



10th International Soft Matter Conference



May 25-29, 2026



Goa

About International Soft Matter Conference (ISMC)

This conference aims to unite researchers from diverse scientific disciplines, including engineering, physics, chemistry, and biology, focusing on complex fluids and soft matter research from across the globe.

The International Soft Matter Conference (ISMC) was first held in October 2007 in Aachen, Germany, initiated by the SoftComp European Network to connect theory, simulation, and experimentation across fields such as polymer science, colloids, gels, interfaces, and biological soft matter. Since then, the ISMC has become a regular international event, with subsequent editions hosted in Granada, Spain (2010), Rome, Italy (2013), Grenoble, France (2016), Edinburgh, Scotland (2019), Poznań, Poland (2022), Osaka, Japan (2023), Raleigh, USA (2024), and Chania, Crete, Greece (upcoming in 2025).



About ISMC 2026

The upcoming **10th International Soft Matter Conference (ISMC 2026)** is scheduled to be held in **India** for the first time. It will take place at the **Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani – K K Birla Goa Campus, from May 25-29, 2026**. This is an important event to mark India's growing contribution to soft matter research.

Expected Footfall

ISMC 2026 will feature 8 plenary and 32 keynote speakers chosen by the international program committee.

We expect ~1000 participants in the meeting with participants from India, Asia outside India, Europe, North and South Americas and Australia. Based on previous meetings, we also expect healthy industry participation. Soft matter science is highly applied, with important implications for personal care, paints, pharmaceutical science, plastics, composites, display technology, and plays an important role in addressing sustainability issues, among others.

India has a strong soft matter community of more than 250 active research groups. The annual flagship soft matter meeting, called CompFlu (for Complex Fluids) has been held continuously since 2002 and regularly attracts upwards of 500 participants from the natural sciences and engineering.

Sessions Planned



Colloids



Interfaces,
Surfaces and
Membranes



Self-Assembly and
Self-organisation



Fluid Dynamics



Liquid Crystals and
Anisotropic Matter



Polymers
and Gels



Rheology and
Non equilibrium
Phenomena



Arrested Matter

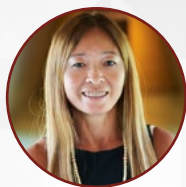


Active and
Biological Matter



Sustainability

Plenary Speakers



Amy Shen
OIST, Japan



Andrea J. Liu
UPenn, USA



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MIT, USA



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Why Support ISMC 2026?



Showcase Products to a Targeted Audience:

Exhibitors have the chance to display their latest products to almost the entire soft matter research community in India as well as to prominent global researchers.



Networking Opportunities: It provides networking opportunities with attendees, including researchers from both academia and industry.



