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Dear friends and colleagues of the “*Structures in Fire*” community,

This newsletter is first to give you some feedback and info about the conference SiF’2022 which was held from November 30 to December 2, 2022, at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. It will also announce SiF’2024 and say a few words about bids for SiF’2026.

SiF’2022 received a total of 223 abstracts which were all reviewed by at least 3 scientists or practitioners from 24 different nationalities. The review process led to 156 abstracts being accepted.

The conference took place at a time when COVID was still having a significant impact on our life with, in addition to the pain and suffering of those who were infected, restrictions on travels varying from country to country. This is why our colleagues Asif Usmani and Liming Jiang accepted the challenge and the additional workload of organising SiF’2022 in hybrid mode. This allowed the local organising committee to host 31 in person delegates with full registration and received 192 online registrations. From the direct testimony of my own Ph. D. student who made the trip to Hong Kong, those who attended had an amazing experience seeing and discussing face to face with their peers.

Finally, 115 presentations were delivered and broadcasted with no serious technical problem although the stress level sometimes reached high tide levels, with parallel inter-continental communications taking place at a high rate.

The proceedings of the conference can be downloaded for free, with the proceedings of all previous conference, on the web site of the Sif movement (<https://www.structuresinfire.com/>). More information about SiF’2022 as well as the proceedings of this conference can be found on the web site of the conference (www.sif2022.org).

SiF’2024 will take place in Portugal, at the university of Coimbra from June 19 to 21, 2024. You can already have a look on the web site of the conference (<http://sif2024.org/>) but you will soon receive a specific message about the event.



As the two previous SiF conferences have been organised in Australasia and SiF'2024 will take place in Europe, priority will be given for SiF'2026 to the American continent. Bids for SiF'2026 should be sent to the steering committee no later than one month before SiF'2024, which means on May 18, 2024 at the latest. A vade mecum for local committee can be found on the SiF web site ([SiF movement \(structuresinfire.com\)](http://structuresinfire.com)), at the top/bottom of the page "SiF Conferences".

We are looking forward meeting you in Coimbra next year.

For the steering committee

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