

OCEANS'26 IEEE Sanya

Call for Abstracts

“To the Sea, to the Deep”

May 25-28, 2026 Sanya China

We seek cutting-edge technical presentations with an emphasis on Deep-sea Technology, Marine Energy, and Ocean AI for our conference in May 2026.

Submissions related to OCEANS'26 Special and IEEE OES Standard Topics will be considered. The special topics include:

- Deep sea exploration and archaeology
- Deep sea mining and environmental evaluation
- Artificial intelligence in ocean science and technology
- Mobile underwater sensor networks: Coordinated communication, localization, and observation
- Underwater soundscapes: Methodologies and applications
- Polar and under ice observing systems
- Offshore wind power technology
- Technologies for monitoring extreme weather events
- Biologically inspired technology for marine applications
- Interactive development of marine science and technology
- Ocean Remote Sensing

The attendees can take advantage of:

- Professionally reviewed technical papers, including sessions focused on local themes
- Plenary sessions with world-wide leaders from industry, academia and government
- Tutorials, workshops, demonstrations, and social/networking opportunities
- Professional field trips to newest HOV and icebreaker vessel...and much more

Abstracts may be submitted in one of the following categories:

- **Regular Technical Program:** Technical papers are the core of the OCEANS technical programme. For a selected abstract, it is required to write a paper per instructions for publication in IEEE Xplore.
- **Student Poster Competition:** Students may submit abstracts to the Student Poster Competition. If an abstract is chosen, the student will then submit a full paper and poster which will be presented in the student poster section and published in IEEE Xplore. This competition is open to any full-time student in an accredited programme. The student must be listed as the lead and corresponding author. Selected students, based on abstract reviews, will have travel and registration expenses subsidised. Those abstracts not selected for the SPC may still be accepted into the regular technical programme.
- **Commercial Papers:** May only be submitted by conference exhibitors and if accepted,

they will be presented in a designated session. They may include commercial content and will not be published as part of IEEE Xplore.

- General Poster Session: During the submission process of technical papers, authors will have the option to request their preference: oral presentation or poster presentation. The final decision on how the paper will be presented will be made by the Technical Programme Committee based on author preference, reviewers' feedback and other factors. Participants in the General Poster session are still required to upload a final paper for publication in IEEE Xplore. Additionally, General Poster participants must prepare and print the poster according to the IEEE poster template. Authors participating in the poster session will present the poster on-site during a dedicated live session at the conference.

We strongly encourage you to be creative in your participation. Please contact us, via email or conference website, with your proposals if you are considering one or more of the following activities:

- Organising a Technical Session or Track. Authors are invited to consider 'championing' a particular topic of interest to you and your colleagues, and coordinating multiple submissions into a Special Session or Track. Sessions are approximately 90 minutes, consisting of presentations of submitted, peer-reviewed abstracts (and submitted papers). However, you are welcome to work with the Technical Program Committee to have a format that might include longer featured talks, paper submissions (meeting same deadlines as regular technical programme) or shorter presentations with a panel discussion, and the option of no paper. Common sessions may be organized into an announced Technical Track with a sub-theme to reflect specialized topics.
- Organising a Tutorial.
- Organising a Workshop.
- Organising a Technical Demonstration.

Looking forward to receiving your abstracts and proposals.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Abstract Submission opens: October 01, 2025
- Deadline for Abstract submission: December 22, 2026
(Extended to January 12, 2026)
- Call for Tutorials: October 01, 2025
- Tutorials Close: December 15, 2025
(Extended to March 15, 2026)
- Notification for Authors: February 15, 2026
- Final Paper Submission: March 22, 2026

For further information please contact the OCEANS' 26 Sanya Technical Program Committee at TechnicalChair@sanya26.oceansconference.org.