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XII International Organisation of Palaeobotany Conference



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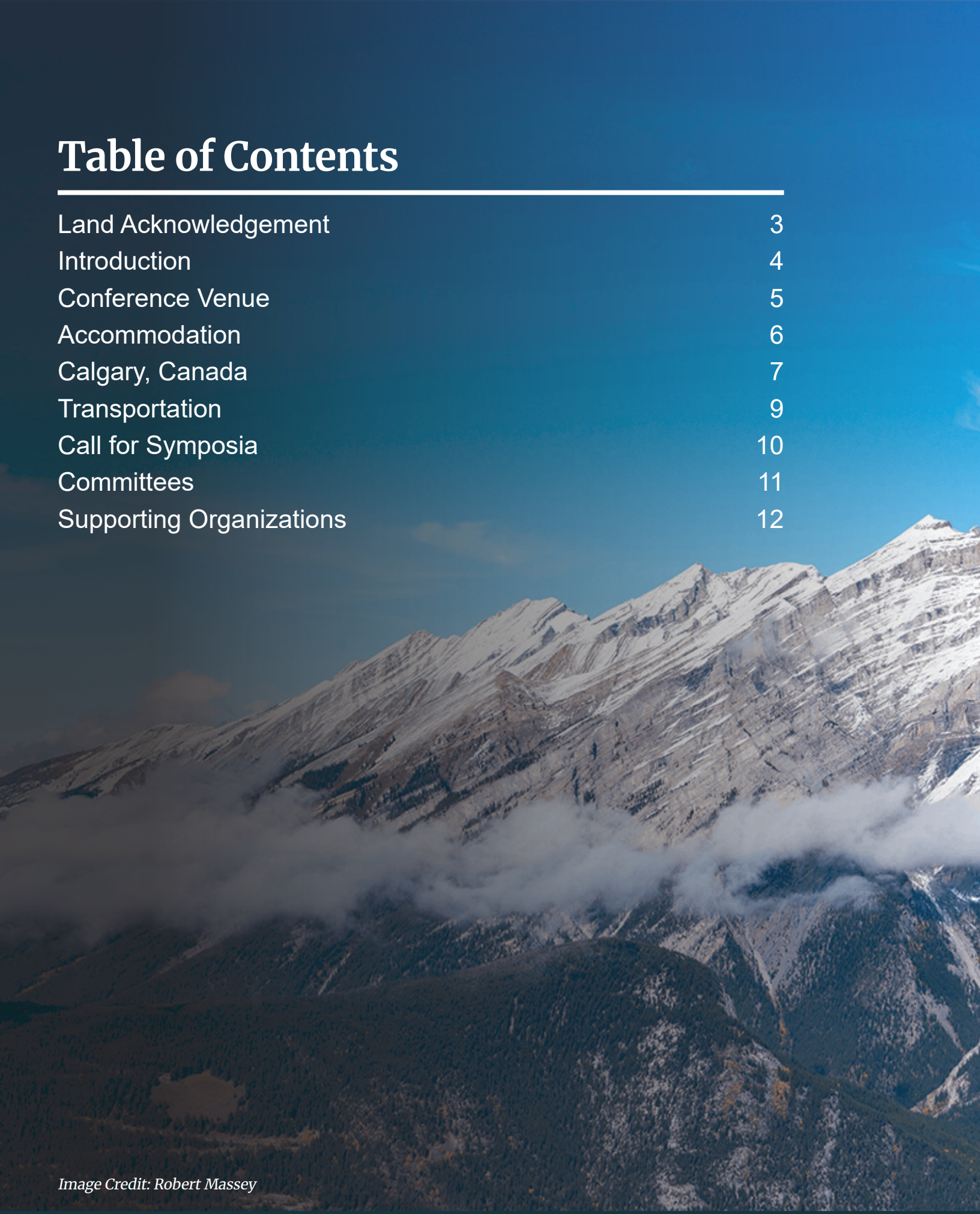


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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the ancestral and traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy, which includes the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations; the Îyârhe Nakoda First Nations, comprising the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations; and the Tsuut'ina First Nation.

The City of Calgary is also the homeland of the historic Northwest Métis and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, Métis Nation Battle River Territory, including Nose Hill Métis District 5 and Elbow Métis District 6.

We acknowledge and honour all Indigenous Peoples who have made Calgary their home.



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Introduction

IPC and IOPC each draw upon distinguished and long-established traditions, having been founded in 1962 and 1980, respectively. Initially organised as separate recurring conferences, they served as the principal international forums for research in palynology, the study of organic microfossils such as pollen, spores, acritarchs, and dinoflagellate cysts, and palaeobotany, the study of fossil plants.A significant milestone was reached in 2008, when the XII IPC and VIII IOPC were convened jointly in Bonn, Germany, marking the beginning of a sustained partnership between the two communities. Since then, the conferences have been held together at regular intervals, fostering interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration through shared scientific programmes. This integrated format has continued in subsequent meetings, culminating most recently in the 2024 conference held in Prague, Czech Republic. Today, the joint IPC–IOPC conference represents a premier global gathering, reflecting the natural complementarity of the two fields and reinforcing their shared commitment to using the fossil records of plants, pollen, spores, and other organic-walled microfossils to understand the evolution of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, past vegetation and environments, and Earth's climatic and environmental history.

