THE FIBER SOCIETY 2026 SPRING CONFERENCE

Empa | St. Gallen | Switzerland

May 20 – 22 | 2026

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THE FIBER SOCIETY







We welcome you to join us for The Fiber Society 2026 Spring Conference, taking place at Empa in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

THE FIBER SOCIETY

is incorporated as a nonprofit professional and scientific association. Founded in 1941, its objective is the advancement of scientific knowledge pertaining to fibers, fiber-based products, and fibrous materials. The Society comprises individuals who are chemists, physicists, engineers, and designers with interests in the field of fiber science engineering and technology. The Society holds two technical meetings each year, either in the form of a general technical conference or in the form of a symposium on a specialized topic. Attendance at Society meetings is open to all persons interested in the field. Attendance of students, academic faculties, and industrial researchers is particularly encouraged.

THE VENUE

is easy to reach with public transportation from the downtown of St. Gallen. St. Gallen is internationally known as an educational location and a city of innovation, providing ideal conditions to host the FS 2026 Spring Conference. The conference will be held at Empa, where all activities will take place in three buildings that comprise three lecture halls and an atrium for breaks and exhibitions. Empa is the interdisciplinary research institute for materials science and technology of the ETH Domain.

THE CONFERENCE

will serve as a global platform to showcase and highlight technical innovation in fiber science. Based on our long-term experience, we expect up to 200 participating scientists, engineers and designers in the field of fiber research and development. An important ingredient for the success of this meeting will be the participation of professionals in all aspects of fiber science and technology from all around the world. Since the close collaboration between universities, research institutes and industry are key for technological advancement, substantial participation of industry is highly welcomed.

THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

will include lectures by internationally renowned invited speakers and oral presentations contributed by both senior and younger scientists and engineers. Also included are poster presentations contributed by young postdocs, PhD students, master students and engineers working in academia and industry.

THE SOCIAL PROGRAM

includes a welcome reception featuring an alphorn band, a lab tour of the Empa premises followed by a bratwurst party, as well as a banquet on a traditional farmyard with local cultural entertainment.



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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SYMPOSIA

- Nano- and microfiber technology
- Inorganic and hybrid fibers
- Fibers for comfort and protection
- Biobased and biodegradable fibers
- Sustainability and recycling of fibers
- High-performance fibers and textiles
- Smart textiles and fiber-based wearables
- Healthcare and biomedical textiles
- Fiber-reinforced composites
- Microplastic fiber pollution
- Fiber modelling and characterization

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Starting December 2025, we seek abstract submissions on fundamental and applied research related to the science and engineering of fibers and fibrous materials. Submissions of original work related but not limited to the listed symposia topics are welcomed.



We will accept online submissions for oral and poster presentations through February 28, 2026. For information on how to submit an abstract, see our website.

EXHIBITS

We offer booths for exhibitors in the atrium of the conference location. Early booking is recommended. For details and other sponsoring availabilities, see our website.

IMPORTANT DATES

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS December 1, 2025
SUBMISSION DEADLINE February 28, 2026
ACCEPTANCE NOTICE March 15, 2026
EARLY BIRD DEADLINE April 30, 2026

REGISTRATION

Kindly find detailed information about registration fees and terms of participation on our website. The registration fee for all regularly enrolled undergraduate and graduate students is reduced to cover costs only.

WEBSITE

All relevant information concerning the program, venue, abstract submission, accommodation and events can be found on the conference website:

www.FS-Spring-2026.org

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