16th Fall Rubber Colloquium
October 13–15, 2026

Invitation and Call for Papers

Deutsches Institut für Kautschuktechnologie e. V., Hannover, Germany

Conference Fee

DIK members	€ 990
Non members	€ 1320
Speaker, Poster authors	€ 390
Students	€ 300

The conference fee includes the **Book of Abstracts, lunch on all three days, refreshments, and the conference dinner**. All accepted abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts.

Full manuscripts will be made available to registered participants via a **download link**.

Further details on payment procedures and other relevant information can be found at www.DIKautschuk.de/khk.

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Invitation

Dear colleagues,

The **16th Fall Rubber Colloquium** will take place from **October 13–15, 2026**, in Hannover, Germany. You are cordially invited to participate in this internationally recognized scientific conference.

This event marks the 16th conference in our long-standing biennial series dedicated to rubber technology. Previous colloquia have been highly successful, attracting participants from diverse disciplines and from all over the world. We warmly encourage delegates from both Germany and abroad to contribute and join us.

The conference will highlight the latest and most significant scientific developments and advanced processing techniques in rubber and polymer science and technology. Internationally renowned experts from academia and industry will share their insights on emerging trends shaping the future of the rubber industry. The Fall Rubber Colloquium offers an ideal platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and fostering new collaborations.

Conference Topics:

- **Chemistry:** Reinforcement, Vulcanization, Reversible Crosslinking, New Composites, Raw Materials, Aging, Analysis, TPEs/TPVs
- **Physics:** Friction/Traction, Lifetime, Tribology, Rheology, Smart Materials
- **Processing:** 3D Printing, Mixing, Extrusion, Calendering, Injection Moulding, 2K Systems, Digitalisation
- **Simulation:** Material Modelling, Product Design, Prediction
- **Sustainability:** Circular Economy, Recycling, CO_2 Footprint, Drinking Water/Food Contact, Emissions

We look forward to welcoming you to Hannover in **October 2026** and to an inspiring exchange of ideas within our international rubber community.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Giese

Call for Papers – Lectures and Posters

The organizers invite prospective presenters to submit an **abstract** related to one of the conference topics.

On our website www.DIKautschuk.de/khk under “Call for Papers” you will find:

- the **abstract template** and detailed **submission guidelines**
- the option to **upload your abstract as a pdf file**.

Submission deadline for abstracts (lectures and posters): February 28, 2026

All submissions will be reviewed by the scientific committee. Authors will be notified in due time regarding the acceptance of their contribution.

In case a submitted lecture cannot be accepted for oral presentation, the author will have the opportunity to present the work as a poster instead.

The **best poster** will be honored with an **award** during the conference dinner.