

ICCHP 2026 - Special Thematic Sessions (STS)

Rules and Guidelines

1. Each STS is organized by one or several chairs, active experts in the defined topic/domain.
2. Each STS will set up its own Call for Contributions. The text describing the subject and the topics of the STS has to be published on an own web site or on the ICCHP web site. In case of an own web page the link should be sent to the STS coordinator (klaus.miesenberger@iku.at). The ICCHP web site will link to STS web site, the STS web site links to the general ICCHP STS site. The description of the STS includes:
 - Title of the STS
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 - STS chair name, affiliation, contact details and (if possible) a portrait photo of the chairPlease refer to examples of former STSs at <https://www.icchp.org/sts-26>.
3. Authors submitting to an STS have to follow the general submission, publishing and registration procedure of the conference. The STS will be a selection option in the online submission form. Authors have to select the STS title in the submission procedure to make sure that the contribution is associated to the STS. Chairs should inform authors on this.
4. STS contributions have to pass the peer reviewing process of the conference. The STS chair is invited to take part in the review process and review results will be discussed with the chairs.
5. In case that contributions to ICCHP not submitted to the STS have a strong relation to the STS proposed, the ICCHP program chairs might ask STS chairs to include these papers into their STS. Also, in case a paper submitted to the STS is not really related to the STS topic or better allocated in another topic, program chairs and STS chairs will negotiate reallocation.
6. Each STS, to be part of the program and the proceedings, consist of at least 4 contributions accepted for publication and presentation in the general review process. These contributions will be integrated as an own session into the conference programme. In case of a lower number of accepted contributions STS chairs and program chairs decide on the allocation of papers.
7. Each STS invites to publish contributions in one of the proceedings of ICCHP (Springer LNCS and Open Access Compendium - OAC, see <https://icchp.org/submission-26>). In case that STS papers are accepted for both publishing channels, at least three papers have to be accepted for LNCS and two papers for OAC to open a chapter. Otherwise, the papers are included in general (non-STS) chapters of the proceedings.
8. If an STS chapter is opened, the chair is invited to publish an introduction (6-8 pages in camera-ready format) as an introduction and overview to the STS topic. If an STS has publications both publication channels, the introduction will be included in LNCS in case of three or more LNCS papers, otherwise in the OAC. The STS introduction should reference contributions in the other publication channel when discussing the related papers – information on how to reference will be provided by the program chairs. **Deadline for STS introductions: April 23, 2026.**
9. The STS chair is free of organizational matters: All issues as conference management tool, registration, program building, session room are provided by the conference team.
10. ICCHP STS sessions will be chaired by the or one of the STS chair(s) in person. If no chair is able to attend, another person has to be nominated by the STS proposer(s).

11. STS chairs will have access to the contributions submitted to their STS and are invited to act as reviewers for these papers.
12. **Deadline for STS proposals: January 26, 2026**

Procedures

1. Please get in contact with the STS co-ordinators (klaus.miesenberger@jku.at) with the following information:
 - Title of the STS
 - Description of the STS
 - Name, affiliation and email of chair(s)
 - In case: link to your own web page of the STS
 - A portrait of the chair(s)
2. In case of acceptance ICCHP will announce your STS at www.icchp.org and ask you to check the announcement; if you plan own information channels, ICCHP will link to it/them; your information channels should link to ICCHP.

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