

ANGEL Conference: Guidelines for Conference Proposals

General Information: The International Conference on Advanced Nanoparticle Generation and Excitation by Lasers in Liquids (ANGEL) is the main international conference focused on synthesis of nanoparticles and nanomaterials by laser ablation and processing in liquid environment. The conference provides a forum for sharing the results of both application-oriented work and studies of fundamental mechanisms related to laser synthesis and processing of colloids, as well as the utilization of laser-generated particles in catalysis, energy conversion, additive manufacturing, biomedicine, and optics. Normally, the conference takes place **once in two years** (with longer intervals for the last two conferences due to the COVID restrictions) and attracts majority of the research leaders working in this general research area. Previous conferences took place in Engelberg, Switzerland in 2010, Taormina, Sicily, Italy in 2012, Matsuyama-shi, Japan in 2014, Essen, Germany in 2016, Lyon, France in 2018, and Hefei, China in 2021, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA in 2024, and Castellón, Spain in 2026.



The guidelines provided below are not intended to be restrictive and should be considered as general information/suggestions that may help you to put together an attractive proposal. You are certainly welcome to suggest ideas and discuss topics that go beyond the outline provided in the next few slides.

The key points covered in these guidelines are:

1. Registration fees, anticipated internal and external support
2. Venue, city/place and travel information
3. Program and tentative dates
4. Social program and networking
5. Application and selection procedure



Registration fees, anticipated internal and external support

- Registration fee lower than 700 EUR (early bird), which should cover welcome reception, coffee breaks, lunches, banquet and social program (all-in package).
- Reduced fee for students (seek 50%).
- Ideally, confenece and accommodation may be booked together as one package, like in ANGEL Lyon, or done in Gordon conferences
- It is highly desirable to have an actionable plan to apply for internal (*e.g.*, host university), external (*e.g.*, national and international funding agencies), and industrial (sponsoring or booths) financial support.
- The support from sponsors will usually be required, for example,
 - to waive fees and provide travel support for participants from financially disadvantaged countries/regions, to establish travel support/awards for participants from groups underrepresented in the field, to support participation of local student population,
 - to add a monetary component (optional) to the best oral and poster student presentation awards, Fojtik Henglein Prize, and Shafeev Award,
 - to undertake any other initiatives that will make the ANGEL conference you organize successful and memorable.

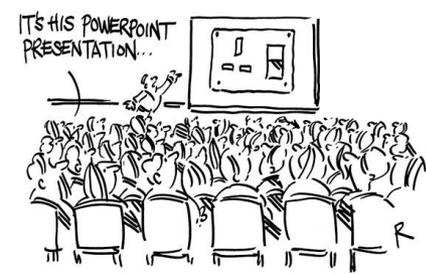
Venue, city/place and travel information



- The venue should have a capacity for at least 100 attendees and should include an auditorium, a poster hall, close-by space for coffee breaks.
- It is desirable that conference and accommodation is at the same place (as in almost all past ANGEL confences). If that is impossible, at least the main conference hotel is located in the vicinity (short walking distance) of the conference venue.
- If possible, affordable lodging options should be offered to students, that may include dormage or shared rooms.
- Attractiveness of the conference venue: Attractive/Touristic city/place, at least some major sights in the vicinity.
- The conference venue should be easy to access (direct access to international airport, train connections, etc.), ideally less than 2 hours from an international airport to the conference venue. If public transport is limited, conference chair(s) shall organize a shuttle service for the peak arrival and departure times.

Social program and networking

- At least one social activity (half day) that that involves all participants, including students, included in the standard registration fee.
- Drinks/coffee provided during all breaks, lunch provided all days. Festive or charming conference dinner for all participants at no extra fee.
- Casual welcome reception provided the evening before conference starts.



Program

- A conference program extending over 3.5 to 4 days, plus pre-conference tutorial and evening reception
- No parallel sessions.
- Preferred dates are at the end of May, e.g., 24-27th May 2028.
- Invited and plenary speakers are selected by the chair(s) and validated (and/or suggested) by the members of the Program Committee (PC) and the International Advisory Board (IAB).
- Past ANGEL Invited/Keynote/Plenary speakers or researchers affiliated with the chair/s are not eligible for giving an invited talk (cumulative list of past invitees will be provided by the chairs of the previous conference, ANGEL-2026).
- After the call for abstracts, the oral contributions are selected by the chair(s), based on peer-review voting/ranking.
- Poster sessions can be enhanced by special sessions where the presenters advertise their posters in brief (e.g., 3 minutes) flash talks.

Application

- Proposals (maximum 5 slides covering financials, venue, travel information, program and tentative dates) should be submitted to ANGEL-2026 chairs at info@angel-conference.org at least one week before the start of the conference (May 18th).
- You will be invited to give a brief 5 min oral presentation at the meeting of the ANGEL International Advisory Board and Program Committee on Wednesday, May 27. The presentations will be followed by questions and voting by the members of the ANGEL Program Committee.
- The place, preliminary date, and the new chair(s) for ANGEL-2028 will be announced at the last day of the ANGEL-2026 conference.

Procedure

- Proposals shall have maximum 5 Slides: Chairs, Venue, Access, Financials, Extras), for running the event 2 years after the current conference
- Have to be submitted before current ANGEL starts and will be invited for 5 min oral presentation in front of the current chair, the International Advisory Board and the Programme Committee in a separate meeting during the conference.
- The programme committee will additionally consider
 - a rotation among countries, ideally east and west continents
 - the reputation of the chair(s) in the community (chair(s) shall be known in the community, in case of multiple chairs one has to take the lead)
 - the country/area to be prolific for ANGEL-related research.
- After voting by the Program committee members, the next ANGEL place, preliminary date and the new chair(s) will be announced at the last day of the current ANGEL conference. Proposers provide 1 slide for that presentation.