



General Terms and Conditions

Definition

TBC MON IKE (hereafter referred to as TBC) is the congress organiser of the ECF25 Congress, which takes place in Athens, Greece, from 06 -11 September 2026 (hereafter referred to as ECF25). TBC is authorised to act on behalf of the congress host, the GREEK SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL MECHANICS OF MATERIALS. TBC leads the congress secretariat and is responsible for registration and abstract submission, corresponding delegate services, as well as sponsorship and exhibition management. These General Terms and Conditions are valid for each registered attendee of this ECF25 congress. Any person registered (delegate, student, press representative, invited speaker, exhibitor, sponsor etc.) is considered an attendee.

Registration and Payment

The registration and payment deadlines are as follows:

Early registration deadline: June 10, 2026, 24:00:00 (CEST)

Late / On-site registration: from June 11, 2026, 00:00:01 (CEST)

Everyone who wants to attend ECF25 must register. Until the standard registration deadline, the registration to the congress is solely possible via the online registration form. After the standard registration deadline, the registration to the congress is possible via the online registration form and on-site at the registration desk by completing the on-site registration form. With the completion of the online registration (by clicking the button “register and pay” at the end of the form) or handing in the on-site registration form on-site, the contract between TBC and the participant is legally binding. TBC is authorized to act on behalf of the congress host, the GREEK SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL MECHANICS OF MATERIALS. Everyone who wants to register at a reduced registration fee (e.g. students, press representatives, etc.) needs to provide the requested proof to TBC upon registration. The participant will receive an official confirmation of registration/invoice from TBC via email. All registration fees must be paid in due time according to the due date stated on the invoice. For applying for the early registration fee, payment in full must be made within the given deadlines. Otherwise, the Congress Organisation reserves the right to change the registration to the higher registration fee and send a new invoice. Payments are only accepted in EUR and can be made by credit card or by bank transfer. Any bank charges have to be paid by the participant. Cheques will not be accepted. All registration fees must be fully paid prior to the congress. Exceptions can only be made, if a written request has been officially confirmed by the congress host and sent to TBC. In this case, payment may be made on-site at the registration desk in cash or by credit card. Only after full payment has been received, the registration will be considered valid.

Visa requirements and invitation letter

It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to take care of his/her visa requirements. Attendees who require an entry visa must schedule sufficient time for the application procedure. Attendees should contact the nearest embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications. It is recommended to apply for a visa at least three months in advance of the congress.

Everyone who requires an official Letter of Invitation can request it during the online registration. Invitation Letters will be issued only for registered delegates, who fully paid their registration fee. Invitation Letters will be issued electronically (as PDF file via email). Issuing the Invitation Letter does not financially obligate the congress organizers in any way. All



expenses incurred in relation to the congress are the sole responsibility of the attendee.

Publication of Abstracts

According to the publication policy of ECF25, only abstracts from authors who have registered and fully paid the registration fees according to the payment deadline mentioned in their invoice, will be published. Furthermore, the poster or oral presentation must be presented from the author (or at least any of its co-authors) in person on-site. Hence, the abstract will be deleted afterwards, in case of no-show/no presentation on-site.

Name badge

On arrival at the congress venue, every attendee needs to proceed to the registration desk first in order to pick up the name badge and the congress material. The name badge has to be worn at any time during the congress and entrance to the congress premises will only be allowed when presenting a valid name badge. If an attendee loses, misplaces or forgets the name badge, a handling fee may be charged for re-printing the badge. Upon handing out a new name badge, the lost badge will become invalid.

Film, Photo and Video Recordings

GSEMM, ESIS the LOC and TBC are collaborating closely to create a comprehensive overview of the congress programme, interactions and events that may be of promotional interest to the society. Accordingly, please be informed that you may be filmed or photographed at any time (e. g. in the session rooms, or in the poster and exhibition area) and any presentation you deliver may be recorded. With the registration to the congress, attendees confirm and agree to the publication of the above-mentioned photo/video material on ECF25 related websites, social media channels (LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram) or printed matters.

Cancellation Policy

All registration changes and cancellations must be communicated to TBC in written form (by email). In case of cancellation of the registration or cancellation of single bookings received by 15 May 2026, no cancellation fee will apply. For any cancellations received by 20 June 2026, a cancellation fee of 50% of the registration fee applies. No refund will be given for any cancellations made after 20 June 2026, and the claim for the full payment of all registration fees remains, respectively. In case of cancellations due to rejection of the submitted abstract, your registration will be cancelled without any cancellation fee. In case of cancellations due to denied VISA applications, the full registration fee minus a processing fee of EUR 50.00 will be refunded after the congress if the visa was applied for in time. To apply for the refund, a proof of timely application together with an official notice from the embassy confirming that a visa could not be granted needs to be forwarded to TBC by email.

No refund will be given for unattended events, in case of illness or early termination of attendance.

Cancellation of the congress | Force Majeure

If ECF25 cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the congress host ("force majeure"), neither the host nor the congress organiser can be held liable for any damages resulting for the attendees. Under these circumstances, the congress organisers reserve the right to either retain the entire registration fee and to re-book it for a future congress, or to reimburse the attendee after deducting costs already incurred for the organisation of the congress, which could not be recovered from third parties.



Insurance

The registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. The organisers cannot accept any responsibility or liability for injuries or losses sustained as a result of any cancellations, accidents, illness or other occurrences that may arise in connection with the congress or its evening events. Participants are advised to organise appropriate travel and health insurance themselves.

Liability

TBC only acts as mediator and is not liable for any losses of things, in accidents, destructions and damages of property and/or in the injury of persons, the reason does not matter. Participants and accompanying persons participate in all congress events on their own risk.

Place of Fulfilment

The court of jurisdiction is Greece, location of the congress host. The law of Greece applies. All dates and times mentioned in connection with ECF25 (unless otherwise stated) refer to Eastern European Summer Time (EEST).

Severability Clause

If there is a determination of these Terms and Conditions to be ineffective or impracticable, then the validity of the Terms and Conditions remaining are not impaired. The parties are obligated to cooperate in order to replace the ineffective or impracticable clause by an effective or feasible clause, which results in the ineffective or impracticable clause being closed.