

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Hosting the International Sedimentary Geoscience Congress (ISGC III) – 2028

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SEPM Society for Sedimentary Geology

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Overview

The SEPM Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) invites proposals from qualified institutions and venues interested in hosting the **Third International Sedimentary Geoscience Congress (ISGC III)** in 2028.

The International Sedimentary Geoscience Congress is a recurring international scientific conference focused on advancing sedimentary geoscience research and collaboration. The inaugural meeting was held in 2024 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, and the second meeting was held in 2026 at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

ISGC III is anticipated to be a **three- to four-day conference** with optional short courses and field trips offered before and after the main meeting. Expected attendance is approximately **300 to 350 participants**, including academic researchers, industry professionals, government scientists, and graduate and undergraduate students.

SEPM encourages proposals from universities and colleges, as previous meetings have demonstrated that an academic setting provides an ideal environment for scientific exchange, networking, and educational engagement.

Venue Requirements

While alternative arrangements will be considered, the preferred venue should be capable of meeting the following requirements.

General Session Space

A primary meeting room capable of accommodating **300 to 350 attendees** in banquet-style seating.

The space should support:

- Plenary presentations and keynote sessions
- Audio-visual (AV) capabilities suitable for scientific presentations
- Daily food and beverage breaks
- Luncheons (preferred)
- Poster session displays (preferred)

If poster sessions or lunches must be held elsewhere, the alternative location should be nearby and easily accessible.

Breakout Meeting Rooms

Two to four additional meeting rooms accommodating approximately **75 to 100 attendees each** in theater-style or classroom seating.

These rooms will be used for:

- Concurrent technical sessions
- Small-group meetings and committee meetings
- Short courses offered before and/or after the main conference

Each room should include appropriate AV capabilities for presentations.

Catering Requirements

The venue should be able to provide, either directly or through approved vendors:

Daily Refreshment Breaks

- Morning break service
- Afternoon break service
- Coffee, tea, water, and light snacks

Lunch Service

- Lunches for attendees each day of the conference
- Service in the primary meeting space or at a nearby dining facility

Proposals should include catering options and estimated pricing.

Lodging Requirements

The host location should provide convenient lodging options for attendees at a range of price points.

Preferred accommodation includes:

- Nearby commercial hotels
- Bed-and-breakfast facilities
- Extended-stay lodging options
- University or college residence halls (if available)

Proposals should describe lodging availability, estimated room rates, and distances from the meeting venue.

Transportation and Accessibility

Proposals should address transportation options available to attendees.

Airport Access

- Proximity to a major commercial airport
- Availability of shuttle, public transportation, rideshare, or other transportation services between the airport and venue

On-Site Transportation

- Transportation between conference facilities if multiple locations will be utilized
- If facilities are within walking distance, please indicate approximate walking times

Parking

- Availability of on-site or nearby parking
 - Estimated parking costs, if applicable
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Additional Considerations

SEPM welcomes information regarding:

- Field trip opportunities relevant to sedimentary geology
 - Local geological attractions
 - Availability of student volunteers
 - Sustainability initiatives
 - Accessibility accommodations
 - Nearby restaurants and amenities
 - Opportunities for sponsorship or institutional support
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Proposal Requested

Interested institutions should provide:

1. Institution and venue name
 2. Primary contact information
 3. Description of available meeting spaces
 4. Meeting room capacities and layouts
 5. AV capabilities
 6. Catering options and estimated costs
 7. Lodging options and estimated rates
 8. Transportation and parking information
 9. Potential conference dates in 2028
 10. Information regarding field trips and short-course opportunities
 11. Any additional support or advantages offered by the host institution
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Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Ability to accommodate projected attendance
- Suitability of meeting facilities

- Accessibility and transportation options
 - Availability and affordability of lodging
 - Estimated overall cost to attendees and SEPM
 - Opportunities for educational and geological field experiences
 - Overall quality of the proposed host location
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About SEPM

The Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) is an international nonprofit scientific organization dedicated to advancing the study of sedimentary geology, stratigraphy, paleontology, and related disciplines. Through publications, conferences, educational initiatives, and professional networking opportunities, SEPM supports the global geoscience community.

For additional information, please visit **www.sepm.org**.
