



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Registration

Q: How do I register for the STC congress? A: To register for the STC congress, please visit our official website and click on the registration icon. Follow the instructions to complete the registration form and submit your details [here](#).

Q: How much does it cost to attend the STC congress? A: For students and faculty members the cost is 50 € per Person. For Industry representatives and any other external participants, the cost is 100 €. Please find more information about congress tickets on our web page [here](#).

Q: How can I pay for my registration? A: Payment can be made online via credit card, Apple Pay, or PayPal. Detailed payment instructions are provided at the end of the registration process. Find the link to register [here](#).

Q: Can I register on-site? A: Yes, however only cash is accepted at on-site registration. The cost for on-site registration for students and faculty members is 50 €; and 100 € for industry representatives and external. We recommend registering online in advance to ensure your spot.

Q: What is the cancellation policy? A: Cancellations made before 28th of February 2026 will receive a full refund, excluding transfer fees. After 28th of February 2026, you will receive a 50% refund, excluding transfer fees and administrative cancellation fees.

2. For PetroBowl

Q: What exactly is the PetroBowl Competition? A: The PetroBowl is the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) premier global student competition. It is a fast-paced, academic quiz bowl where teams from different SPE Student Chapters compete by answering technical and non-technical questions related to the energy industry.

Q: Why is the PetroBowl important? A: This competition is the SPE Europe PetroBowl Competition, where teams from all over Europe come together to compete in energy trivia and stand the chance at the prestigious title of SPE European PetroBowl Champion. PetroBowl offers participants the opportunity to network with their peers who will be their fellow future energy leaders of tomorrow.

Q: If I register for STC, can I attend the PetroBowl? A: Yes, the registration applies for both events. All registered STC attendees are welcome to observe the competition. However, only officially registered teams of SPE Student Chapter members are eligible to compete in the tournament itself.

Q: If I register for PetroBowl, can I still attend STC and the career fair? A: Yes, absolutely! In fact, the PetroBowl is part of the STC 2026. Your registration as a PetroBowl team member, coach or observer grants you access to the entire Student Technical Congress (STC).

Q: How can I participate in PetroBowl? A: Participation is exclusive to official, pre-registered teams. You must coordinate with your local SPE Student Chapter to be on a team.



Q: Are there rules for the audience that I need to follow? A: Yes, audience conduct is critical. You must maintain strict silence during the questions and response time. Recording of any kind is also prohibited. Do not shout out answers, cheer or make distracting noise. Please save applause for the end of a round or when scores are announced.

3. For Presenters

Q: How do I submit my abstract/presentation/poster for the STC congress? A: Presenters can submit their abstracts/presentations/posters by sending it to our email registration@stcgermany.com. Detailed guidelines and submission deadlines are available at the end of registration form and on the congress website [here](#).

Q: When is the deadline for submitting my abstract for the academic presentations and/or poster exhibition? A: The deadline for submitting your abstract is midnight on February 15th 2026. Please ensure your abstract is submitted by this date to allow adequate time for review and scheduling.

Q: How long should my presentation be? A: Each presenter is allocated 15 minutes for the academic presentations and 5 min time for Q&A. Please adhere to this time limit to ensure the schedule runs smoothly.

Q: When will I be notified if my abstract is accepted? A: Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by February 23rd 2026 with a payment link. If you have not heard from us by then, please contact us by sending an email to registration@stcgermany.com. If you have any special visa requests, kindly include this in the 'additional comments option' at the end of your registration and contact us at registration@stcgermany.com.

Q: When should I submit my presentation slides? A: Upon your selection to present your research at the academic presentations, we urge you to send in your presentation slide decks by April 1st 2026 to allow ample time for alignment with the technical requirements for the presentations in readiness for the event. Kindly submit your presentation slides to registration@stcgermany.com.

Q: When will I be notified about a specific time slot for my presentation? A: Notifications of your presentation time-slot will be sent out by April 1st 2026. If you have not heard from us by then, please contact us by sending an email to registration@stcgermany.com.

Q: Can I make changes to my presentation after submission? A: Yes, you can make changes to your presentation until April 1st 2026. Please send us an registration@stcgermany.com to update your materials.

Q: Will there be technical support available during my presentation? A: Yes, technical support will be available throughout the congress to assist with any equipment or technical issues.

Q: What equipment will be available in the presentation rooms? A: A presentation room will be equipped with a computer, projector, microphone, and clicker. If you need any additional equipment, please registration@stcgermany.com in advance.



Q: Can I request a specific time slot for my presentation? A: We try to accommodate specific requests for presentation time slots, but we cannot guarantee availability. Please indicate your preference during the submission process or by sending us an email to registration@stcgermany.com.

