECTION 15 October – 10 November 2026

**Program Coordinator**

**Monitor the completion of abstract decisions across your unit.**

Ensure that all Session Organisers finalise their decisions within the deadline. Incomplete decisions may delay the programme.

**TIP! Manage situations with “too many good abstracts”.** If a session receives more high-quality submissions than it can accommodate, the Programme Coordinator and Session Organiser may reorganise the session by designating a Roundtable, splitting the session in two different sessions using available “backup” sessions, or reallocating abstracts to other sessions.

**TIP! Structuring roundtable tables around different themes** can help balance audience distribution and accommodate a larger number of high-quality abstracts.

## ABSTRACT RELOCATION 11 – 30 November 2026

**Program Coordinator**

**Relocate transferred abstracts to more suitable sessions**

Abstracts that were moved to the Programme Coordinator’s basket may be reassigned to sessions that align with their themes and have available space. This stage allows for final adjustments to the programme structure before notification letters are issued.

**TIP! Structuring roundtable tables around different themes** can help balance audience distribution and accommodate a larger number of high-quality abstracts.

## NOTIFICATION LETTERS



**4 December 2026**

**Program Coordinator**

**Session Organizer**

**Do not send manual acceptance emails.**

Notification letters are automatically dispatched by the Conference System. Session Organisers should refrain from sending separate confirmations, as this may cause confusion.

**Authors**

**Receive automatic notification letters**

Authors and co-authors receive the official decision via the automated notification generated by the Conference System. Accepted authors may proceed to register for the Congress.

**TIP!** Notification emails are sent automatically by the Conference System. Participants are advised to check their spam or junk folders if they do not receive a message.

## SESSION SCHEDULING



**15 December 2026 – 12 January 2027**

**The Conference System schedules Joint Sessions, Roundtable Sessions, and Poster Sessions.**

**Program Coordinator**



**13 January – 26 January 2027**

**Schedule your regular sessions (Open and Invited)** by assigning each to an available time slot within your RC/WG/TG allocation, with a focus on maintaining thematic continuity and minimising conflicts. All scheduling actions must be saved in the Conference System before it closes; late changes are not possible.

## REGISTRATION GRANTS DEADLINES 27 January 2027

**ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**Deadline to apply for a Registration Grant**

Deadline for Programme Coordinators to receive applications for Congress registration grants from participants, in accordance with RC/WG/TG procedures. Further details on eligibility, application process, and timelines are provided in the [Registration Grants](#) section.

**Program Coordinator**



**10 February 2027**

**Deadline for Programme Coordinators to submit the list of selected grantees** via the ISA Member Portal for verification and approval.

Further details on eligibility, application procedures, and allocation rules are provided in the [Registration Grants](#) section.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL PRESENTERS

**ALL PARTICIPANTS**



**23 March 2027**

**Register before the deadline to remain in the programme.** Acceptance of an abstract does not constitute confirmation of participation in the Congress. Only registered authors are included in the final programme, and only presentations listed in the programme may be delivered at the Congress.

For co-authored papers, at least one author must be registered by the deadline; otherwise, the Conference System will remove the paper. All co-authors who wish to attend the Congress must register individually. ISA membership is not required to present, but fees differ for members and non-members.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL PRESENTERS

ALL PARTICIPANTS



**23 March 2027**

Payment by credit card is the standard and immediate method.

**Payment by bank transfer requires additional processing time.**

Participants choosing this method should initiate the process well in advance to ensure that payment is completed and received by the ISA before the registration deadline.

**Participants whose registrations are processed through their institution or a third party are strongly advised to begin payment processing well in advance**, as administrative procedures may take time.

Late or incomplete payments may result in removal from the programme.

## POST-REGISTRATION ADJUSTMENTS



**31 March – 21 April 2027**

Session Organizer

**Review your sessions following the automatic removal of non-registered presenters**

If presentation slots become available, you may upgrade Distributed Papers to oral presentations, provided the author is registered, to ensure that the session remains complete and balanced. Coordinate with the Programme Coordinator for any structural adjustments.

**Assign a chair for each session from among registered participants**, in coordination with the Programme Coordinator. Each session must have a designated chair responsible for coordinating the session. A participant may not serve as chair (or co-chair) and present a paper in the same session. Session Organisers may present in their own session, but must ensure that another participant is assigned as chair.



