

Dear Colleagues:

The IAEA has just sent out the announcement for the 26th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2016), which will be held in Kyoto, Japan, October 17-22, 2016. The conference website address is:

<http://www-pub.iaea.org/iaeameetings/48315/26th-IAEA-Fusion-Energy-Conference>

Accordingly, we have started to plan the process for selecting the U.S. papers that will be forwarded to the IAEA. The purpose of this communication is to alert you of upcoming dates:

- The short abstracts and the two-page extended synopses will be due to the U.S. Paper Selection Committee on **January 18, 2016**. Detailed submission instructions will be sent out soon.
- The U.S. Paper Selection Committee will meet the week of **February 1, 2016**, to select the U.S. papers.
- Subsequently, the IAEA FEC 2016 International Programme Committee will meet in Vienna, Austria, during **April, 2016** to make the final selection of the Conference papers. The members of the U.S. Paper Selection Committee and the U.S. representatives to the International Programme Committee are still being determined.

Please note that all International Tokamak Physics Activity (ITPA) submissions with U.S. lead authors, as well as ITER-related submissions with U.S. lead authors, should be submitted to the U.S. Paper Selection Committee. The current conference topic areas are listed below:

- **OV** - Overviews
- **EXC** - Magnetic Confinement Experiments: Confinement
- **EXS** - Magnetic Confinement Experiments: Stability
- **EXW** - Magnetic Confinement Experiments: Wave–plasma interactions; current drive; heating; energetic particles
- **EXD** - Magnetic Confinement Experiments: Plasma–material interactions; divertors; limiters; scrape-off layer (SOL)
- **THC** - Magnetic Confinement Theory and Modelling: Confinement
- **THS** - Magnetic Confinement Theory and Modelling: Stability
- **THW** - Magnetic Confinement Theory and Modelling: Wave–plasma interactions; current drive; heating; energetic particles
- **THD** - Magnetic Confinement Theory and Modelling: Plasma–material interactions; divertors; limiters; SOL

- **PPC** - Plasma Overall Performance and Control
- **IFE** - Inertial Fusion Experiments and Theory
- **ICC** - Innovative Confinement Concepts
- **FIP** - Fusion Engineering, Integration and Power Plant Design
- **FNS** - Fusion Nuclear Physics and Technology
- **MPT** - Materials Physics and Technology
- **SEE** - Safety, Environmental and Economic Aspects of Fusion

Additional guidance will be sent out soon. Please share this information with colleagues at your institution and at other institutions. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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