4. Trip/Stay

Q: Do you offer any Accommodations packages? A: Yes, for 3 nights, the cost is 100 €. If you stay for 4 nights, the cost is also 100 €. The 4-night package costs the same as the 3-night package (100 €), effectively giving you the fourth night for free. The rate per single night is 40€.

Q: Do I get reimbursement for my hotel? A: The STC organization team does not provide hotel reimbursement. You may, however, be able to receive reimbursement from your local Student Chapter. Contact your local chapter directly as some of them offer this type of financial support.

Q: Is there parking available at the congress venue? A: Yes, ample parking is available at the congress venue.

Q: How do I get to the congress venue? A: Detailed directions to the congress venue will soon be available on our web page [here](#).

Q: What local attractions are there to visit? A: Clausthal-Zellerfeld and the surrounding areas, within 30 kilometers, offer a mix of industrial heritage and natural beauty in the Harz Mountains. In the town itself, you can visit the wooden church [Marktkirche](#) "Zum Heiligen Geist", the [Mining Museum](#), one of Germany's oldest technological museums and the [Rammelsberg Mine UNESCO World Heritage Site](#). About 20 km away, you'll find the [UNESCO World Heritage City of Goslar](#), famous for its medieval old town and the [Imperial Palace](#) (Kaiserpfalz). For great views, enjoy a ride on the cable car at [Hahnenklee-Bockswiese](#) (6km). We encourage attendees to explore these and other attractions in the area during their free time.

Q: Is there a shuttle service from the hotel to the congress venue? A: There is no shuttle service provided as everything in Clausthal-Zellerfeld is easily reachable by foot and bus. The town is compact and walkable, ensuring convenient access to all congress venues and recommended accommodations venues. During your stay, we will provide guides to help you navigate through the locations of the event.

5. Addresses

Q: What is the address for the Aula, where the main event is going to take place? A: The address for the Aula is Aulastraße 8, Clausthal-Zellerfeld.

Q: What is the address for Institute of Subsurface Energy Systems (ITE)? A: The address for the Institute of Subsurface Energy Systems (ITE) is Agricolastraße 10, Clausthal-Zellerfeld.



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6. Program

Q: What to expect on the “SPE Chapters Exchange” mentioned in the Agenda?

A: The “SPE Chapters Exchange” will be a dynamic session where representatives from various SPE chapters share their experiences, best practices, and successful initiatives. It’s a great opportunity to gain insights into chapter management and to exchange ideas with peers.

Q: What to expect on the "Career Fair” mentioned in the Agenda?

A: The "Career Fair” will connect attendees with leading companies in the industry. Expect booths from various employers, opportunities to network with hiring managers, and the chance to learn about current job openings and career paths.

Q: What to expect on the “Drillbotics show” mentioned in the Agenda?

A: The “Drillbotics show” will showcase innovative drilling robotics technology. Attendees will learn about the latest advancements in automation and control and have the opportunity to discuss technical details with experts in the field.

Q: What to expect on the “Young professionals panel” mentioned in the Agenda?

A: The “Young Professionals Panel” will feature a group of emerging leaders in the industry discussing their career journeys, challenges, and successes. Expect insightful discussions, career advice, and the opportunity to ask questions and gain inspiration from peers who are making their mark in the field.

Q: Will there be networking opportunities? A: Yes, there will be formal and informal networking events, including a Career Fair, coffee breaks, and evening programs. Check the program schedule for more details.

Q: Are meals included in the registration fee? A: Yes, meals are included in the registration fee; including breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks and during the evening programs.

7. What to Wear?

Q: Should I dress casually or formally for the congress? A: The dress code for the congress is business casual.

Q: Do I need to bring warm clothes? A: Yes! It is advisable to bring warm clothes. The event will be in Spring, and the average high temperatures typically range from 8°C to 12°C, while average lows are usually between 1°C and 4°C. Frost at night is still possible.

Q: Is there a specific dress code for the Congress Dinner? A: The dress code for the Congress Dinner is smart casual.



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8. General Questions

Q: Will there be Wi-Fi available at the congress venue? A: There will be Wi-Fi at the congress venue with individual codes for access. We recommend making any necessary arrangements with your registration team for internet access before attending the congress.

Q: How can I stay updated with congress announcements? A: Stay updated by subscribing to our newsletter and following us on social media ([Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#)). Important announcements will also be made during the opening and closing sessions.

Q: What should I do if I have special dietary requirements? A: Please indicate any special dietary requirements during the registration process. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Q: What should I do if I lose my congress badge? A: If you lose your congress badge, please visit the registration desk to obtain a replacement.