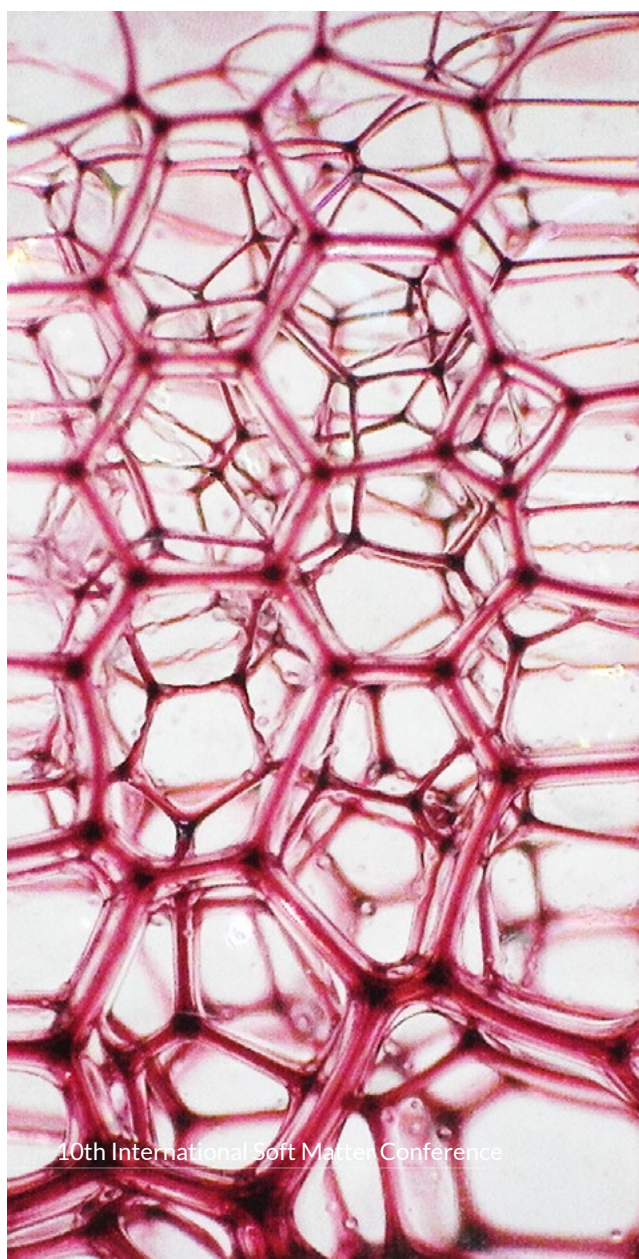
Recruitment Potential: Exhibitors gain the possibility to identify talented PhD and postdoctoral students for recruitment.



Brand Enhancement and Influence: Exhibiting can enhance brand prestige, expand influence, showcase leadership, and capture an international audience.



Market Penetration: It serves as an opportunity to highlight commitment and tap into the international market.



Engaging with ISMC 2026:

As an exhibitor at ISMC-2026, you can showcase your products to a large audience of soft matter researchers from academia and industry. Previous ISMC meetings have had 750+ researchers from around the globe. There is also the opportunity to support ISMC through sponsorships and donations. Several modes of support for ISMC 2026 are listed below.

Information about Sponsorship and Donations

Options:

You may choose any combination of sponsorship options and any amount for Donation (minimum ₹50,000). A combination of sponsorship and donations is also welcome.

Lunch and coffee sponsorship can be selected for individual days or multiple days. Standee placement will be possible at specific area. All standees need to be provided by the Sponsors.

Options	Support
Conference Banquet Sponsorship	₹ 8,00,000
Lunch Sponsorship (1 day)	₹ 4,00,000
Coffee Break Sponsorship	₹ 1,50,000

Benefits:

Category	Support Level	Logo in Abstract Book [#]	Website* Acknowledgement	Logo on Conference Banner	Logo in Final Program & Cover of Abstract Book [#]	Complimentary Registrations
Platinum	₹ 8,00,000 and above	✓	✓	✓	✓	3
Gold	₹ 6,00,000 and above	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
Silver	₹ 3,50,000 and above	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
Bronze	₹ 1,50,000 and above	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Basic	₹ 50,000 and above	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

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*Conference website listing will include the company's logo, and a link to their website with special mention of the Platinum/Gold/Silver categories.

Information for Exhibitors

Options	Availability	Associated Cost (INR)*
Premium Exhibition Booth (3m x 3m)	1	₹ 5,50,000
Large Exhibition Booth (3m x 2m)	10	₹ 4,00,000
Exhibition Booth (2m x 2m)	4	₹ 3,50,000

*Additional GST will be applicable.

Details:

- Stalls of 3 m × 2 m, 3 m × 3 m, or 2 m × 2 m (prefabricated) will be available, each equipped with a table, two chairs, spotlights, and a 5A power outlet. The exhibitor's name can be displayed on the fascia (225 mm height). Additional information can be affixed to the stall partitions/panels. Any other requirements will need to be discussed with the organizers.
- Night security will be provided.
- Additionally, exhibitors will have their logo listed on the conference website and the soft copy of the abstract book.

Terms:

Complete details will be provided once an offer is extended. Confirmation of offers must be received by 31st December 2025, and contributions should reach us no later than 31st March 2026.

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Exhibition Plan:

