

DMS26 SWITZERLAND – SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

General Submission Process

We welcome contributions from researchers and practitioners engaging with design, modelling, and related fields. Please follow the guidelines below to submit your work.

All submissions must be made via the Converia conference management system, available from 15 November 2025.

A submission consists of three stages:

1. **Abstract submission** (required before full paper) – deadline: 9 Jan 2026
2. **Full paper submission** – open from 2 February to 3 April 2026
3. **Final paper submission** (for accepted contributions only) – open from 12 May to 25 May 2026

Authors will receive short editorial feedback based on the abstract.

Submissions must be original and relevant to the topics of the DMS26 SWITZERLAND, for more info, pls. go to <https://design-modelling-symposium.de/>.

Papers should include a short, descriptive title of no more than 50 characters including spaces.

Papers should present a significant body of research, supported by a clear research question and design. Contributions must demonstrate a coherent argument or investigation, and should include illustrative images or graphics with captions, references, and (where relevant) appendices.

Accepted papers will be published in the official Conference Proceedings and will be invited for presentation at the event. Detailed formatting instructions for the final version will be provided upon acceptance.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Authors wishing to present at DMS26 must first submit an abstract of 500 to 1,000 words.

- Abstracts must be blinded for peer review: do not include names, institutions, programmes, or locations.
- Please select one or max. two main themes/topics from the list provided on the website. If your contribution overlaps multiple themes, choose the most appropriate.
- In addition, 1–2 figures may be included with the abstract, provided they are anonymised and do not reveal authorship.
- There is no need to include a list of references in the abstract submission stage.
- Upload your abstract either in DOC/DOCX or PDF format via the conference website
https://express.converia.de/frontend/index.php?folder_id=11375&page_id=.

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FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

Only authors whose abstracts were accepted are invited to submit a full paper.

- Full papers must remain blinded for peer review, do not include names, institutions, programmes, or locations.
- Papers should be between 2,500 – 3,000 words (including lists, appendices, tables and captions, excluding abstracts) and have a total length of 10 to 15 pages.
- Pls. include 5 – max. 7 visual elements (figures and/or images).
- Papers may use the default layout of common word processors (Times New Roman or Calibri).
- Use A4 format.
- Limit formatting to three heading levels.
- Include clear captions for all figures (drawings, charts, photos, etc.).
- Upload your full paper either in DOC/DOCX or PDF format via the conference website
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Authors are encouraged to use the Springer conference paper template, available in the Downloads section of the website. Use of the template is recommended but not mandatory.

FINAL PAPER / MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

Please submit one ZIP file using the following naming format: "paperID_corresponding-author-lastname", example: "BN123_Smith".

The **ZIP file** must contain the following:

- Non-blinded final manuscript as Word document (DOC/DOCX), including the names and affiliations of all authors. The abstract must remain at the beginning of the manuscript.
- Separate abstract file as Word document (DOC/DOCX)
- Additional ZIP folder containing all figures as separate high-resolution files
- Signed Licence to Publish by the corresponding author, including the correct title of the contribution as well as the names and organisations/affiliations of all authors

Please ensure that the final manuscript observes the following requirements:

- 2,500–3,000 words, including lists, captions and tables, excluding the abstract 10–15 pages in total
- No more than 5 to 7 figures, tables or other visual elements in total
- The Scientific Committee's feedback must be carefully considered in the final version

Figure requirements:

Preferred formats: TIFF for photographs and pixel-based images; EPS or PDF for vector graphics, with all fonts embedded or converted to outlines.

Minimum resolution:

- 300 dpi for photographs
- 600 dpi for illustrations, drawings and combination artwork
- 1200 dpi for line art or graphics with fine lines

Colour mode: CMYK.

Figures should be prepared close to final print size, usually between 8 cm and 16 cm wide and not higher than 23 cm. Please ensure that all labels and text remain clearly legible at final size. Recommended lettering is 8–12 pt, with 5 pt as the absolute minimum.

Please avoid unnecessarily oversized files. Individual figure files should preferably not exceed 20 MB, unless technically required.

Tables should be included as editable tables in the Word document and should not be submitted as image files, unless technically unavoidable.

Each paper must have at least one registered and paid author by Monday, 25 May 2026. This author must attend the conference and present the paper.

For programme and publication balance reasons, each registered presenting author may present only one accepted paper at the conference. Payment of the registration fee will be verified before the paper is included in the Conference Proceedings book.

The Advisory Board reserves the right to exclude papers from the proceedings if the Scientific Committee's comments have not been adequately considered or if the formal submission requirements are not met.

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