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SiF News Letter – 2025-1

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Dear "Structures in Fire" Community,

Greetings from East Lansing, MI.

Hope you all enjoyed your summer/winter break. A little over a year has passed since we met at the 13th International Conference on Structures in Fire (SiF 2024), held at the University of Coimbra, Portugal. Now it is time to plan our attendance at the 14th International Conference on Structures in Fire (SiF 2026).

As announced in Coimbra, SiF 2026 will be held in the beautiful city of Kingston, Canada, from May 18 to May 21, 2026. SiF 2026 is being jointly organized by Prof. Mark F. Green, Queen's University, Kingston, and Prof. John Gales, York University, Toronto. The conference will be held in in-person mode. The welcome reception will take place on the evening of May 18th, and the technical sessions will be held from May 19th to 21st. In addition to technical sessions and social programs, the organizers have planned pre- and post-conference tours (field trips). Please save the dates and help us promote the conference among your networks.

Prof. Thomas Gernay will serve as the chairperson of the scientific committee for this SiF 2026 conference. Extended abstracts are invited to be submitted no later than December 1, 2025 via the *EasyChair* platform. The authors will be notified of the acceptance of their abstract by late January 2026 and the deadline for submission of full papers is February 28, 2026. Full submission details, including research themes and submission format, can be found on the conference website: <https://sif2026.smithengineering.queensu.ca/>. Please note that, as a common standard for the SiF conferences, there will be no extension date.

All accepted abstracts will be given a slot for an oral presentation (though durations may vary) and space for a full paper in the proceedings, provided that at least one author registers for the conference. Each delegate may register to present only one paper. Selected papers may be invited for special issues in journals, which are currently being finalized by the conference organizers.

I want to remind you that the conference proceedings from SiF 2024, as well as those from previous SiF conferences, are available on the SiF website

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<http://www.structuresinfire.com/corpo/conferences.html>. Additional information related to the SiF 2024 conference, including photos and awards, can be found at [SIF 2024 \(cmm.pt\)](#)

The steering committee has already started planning for the 15th International Conference on Structures in Fire (SiF 2028). Proposals (bids) for hosting SiF 2028 should be sent to the steering committee no later than one month prior to the start of SiF 2026, i.e. by April 18, 2026. The objective is to announce the location of SiF 2028 at SiF 2026 conference. As per our tradition of rotating the conference across the continents, the priority for SiF 2028 will be in Asia or Australia, since SiF 2024 was in Europe and SiF 2026 is in Americas. The rules for organizing a SiF conference, along with the required bid form, can be downloaded at: <http://www.structuresinfire.com/corpo/conferences.html>

Please watch the SiF website (<https://www.structuresinfire.com/>), as well as SiF 2026 conference website and emails, closely for further information on SiF 2026 in the coming months.

We look forward to meeting you all in Kingston.

For the Steering Committee
Venkatesh Kodur, Chairperson