## POST-REGISTRATION ADJUSTMENTS



**31 March – 21 April 2027**

**Program Coordinator**

**Review the programme after the automatic removals**

have been applied and implement final adjustments in the Conference System. Identify sessions that have become too small or unbalanced and determine whether reallocation or consolidation is required. You may reassign abstracts, consolidate sessions, or adjust session structures to ensure feasibility. All changes must be completed before the system closes; after this point, the programme is finalised for publication.

The Conference System will automatically notify authors if their presentation has been moved to a different format or if it has been reassigned to a different session.

**Ensure that all sessions have an assigned chair and that chairs are confirmed from among registered participants.** Sessions without a designated chair may not be able to run as scheduled.

## PROGRAMME RELEASE

**ALL PARTICIPANTS**



**4 May 2027**

**The programme is published online.**



## 5. Registration Policies

ISA membership is not required to present a paper. However, membership and registration are separate processes managed through different systems: membership via the ISA Member Portal and Congress registration via the Conference System.

For accepted sessions, at least one Session Organiser must be an ISA member and a member of the relevant RC/WG/TG by the end of the membership grace period; otherwise, the session will be removed from the programme.

RC/WG/TGs requiring presenters to hold membership (ISA and/or RC/WG/TG) must clearly communicate these requirements in advance.

### **Registration and inclusion in the programme**

To be included in the programme, all participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.) must complete registration by **23 March 2027**. Acceptance of an abstract does not constitute confirmation of participation. Only participants listed in the final programme may present at the Congress.

For co-authored papers, at least one author must complete registration by the deadline for the paper to remain in the programme. Co-authors who do not attend may remain listed. All co-authors who wish to attend must register individually.

### **Payment considerations**

Participants paying by bank transfer, or whose registration is processed through their institution, should initiate payment well in advance to account for administrative delays. Registration is only considered complete once payment has been received and processed by the ISA.

### **ISA registration policies**

By registering for or participating in the XXI ISA WCS, participants agree to ISA registration policies. Full details are available on the ISA website.

- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Liability Waiver and Travel Responsibility Clause](#)
- Registration Cancellation Policy
- [Photography and Video Policy](#)
- Companions Policy

## 6. ISA Registration Grants

ISA provides registration grants to support participation in the Congress. Each Research Committee (RC), Working Group (WG), and Thematic Group (TG) is responsible for allocating these grants in accordance with ISA guidelines and its own internal procedures.

### Types of grants

Each RC/WG/TG receives:

- one registration grant for a Programme Coordinator;
- a limited amount of funds to allocate as registration grants to participants.

### Eligibility

Registration grants may be allocated only to participants who:

- are active participants in the conference programme;
- are ISA members in good standing;
- are members of the relevant RC/WG/TG.

Applicants may apply for a grant before completing membership. However, grants can only be awarded and activated once membership requirements are fulfilled.

### Application procedures

Participants must contact the Programme Coordinator of the RC/WG/TG in which they are participating to request a registration grant. Application procedures may vary across RC/WG/TGs.

Participants may apply to only one RC/WG/TG.

### Programme Coordinator grant

Each RC/WG/TG is assigned one registration grant for a Programme Coordinator. In the case of multiple Programme Coordinators, the RC/WG/TG must indicate which coordinator will receive the grant.

The Programme Coordinator must be an ISA member in good standing and a member of the relevant RC/WG/TG for the grant to be activated.

## 6. ISA Registration Grants (continuation)

### Allocation process

Each RC/WG/TG is responsible for selecting grant recipients and allocating available funds. The Programme Coordinator typically makes this decision in consultation with the RC/WG/TG leadership.

RC/WG/TGs are encouraged to:

- establish a reserve list of candidates in case of cancellations or reallocation needs;
- ensure a fair and transparent allocation process;
- avoid repeated allocation to the same recipients across conferences where possible.

Grants must cover the full registration fee. Partial grants are not permitted. Registration grants are applied directly in the Conference System to the selected participants once their eligibility has been verified.

### System processing

The list of selected recipients must be submitted by the Program Coordinator through the ISA Member Portal between 28 January and 10 February 2027 (at 23:59 UTC/GMT).

The system verifies ISA and RC/WG/TG membership status and calculates the applicable grant amount based on the participant's category.

Once confirmed, recipients are notified automatically by email and their registration grant is activated in the Conference System. Participants must still complete the registration process to confirm their participation.

If a grant balance remains and the deadline has not passed, this process can be repeated until the funds are fully allocated. Unused funds cannot be reallocated after the deadline.

These guidelines are available online [here](#)

