



Acceptance Standards & Requirements

The World Geothermal Congress (WGC) provides an international platform for the sharing and exchange of new ideas, research, technology, policy, and finance updates on all aspects of geothermal energy. The official language of the WGC is English.

All papers and posters submitted for presentation at the WGC are reviewed by our Technical Program Committee and a team of expert reviewers with respect to topic, content, originality, and overall quality. WGC presentations may be oral (15 minutes presentation plus five minutes of Q&A), or Poster Session format. Final assignment of submissions to oral or poster presentation format and Conference Track for each submission will be made by the Technical Program Committee. This decision is final.

Acceptance Standards

Technical papers can be submitted to the WGC for oral or poster presentation. All accepted submissions must be presented in person to be included in the WGC Proceedings and the International Geothermal Association's (IGA) database. Each paper offered for initial and final consideration by the Technical Program Committee must be submitted via the WGC submission portal. WGC reserves the right to reject any submissions that do not meet minimum acceptance requirements. All submissions will undergo peer review by the Technical Program Committee and the expert reviewer team, who will examine all submissions for technical accuracy and adherence to the following standards:

All submission to the WGC must be written in English, with text that is grammatically correct and free of typographical errors.

Illustrations and other graphics must be concise, well organized, and clearly readable. Tables and figures must be sequentially numbered and referenced in the text. Captions should provide adequate descriptive information. Do not group several independent figures together under one caption. References to published literature must be fully cited at the end of the paper. All papers should provide appropriate credit for any technical or editorial contribution and, when appropriate, should credit funding sources.

Acceptance Requirements

The WGC Technical Program Committee is made up of geothermal industry experts. This committee is charged with creating a highly educational and informative program consisting of technical and poster presentations, panel discussions and roundtable sessions that address topical and timely geothermal industry issues.

The primary criteria to be used in the selection process are:

- Papers are relevant to the conference's technical sessions list.
- Papers demonstrate one or more actions needed to secure a sustainable energy future through geothermal projects.
- Papers identify major issues and challenges and discuss solutions for advancing the geothermal industry.
- Papers do not contain sales pitches or commercials.

- Work is relevant and of interest to conference attendees.
- Work is new or presents a new perspective on previously published or presented material. It is essential that reviewers be told by the authors when any portion of a paper is based heavily on previous work, even if this work has been written by one or more of the authors of the paper. It is the responsibility of the author not only to cite the previous work, including their own, but to provide an indication of the extent to which a paper depends on this work. Submitting the same manuscript to more than one journal/conference concurrently constitutes unethical publishing behaviour and is unacceptable.

In general, an author should not submit for consideration to another journal/conference a previously published paper (peer reviewed or not). Exceptions may be made, at the publisher's discretion, in certain conditions. Examples of such conditions include:

- The audiences targeted by the publications are different.
- The paper presents a new perspective on previously published material.
- The paper is an update of the previously published material, focusing mainly on the new research and data found since the published material.
- Papers are well-organized and clearly describe their relevance to the industry, i.e., offer practical applications and uses for the information presented. Applicants are encouraged to use case studies, offer solutions, and include specific details.
- Papers offer a degree of in-depth content, even though the audience ranges from beginners to experts.

Consultants and manufacturers may submit papers of a non-commercial nature, but obvious commercial sales pitches will not be accepted for a presentation.

The most up-to-date information on the Technical Program Timeline is available on the conference website.

The Technical Programme for the World Geothermal Congress 2026 runs from the 8 – 11 June 2026 at the Tellus Centre in Calgary. **All accepted submissions must be presented in person and allocated presentation time slots can not be changed.**