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To all members of INTER
International Network on
Timber Engineering Research

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

13th Meeting of the International Network on Timber Engineering Research (INTER)

Monday 24th August to Thursday 27th August 2025 – Ås, Norway

Dear friends,

You are invited to attend the 2026 meeting of INTER organised by Prof. Roberto Tomasi from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in Ås, Norway.

The meeting will be held from **Monday 24th August to Thursday 27th August 2026**.

If you intend to present a paper during the meeting, please send an abstract (**two pages**) as soon as possible but **not later than 1st March 2026** by E-mail to sandhaas@kit.edu. There are no guidelines (template) for the format of the abstracts, but please consider the maximum of two pages.

Please ensure that your intended paper fits to the scope of the INTER group. That means that your paper should present new research results in timber engineering and should also propose new or modified application rules for design codes or standards related to timber engineering. **The relation to codes or standards should be clearly explained in the abstract.**

In view of the increasing number of abstracts received for the last INTER meetings we cannot accept numerous papers from one author or one institution dealing with the same topic. Please combine these papers.

The acceptance of abstracts will be administered by a review team. In order to find a review team, the procedure will be as follows:

- The titles of **all** incoming abstracts are published on our homepage (beginning of March).
- Experts may apply for the review team by sending an E-mail to sandhaas@kit.edu. They should indicate which topics (two or three) they want to review. It is important that reviewers have a broad knowledge covering these topics proven by a number of own papers within these topics.

- The chairman appoints the reviewers and they will receive a password for downloading the abstracts. Please note that the reviews should be performed within four weeks.
- The criteria for the acceptance are:
 - State of the art, literature (complete?)
 - Originality
 - (Assumed) content
 - **Relation to codes or standards**
- Each criterion is judged from 0 (bad) to 5 (very good). This will lead to an overall grade.
- All papers will be ranked and a threshold matched to the time schedule of the meeting is chosen. In case of tight ranking around the threshold, abstracts with the higher grade in the key criterion “relation to codes or standards” will be preferred.

The receipt of the abstracts will be confirmed. If you do not receive a confirmation within a few days, your abstract has not arrived. In this case please send it again or try to contact Carmen Sandhaas.

Finalised papers must have arrived **before 19th July 2026**. Papers arriving after that date will not be accepted for this meeting.

Important changes 2026

During the 2025 meeting, a couple of decisions were taken:

- The proceedings will be Print-On-Demand only.
- Each paper will receive a DOI.
- New paper templates will be generated.
- As soon as the papers have arrived, each paper will be distributed to one participating colleague who has the task to carry out a review. This review is given to the authors during the INTER meeting. Obviously, all participants are invited to read the papers in advance.
- In order to allow for meaningful discussion, the time for presentations is 18 min. After 20 min, the Chairman will interrupt the presentations irrespective of where the presentation is.
- Presenters of notes have a maximum of 10 min. These 10 min may be used for the presentation. If the presentation is shorter, Q&A will follow the presentation until the 10 min are used.

Technical papers for presentation at the meeting will be available prior to the meeting on our server to all members attending.

All information can also be found on our website: <https://holz.vaka.kit.edu/897.php>

We are very much looking forward to meeting you again and discussing your research this summer.

Yours sincerely

Philipp Dietsch

Carmen Sandhaas