



Call for Abstracts

# 16<sup>th</sup> *fib* International PhD Symposium in Civil Engineering



Vienna, Austria



9–11 September 2026

Hosted by: BOKU University, Vienna

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## Welcome to Vienna – Welcome to the Symposium

Since 1996, the fib PhD Symposium has provided a unique international platform for doctoral candidates to present their research, receive expert feedback, and engage in academic exchange. BOKU University previously hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Symposium in 2000. Presentations are reserved exclusively for PhD students; each session is moderated by senior researchers to foster discussion and support the advancement of research and thesis preparation.

Registration fees are kept low to ensure broad accessibility. While only PhD students may present, supervisors and researchers are warmly invited to attend and contribute to the discussion.

## About the Host & Venue

The symposium will be held at the BOKU University in Vienna, Austria – a university known for

its commitment to sustainable and interdisciplinary solutions. The venue is the TÜWI building, an award-winning timber structure recognized for its energy-efficient and climate-neutral design. As part of the BOKU campus, it offers a modern and inspiring setting for learning, exchange, and innovation.

## Main Topics

- Advanced Materials & Industrialized Construction
- Conceptual and Resource-efficient Design
- AI & Numerical Modeling & Digital Tools
- Sustainability & Climate Impact
- Durability & Structural Health & Service Life
- Design Codes & Model Code 2020
- Strengthening & Reliability
- Assessment of Existing Structures

## Publication & Submission Info

### Peer Review

All manuscripts undergo a blinded peer-review process and must not have been published or submitted elsewhere.

### Publication & Open Access

Accepted papers will be published in an open access fib volume, prepared for submission to Web of Science. A structured review process and the expertise of the Scientific Committee will ensure academic quality. The publication will be freely accessible.

## PhD Awards

Two awards will be granted for each main topic, based on the quality of both the written and oral presentation. In addition, one award for excellence will be presented to the overall best PhD student.

Join us in Vienna for three days of research and exchange in Europe's most vibrant city.

## Key Dates

**23 June 2025**  
Abstract Submission Opens

**6 September 2025**  
Abstract Submission Deadline

**27 September 2025**  
Notification of Abstracts

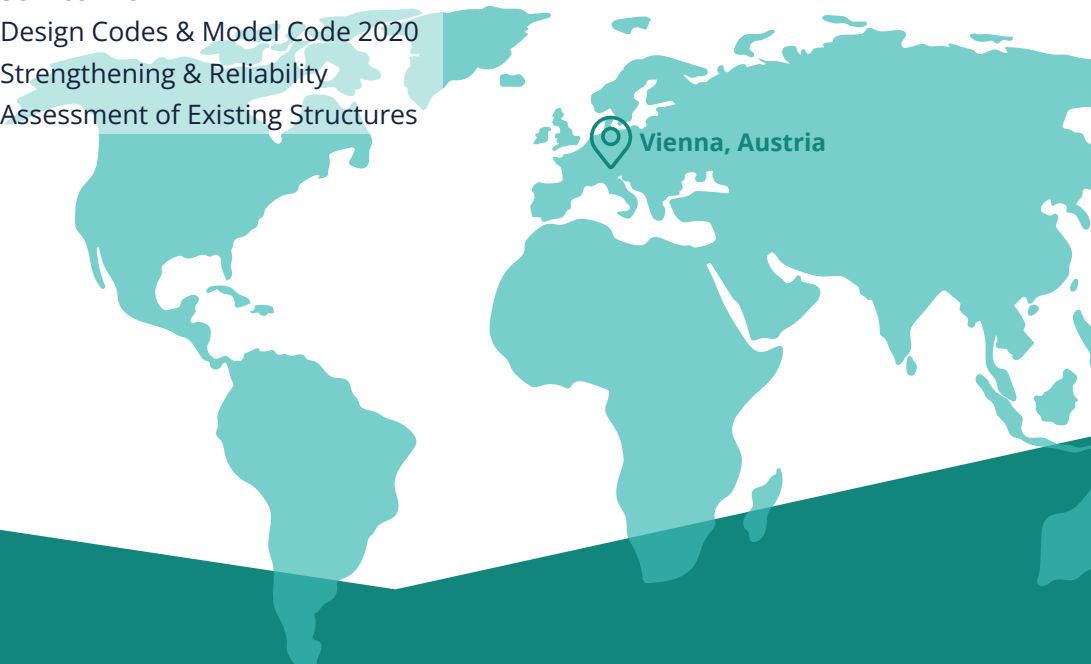
**20 December 2025**  
Full Paper Submission

**6 April 2026**  
Notification of Full Papers

**9-11 September 2026**  
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TÜWI building (Türkenwirt building), BOKU University

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