

35th

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
BALLISTICS, CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA

25 to 30 October 2026



ANNOUNCING CONFERENCE DATE CHANGE

AND UPDATED CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submit your Abstract here!

On behalf of the International Ballistics Society (IBS), SABO is proud to announce the first call for abstracts for the 35th International Symposium on Ballistics (ISB) which will be held at the Cape Town ICC, South Africa from **25th to 30th October 2026**.

The symposium will be held one week later than previously communicated.

The theme of the Conference is **"Wind of Change"**.

The International Symposium on Ballistics (ISB2026) will feature expert tutorials, robust discussion and thought-provoking presentations among ballistics professionals. As a first for the ISB, **digital interactive posters** will be featured on large format HD monitors on the most state of the art technology. We are planning for **two-track sessions** to allow for more oral presentations during the conference. The ISB2026, in keeping with its theme, aims to attract a large number of leading experts from the African and Asian Continent, together with those from the rest of the World.

Tutorial courses will be given on Sunday 25th and Monday 26th October 2026.

The topics for the 35th ISB includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Interior Ballistics
2. Exterior Ballistics
3. Launch Dynamics
4. Vulnerability and Survivability
5. Terminal Ballistics
6. Explosion Mechanics
7. Hypersonics
8. Applications of AI in Ballistics
9. Emerging Smart Technologies, Drones and Other Technologies



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Further information as well as the link to submit abstracts can be found on the ISB2026 website (www.ISB2026.org), SABO website (www.sabo.co.za) or the International Ballistics Society website (www.ballistics.org).

Important 35th ISB2026 dates:

Date	Description
23 Oct 2025	First Call for Abstracts
28 Nov 2025	Updated First Call for Abstracts
23 Dec 2025	Second Call for Abstracts
22 Jan 2026	Final Call for Abstracts
31 Jan 2026	Initial full papers for prospective Defence Technology Journal publication due .
1 Feb 2026 to 19 Aug 2026	Period for peer review of papers and updates of initial papers for prospective Defence Technology Journal publication.
22 Feb 2026	Final Due Date for Abstracts and opening of Student Award applications.
1 Apr 2026	Notification of successful presentations and digital poster for Symposium.
1 Apr 2026 to 20 Jun 2026	Early Registration period
21 Apr 2026	Student award applications including full paper due
21 Jun 2026 to 18 Aug 2026	Regular registration period
1 Jul 2026	Notification of student award recipients
24 Jul 2026	Final full version of papers for Symposium proceedings due
19 Aug 2026 to 16 Oct 2026	Late registration period
1 Sept 2026	Final full version of papers for Defence Technology Journal publication due
25 Oct 2026 to 30 Oct 2026	35th ISB Cape Town ICC, South Africa

Format of Abstract:

Please see below.

Paper selection committee and Paper format

The International paper selection committee has been identified and waiting to review your abstracts and papers. The **paper format** for Symposium proceedings publication shall be sent out with the **abstract acceptance email by 1 April 2026** together with the **copyright transfer form**.

SABO is looking forward to giving you a proudly South African welcome at the next International Symposium on Ballistics in one of the most beautiful cities in the World, Cape Town!

Yours faithfully

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