

Code of Conduct for the International Enameller's Congress 2026

The International Enameller's Congress is an event dedicated to sharing knowledge and fostering collaboration among researchers, professionals, and experts from the enamelling industry. To ensure a respectful, productive, and inclusive environment for all participants, we ask all attendees to adhere to the following principles.

1. Respect and Inclusion

We encourage a welcoming and respectful environment for all individuals, regardless of origin, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, religious beliefs, or professional status. Discriminatory, harassing, or disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated.

2. Professional Conduct

All participants are expected to behave professionally at all times. Respect for the opinions, ideas, and work of others is essential to the success of this event. Discussions should remain respectful and constructive, even in the case of disagreements.

3. Harassment

Harassment in any form (physical, verbal, visual, or electronic) is strictly prohibited. Any behaviour that creates an intimidating, hostile, or inappropriate environment will be addressed with appropriate actions. If you are a witness or victim of harassment, please immediately contact a member of the organising committee.

4. Conflict of Interest

Participants must declare any potential conflicts of interest related to presentations or professional discussions, particularly regarding partnerships with companies or sponsors.

5. Respect for Schedules and Spaces

We ask that participants respect the schedules of sessions, workshops, and presentations to ensure the smooth running of the program. Additionally, we encourage everyone to respect common spaces and help maintain a clean and organised environment.

6. Protection of Data and Intellectual Property

Participants must respect the confidentiality of information shared during the congress when required, whether related to research, innovations, or business strategies. Protection of personal data and intellectual property is of paramount importance.

The use of photographic, video, or other type of recording devices is strictly prohibited in all oral sessions. Therefore, it is also strictly prohibited to post photos/images or video recordings from these sessions on any type of online site, including social media platforms, blogs, personal Web pages, etc.

7. Respect the antitrust laws

Participants agree to refrain from any action or behaviour that is or could be considered a violation of applicable antitrust laws. This includes, but is not limited to, the following topics that are strictly prohibited and off-limits during, before and after the conferences within the Congress, in particular when information on these topics is exchanged between companies that could be considered active or potential competitors, whether this information is exchanged formally or informally:

- a) sales prices, tariffs, (planned) price adjustments, recommended prices, discounts, margins and other price-related topics concerning the products or services of the member companies
- b) market division/sharing, for example by allocating a specific geographical area, specific customers or specific customer groups to specific members
- c) restriction of production or sales
- d) prior consultation regarding responses to invitations to make offers to potential customers
- e) exchange of market information by individual members, i.e. information on production, turnover, sales, investments, divestments, R&D expenditure and other information, insofar as this concerns product groups or specific services that may be considered commercially sensitive information
- f) exclusivity for specific members to represent producers or importers
- g) boycott of specific suppliers or customers
- h) corruption in any form, payment or acceptance of bribes
- i) any other matter that could lead to coordination of market conduct restricting competition
- j) any other matter that could reduce the general uncertainty of members as to relevant future market actions of other members.

8. Use of Equipment and Resources

The use of equipment provided by the organisation (such as computers, projectors, sound systems, etc.) should be responsible. Participants are encouraged to respect the integrity of the congress infrastructure.

9. Adherence to Health and Safety Measures

All participants must follow the health and safety guidelines in effect during the congress, including those related to the prevention of health risks and the safety of facilities.

10. Moderation and Social Media Communication

Discussions online, on social media, or other platforms should maintain the same level of professionalism and respect as in-person interactions. Negative or defamatory comments regarding individuals, institutions, or companies are not permitted.

11. Individual Responsibility

Each participant is responsible for their actions during the congress. In the event of a violation of this code of conduct, corrective actions, ranging from a warning to exclusion from the congress, may be taken.

12. Commitment to Scientific Quality

Researchers and professionals must ensure that they present rigorous, high-quality work in accordance with the ethical principles of scientific research. Any falsification of data, plagiarism, or manipulation of results is strictly prohibited.

We thank you for adhering to this code of conduct to ensure a positive and enriching experience for all.
