

APPLICATION TO HOLD

The GFPS 2026 PhD Symposium

Dear Applicant,

The Global Fluid Power Society (GFPS) biennial PhD Symposium offers an excellent platform for young researches and PhD students from all over the world to present and exchange their research ideas, to receive feedback from senior members of the fluid power community, in academia and industry on current research and future development in the fluid power research areas.

The symposium was established by the Fluid Power Net International in 2000, and it is organized by GFPS since 2018. The 2026 event of the symposium will be the 14th edition, and the 5th one organized by GFPS. All past editions of the Symposium focused on cutting edge research topics pursued by young researchers, but also included keynote lectures or other events involving the broad fluid power community.

The GFPS Board of Directors is looking for applications from GFPS participating institutions for hosting the 2026 edition of the GFPS PhD Symposium. The present application form will need to be provided to Prof. Victor Juliano De Negri (victor.de.negri@ufsc.br), member of the Board of Director of GFPS, before October, 15th, 2024. Late submissions might not be considered.

The GFPS Board of Directors will review the applications and will decide for the most suitable location for the next edition of the GFPS Symposium. The GFPS Board might contact the candidates for further clarifications, in case of need.

The final decision about the location for the next edition of the GFPS Symposium will be announced by November 30th, 2024.

The GFPS Board of Directors is keen for the event to be as effective as possible in meeting its objectives, which are:

* to exchange research ideas and results within the international academic community,
* to interact with fluid power research users from industry and elsewhere,
* to exchange research findings with international researchers,
* to educate and inspire PhD students and early career researchers.

Programme proposals should not be constrained by the format of previous conferences.

Please consider the following points:

1. Papers should be of the highest quality – it is preferable to reduce paper numbers rather than reduce quality.
2. The hosting institution will be entirely responsible for the conference budget.
3. The hosting institution will be responsible for the paper review process, and for defining the publication schedule.
4. The hosting institution will identify the proper venue for the publishing of the conference proceedings. Paper should be published open access and with proper indexing.
5. The hosting institution should encourage increased participation from students, academics and users (industry).
6. The hosting institution can introduce novel ideas to the conference. Possible ideas are: workshop sessions with un-refereed contributions; discussion or panel sessions; presentation of major results even if these are not new; review papers by leading researchers; impact case studies.

The programme details in your proposal (see pages below) will be considered as provisional. You may want to put forward more than one scenario. The winning bidder will be able to finalise their programme proposal following the meeting.

Prof Andrea Vacca

Secretary and Treasurer, Global Fluid Power Society

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| **VENUE & ORGANISATION** |  |
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| Venue |  |
| Date of Conference |  |
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| **Conference Chair**: Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone |  |
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| Details of experience (please complete Section 1 below) |  |
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| Conference Organiser e.g. University, Engineering Body, External Company |  |
| Conference Dinner Venue |  |
| What type of accommodation is available? |  |
| Suggested Co-Sponsors |  |
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| **FINANCE** |  |
| Proposed registration fees: |  |
| Early Bird Discount: |  |
| GFPS Member: |  |
| Non-member: |  |
| Student: |  |
| Approximate cost of accommodation |  |
| Do the registration fees include the conference dinner? If not, what is the proposed dinner cost? |  |
| Will online registration be available? |  |
| Will credit card payment be available? |  |
| Who will take the financial risk for the event? |  |

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| Section 1: Conference Chair experience |

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| Section 3: Proposed Programme Committee members |

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| **PROGRAMME** |
| Please describe the proposed programme, justifying your approach.  Session details (number of paper presentation per session, time available each presentation)  Workshop / Invited Lectures?  Mini Symposia (IMechE, InstMC, IET)?  Poster Sessions?  Special sessions?  Technical Visits?  Other suggestions for the programme? |

Is your university a member of or planning to join GFPS?

Submitted by: (please print):

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:

This document also requires the signature of a person with the authority to take on the financial risk on the conference.

Name: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ Position:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: