



# The STC 2018 – Explanations and rules

## What is the STC?

The STC is an annual Student Technical Conference centered around upstream oilfield related students. Typically around 60 students mostly from Europe and 40 professionals gather for two days. The program features some 14 technical talks and a couple dozen technical posters by students of various engineering and science disciplines from Bachelor to PhD, as well as keynote talk, a mini-job-fair, group dinner, and usually an excursion and similar as pre-program. The conference language is English, although occasionally a poster or lecture may be in German.

It is an excellent opportunity to learn about recent technology and scientific advances as well as to network.

## Who is invited?

To present:

- Currently active students somehow related to upstream oil & gas, typically in their last year studying, from Bachelor to PhD level
- From Germany and elsewhere.

To participate:

- Presenters
- Students not presenting
- Faculty of participating universities
- Engineers and scientists working in the oilfield
- Oilfield HR representatives

## Where is the conference?

In 2018, the STC will be held in Freiberg/Saxony. Nearest airport is Dresden (50 km), train station is Freiberg (Sachs).

**Location:** Zur “Alten Mensa”, [Petersstraße 5, 09599 Freiberg](#)

## Timing 2018

Abstracts:

- **17 June:** Deadline for submitting abstracts.
- Till **late July:** notification of selected lecture and poster presenters
- Till **early August:** binding confirmation by selected presenters

Registration:

- **17 September:** application deadline for students not presenting, a surcharge has to be paid when registering later.

File submission:

- **7 October:**
  - deadline for technical posters to be printed
  - printing of program (including sponsors list)
- **25 October:** Powerpoint files and similar need to be submitted

STC 2018:

- **7 November: Pre-Program and Icebreaker party**  
Details to be announced later.
- **8-9 November:** Conference at Alte Mensa in Freiberg
  - 8:30 Registration
  - End of conference: Friday, Nov 9, 15:30

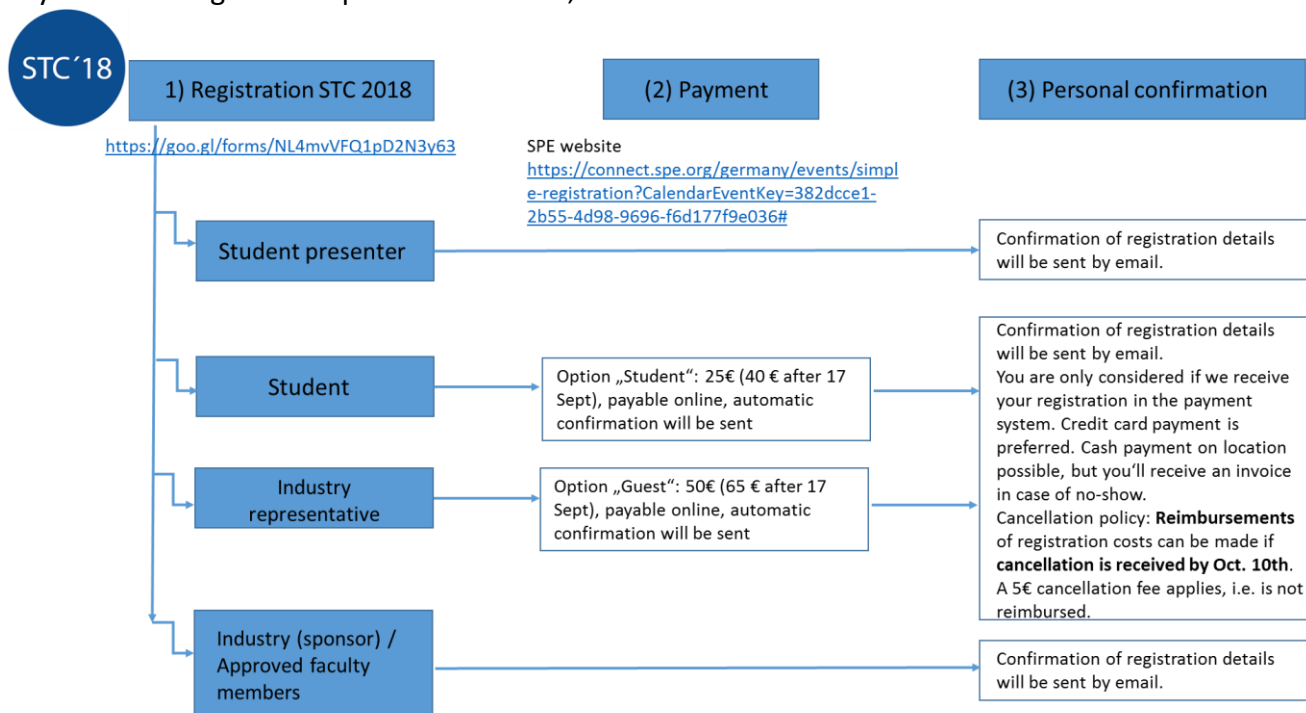
## What are the costs?

| STC 2018 enrolment rules                    | Students                |                             |                  | Faculty                  | Industry representatives |                           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Presenting              | Not Presenting              |                  |                          | Non-sponsor              | Sponsor                   |
|   | SPE, Lecture or Poster  | SPE, from Germany           | SPE, from abroad |                          |                          |                           |
| Admission (both days, incl. lunch & dinner) | Free of charge          | 25 € upon arrival           |                  | Free of charge           | 50 € upon arrival        | Free of charge            |
| Enrollment after 17th Sep 2018              | n/a                     | 15 € surcharge upon arrival |                  |                          |                          | n/a                       |
| Accommodation                               | 1 free night equivalent |                             | Self-paid        |                          |                          |                           |
| Travel expenses                             | Up to 50 € reimbursed   |                             | Self-paid        |                          |                          |                           |
| Participation                               | Guaranteed              | Upon confirmation           |                  | 2x/university guaranteed | Upon confirmation        | see sponsoring categories |

## Registration Process

The venue has limited space capacity. Pre-registration is required. There is no guarantee for non-presenters who apply to be able to participate, but usually all or most applicants are considered.

Payment and registration process overview, details below:



*If you need to cancel your registration, please inform us in any case.*

### Student presenters:

- Register online, choose “Presenter”: <https://goo.gl/forms/NL4mvVFQ1pD2N3y63>

- Choose if you need hostel accommodation and if you want to participate in the pre-program. The 2 nights in the hostel are free of charge.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

#### **Student participants (not presenting):**

- Register online, choose "Student": <https://goo.gl/forms/NL4mvVFQ1pD2N3y63>
- Choose if you need hostel accommodation and if you want to participate in the pre-program
- Payment for admission fee: go to SPE website for payment: <https://connect.spe.org/germany/events/simple-registration?CalendarEventKey=382dcce1-2b55-4d98-9696-f6d177f9e036#>
- Choose payment option (credit card). The event registration allows also cash payment onsite. We prefer credit card payment. If you register and don't attend the conference without cancelling, you will receive an invoice.
- The admission fee is 25€ when registering before Sept. 17th, 40€ when registering later.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail. Your registration is only complete when the payment is made, otherwise you are not considered and we won't issue a conference badge for you.
- Accommodation costs (see table): At partner hostel (shared rooms), accommodation costs 20€ for one night, 37€ for two nights. This needs to be paid at the venue (in cash).

#### **Industry (Sponsors)**

- Register online, choose "Industry/Sponsor": <https://goo.gl/forms/NL4mvVFQ1pD2N3y63>
- Choose if you want to participate in the pre-program.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

#### **Industry (non-sponsor):**

- Register online, choose "Industry": <https://goo.gl/forms/NL4mvVFQ1pD2N3y63>
- Choose if you want to participate in the pre-program
- Payment for admission fee: go to SPE website for payment, choose type "Guest" <https://connect.spe.org/germany/events/simple-registration?CalendarEventKey=382dcce1-2b55-4d98-9696-f6d177f9e036#>
- Choose payment option (credit card). The event registration allows also cash payment onsite. We prefer credit card payment. If you register and don't attend the conference without cancelling, you will receive an invoice.
- The admission fee is 50€ when registering before Sept. 17th, 65€ when registering later.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail. Your registration is only complete when the payment is made, otherwise you are not considered and we won't issue a conference badge for you.

#### **Faculty**

- Register online, choose "Faculty": <https://goo.gl/forms/NL4mvVFQ1pD2N3y63>
- Choose if you want to participate in the pre-program.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

## Cancellation policy

In case you need to **cancel your registration**, for whatever reason and no matter if student/presenter/sponsor or industry representative, please contact [stc2018@tu-freiberg.de](mailto:stc2018@tu-freiberg.de).

Each registered participant causes costs, especially for the catering and cancelling on time helps us enormously.

**Reimbursements** of registration costs can be made if **cancellation is received by Oct. 10th**. A 5€ cancellation fee applies, i.e. is not reimbursed. If you need to cancel your registration, please inform us in any case.

**No-show:** If you are registered, and chose cash payment onsite, you will receive an invoice in case of no-show. We reserve the right to exclude you from future events.

## Presentation Requirements/Types:

Abstracts:

- **17 June:** Deadline for submitting abstracts.
- **Till late July:** notification of selected lecture and poster presenters
- **Till early August:** confirmation required from selected presenters

General requirements:

- 1-page abstract required by June 17.
- Submission via online form (max. 2500 characters).
- No excessive use of commercial language/terms.
- Check spelling/grammar ahead of submission.

There are no full papers required. Instead, we only need your 1-page abstract using our template form.

To apply from Freiberg, Clausthal, Aachen, or Karlsruhe please get in touch with your student **chapter faculty advisor**. Applications shall be endorsed by him/her prior to being sent to GSSPE. For other locations, or if you have further questions, please submit directly:

[connect.spe.org/germany/stc](http://connect.spe.org/germany/stc)

Please verify your presenter profile details prior to confirming your participation, as they will be part of the printed program. If desired we offer **coaching/mentoring** and advice for you on how to present properly. Spaces may be limited for this, please let us know once you are selected.

- **Lecture:**
  - 20 min, slides-aided presentations plus 10min question and answer session
  - **Back-up Lecture:**
    - If you are not chosen for a lecture immediately, but one of the lecture slots is opened for any reason, we may contact you early August to present your lecture.
- **Poster:**
  - Template available. Size is fixed (A0 portrait), content structure is free

- File type options: pptx, pub, pdf, graphics formats. Ensure print resolution.
- Will be printed by GSSPE. You just need to send a file.
- 1-hour dedicated poster presentation session during conference

There are no full papers required. Instead, we only need your 1-page abstract using our online template. If you are chosen, this exact abstract page then will be part of the conference proceedings.

## Abstract Rules

To apply, you have to be a student of Petroleum Engineering, a Geoscience or related technical discipline with a hydrocarbon or geothermal focus, who is currently enrolled at a university (Bachelor, Master, PhD, Dipl.-Ing.). By applying, you confirm that the content of the abstract and of the presentation is open for publication and e.g. not subject to confidentiality agreements with a sponsoring company. You also confirm that you consent to publication of any photographs that may be taken of you during the STC and of this abstract.

The abstract has to be max. 2500 characters long in order to fit on a single page. You may want to get advice on [http://www.spe.org/authors/docs/elements\\_proposal.pdf](http://www.spe.org/authors/docs/elements_proposal.pdf) or <http://www.spe.org/authors/resources/write-abstract.php> on how to structure it (the link also describes how to write full papers, which is not required for the STC). The presentation topic must cover your own line of work. Brand names are not to be used. It must be in the same language as the title and the final presentation. Preferred language is English, but presentations and abstracts in German will also be considered.

You will receive notice whether or not you are being accepted by email. After you confirmed the acceptance email, you have to submit your poster/presentation to GSSPE prior to the conference. In case you withdraw your application afterwards, GSSPE is entitled to exclude you from this year's or future STCs or other GSSPE events.

## Privacy statement

By **participating** in the conference and/or pre-program you consent in allowing GSSPE to

- Take photographs of you at the conference and publish these for conference materials/website/social media/conference reporting
- Communicate your contact details. At this time we intend to do so within the organization team and to sponsors and possibly other participants as well as other related groups such as the hostel or University hosts. We also keep your contact details for further communication regarding future STCs or other GSSPE events.
- The separate privacy policy describes further which data we collect during the registration and how they are used.

By **presenting** you further consent in

- allowing GSSPE to publish your abstract as received or with minor formatting changes.
- We may also publish poster presentations in summary format, e.g. in the GSSPE Newsletter.
- Presentation slides may also be published without further consultation after the conference. Should you wish to exclude certain slides of your presentation from printed publication/emailing to interested parties of the conference, please let us know ahead of time and provide a shortened, "cleaned" version of your presentation.

## What students have to organize themselves

- **Transportation:** All transportation from/to conference. Locally, carpooling will likely be possible for individuals to organize, but there are no shuttle buses or similar. Cooperation with other students will be essential for a cost-effective solution.
- **Accommodation:** What nights they intend to stay at the local hotel. At partner hostel, accommodation is about 20€/night.
- A cost-effective solution might be couchsurfing with students from Freiberg. If you know a host already, great! Otherwise, the organizing team will help you when you register.
- **Files:** A method to transfer ppt-presentation and poster files in time and in readable format, even if they are larger than 10MB, which is the emailing size limit. No last-minute updates for presentation files on lecture day via USB stick.

## What will be provided by GSSPE

- We have booked a number of rooms in a hostel in Freiberg (walking distance to conference venue). Students will have to share rooms. Additional nights at these places shall also be arranged through the organization team, but will have to be paid by the individual. There is no breakfast served in the hostel, but alternatives nearby exist.
- Printing of Posters; putting them up
- Meals during the conference: 2x lunch, 1x dinner, coffee breaks
- Conference program, name tags

## In case of cancellation of the event

In case of cancellation of the STC 2018, the organizer is not responsible for any incurred expenses of participants.

## Organizer

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<http://connect.spe.org/germany/home>

