

## Call for Proposals to Organize the 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information Fusion (FUSION 2026)

The Twenty Ninth International Conference on Information Fusion (Fusion 2026) of the International Society of Information Fusion (ISIF) will be held during June, July, or August 2026, preferably at the beginning of July.

To avoid unnecessary effort on the part of the submission teams, the ISIF Board of Directors (BoD) uses a two-stage submission process comprising

1. short *whitepapers* as an initial statement of interest,
2. followed by a subsequent submission of *formal proposals*.

The ISIF BoD solicits proposals for organizing this conference from potential hosts worldwide.

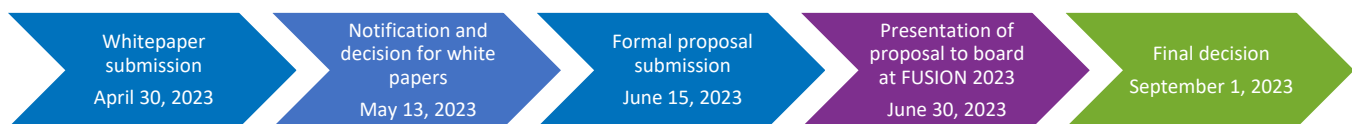
### General Procedures

Any person or group can apply to ISIF for hosting Fusion 2026. The ISIF BoD requires that

1. all *whitepapers* be received by *April 30, 2023*
2. and, after acceptance of the whitepapers, all *formal proposals* be received by *June 15, 2023*.

All proposals must be presented at the ISIF BoD meeting in Charleston, South Carolina on *June 30, 2023*.

*Whitepapers* will be reviewed by the ISIF BoD and a decision will be issued prior to *May 13, 2023*. *Formal proposals* will be reviewed by the ISIF BoD and a decision will be issued prior to *September 1, 2023*.



### Whitepaper Content

Whitepapers should be less than two pages in length and must address the following items:

1. Organizing team comprising the key members (chair, co-chair, and technical chair)
2. Host city/country
3. Probable conference facility
4. Probable dates
5. Local activities potential (why this location would support an excellent conference)

## Formal Proposal Content

Prospective organizers must prepare a written proposal and complete a budget for the proposed conference. The items to be addressed in the written proposal are discussed further below. The winning proposals and the guidance to the organizing committee from the ISIF BoD for recent conferences are available on the ISIF web page for reference. Additional questions should be directed to ISIF's VP Conferences, Lance M. Kaplan at [conferences@isif.org](mailto:conferences@isif.org) and to 2023 ISIF President, Uwe D. Hanebeck at [president@isif.org](mailto:president@isif.org).

Formal proposals must address the following items:

1. **Organization Team:** The general chair, the technical program chair, and other key members must be identified with brief descriptions of their technical background, involvement with prior FUSION Conferences, ISIF activities, and prior experience in organizing conferences.
2. **Financial Arrangement:** A discussion of potential sponsors, registration fees, etc. must be included. ISIF annual membership fee for each attendee is to be included in the registration fees. A conference budget spreadsheet must be completed and submitted with each proposal.
3. **Risk and Surplus:** A discussion of financial risk associated with the conference along with a preliminary budget for various assumptions of the number of attendees is required. The formula for loss/surplus sharing between ISIF and other sponsors must be included. ISIF expects a budgeted surplus of approximately \$30K USD.
4. **Conference Size Estimate:** An estimate of attendance with justification and potential sources of attendees must be provided based on statistics from prior Fusion Conferences

Year	Location	Attendees	Year	Location	Attendees
1998	Las Vegas, USA	161	2012	Singapore	450
1999	Sunnyvale, USA	211	2013	Istanbul, Turkey	362
2000	Paris, France	253	2014	Salamanca, Spain	386
2001	Montréal, Canada	261	2015	Washington, DC, USA	389
2002	Annapolis, USA	289	2016	Heidelberg, Germany	429
2003	Cairns, Australia	256	2017	Xi'an, China	399
2004	Stockholm, Sweden	300	2018	Cambridge, UK	491
2005	Philadelphia, USA	249	2019	Ottawa, Canada	391
2006	Florence, Italy	397	2020	Virtual Conference	278
2007	Quebec, Canada	377	2021	Sun City, South Africa (hybrid)	220
2008	Cologne, Germany	429	2022	Linköping, Sweden	311
2009	Seattle, USA	432	2023	Charleston, SC, USA	-
2010	Edinburgh, Scotland	402	2024	Venice, Italy	-
2011	Chicago, USA	364	2025	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	-

5. **Transportation and Hospitality:** The ease of access to the conference site and the associated cost of that transportation must be addressed. Furthermore, possible accommodation in the vicinity and their respective prices should be presented.
6. **Conference Programs:** Technical themes, regular sessions, plenary sessions, special sessions, tutorials, exhibits, student program, poster sessions, etc. should be addressed.

7. **Conference Facilities:** The hotel and conference room conditions, audio/video equipment, food, other services that will be part of the proposed conference should be addressed.
8. **Publicity Plans:** A plan for publicity of the conference and drawing attendees from a wide audience is required.
9. **Conference Dates:** The dates for the conference must be identified and justifications (e.g., no conflict with relevant major conferences, climate) should be given.
10. **Local Activities:** The local attractions, social programs, local tours, gifts, etc. should be addressed.
11. **Proceedings:** Publications and distribution of the proceedings are to be addressed. ISIF must own copyrights to all papers.
12. **Liability:** The proposal must address the purchase of liability insurance.
13. **Others:** Additional items that are deemed important or beneficial to the reviewers should be included.

## Submission Deadlines

Send a whitepaper in Microsoft Word or PDF format via email to ISIF's VP Conferences, Lance M. Kaplan at [conferences@isif.org](mailto:conferences@isif.org) and to 2023 ISIF President, Uwe D. Hanebeck at [president@isif.org](mailto:president@isif.org) prior to 12:00 p.m. GMT on *April 30, 2023*. The whitepaper is limited to two pages!

Send a formal proposal (complete proposal in Microsoft Word or PDF format and a conference budget form in Excel format) prior to 12:00 p.m. GMT on *June 15, 2023*.

## Proposal Evaluation

Proposals are evaluated by the ISIF board according to the following criteria. Proposers should review the decision letters to the organizing committee of recent conferences ([click here](#)) to gain an appreciation for the items that are important to the ISIF BoD.

1. **Financial Viability:** Expected attendance and the risk of financial loss are important to the ISIF BoD.
2. **Organization Team:** The breadth of expertise, balance of academia/industry/government, technical and geographical diversity, involvement with prior Fusion Conferences and ISIF activities, organization skills, and experience with past conferences are all important to the ISIF BoD.
3. **Technical Programs:** Plans and policies that will ensure quality, inclusion of papers from the broad list of technical areas of interest to the ISIF membership, and a balanced program.
4. **Conference Site:** Attractiveness, accessibility, and affordability (including travel and accommodation) of the venue.
5. **Promotion Plans:** Promotion plans for the conference, ISIF, and the information fusion community as a whole.

## Announcement of ISIF board decisions

*Whitepapers:* May 13, 2023.

*Formal proposals:* September 01, 2023.

## Contact

If you have any questions regarding this tender, please contact ISIF's VP Conferences, Lance M. Kaplan at [conferences@isif.org](mailto:conferences@isif.org) and 2023 ISIF President Uwe D. Hanebeck at [president@isif.org](mailto:president@isif.org).