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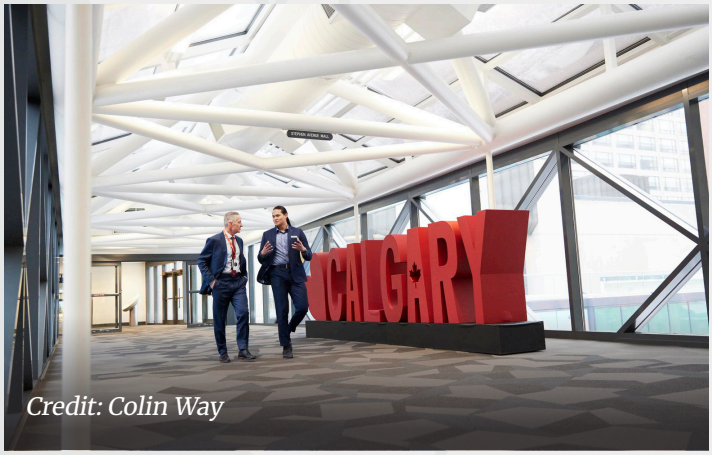
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Conference Venue

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre (CTCC), located in the heart of downtown Calgary on vibrant Stephen Avenue, is a premier venue designed to bring people and ideas together in a dynamic and inspiring setting. As Canada's first purpose-built convention centre, it has evolved into a modern, flexible space offering over 122,000 square feet of connected meeting and event facilities. The CTCC emphasizes sustainability, inclusivity, and exceptional service, all while providing seamless access to hotels, dining, and cultural attractions just steps away.



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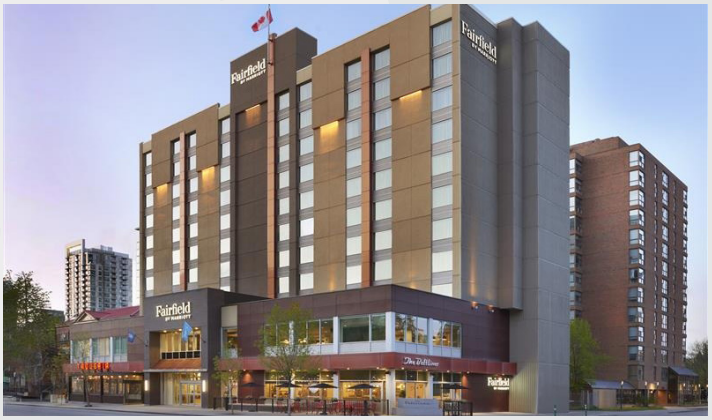
Credit: Calgary TELUS Convention Centre

Accommodation

The Local Organizing Committee is pleased to partner with two outstanding accommodation options, both within walking distance of the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre and surrounded by Calgary's vibrant downtown.

By booking your stay at one of our designated hotels, you will directly support the success of XVI IPC - XII IOPC — these hotels have offered our delegates competitive rates, and a portion of each booking helps fund the conference.

Hotels will be available to book when Registration opens in December 2027.



Fairfield by Marriott Calgary Downtown

A 15-min walk from the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, this relaxed downtown hotel is 9 minutes' walk from the closest CTrain Station.

More Information about the Fairfield by Marriott Calgary



Hyatt Regency Calgary

Connected directly to the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, this polished high-rise hotel is located right in downtown Calgary, minutes away from Stephen Avenue's shops, the Calgary Tower, and many other activities worth exploring.

More Information about the Hyatt Regency Calgary





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Calgary, Canada

Introduction



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Calgary is situated near the spectacular Rocky Mountains, and west of the vast expanse of the Canadian prairies, the surface expression of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin. Calgary is a vibrant and welcoming city that combines the amenities of a modern urban centre with easy access to some of Canada's most spectacular natural landscapes. Visitors can explore a thriving arts and cultural scene, diverse restaurants, extensive pathway networks, and numerous parks and green spaces. Located less than an hour from the Rocky Mountains and Banff National Park, Calgary is about 90 minutes from the world-renowned Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology and two hours from Dinosaur Provincial Park.

There are five UNESCO World Heritage Sites with geological and cultural significance within an easy day trip from Calgary. Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park contains thousands of petroglyphs in 50 locations dating back over 5,000 years. Dinosaur Provincial Park preserves exceptional fossils representing over 50 types of dinosaurs, in addition to its excellent riparian habitats and beautiful badland landscapes. Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump is located where the Foothills of the Rocky Mountains meet the Great Plains. It is one of the best-preserved and largest buffalo jumps and includes an impressive museum depicting the cultural significance of the site to the Blackfoot First Nation. The Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks, comprising Banff, Jasper, Kootenay, and Yoho National Parks, encompass some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in North America.

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park spans the Canada–United States border and combines Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta with Glacier National Park in Montana; it is renowned for its dramatic mountain scenery, pristine lakes, unique geology, abundant wildlife, and exceptional biodiversity.



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Calgary, Canada



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Banff

Banff and Lake Louise are nestled in the heart of Banff National Park - Canada's first national park and one of five stunning national parks in the Canadian Rockies. Surrounded by towering peaks and glacier-fed lakes, these iconic mountain towns are in Alberta, Canada, along the TransCanada Highway. The highway is well maintained and open year-round, making travel here easy in every season. The closest international gateway is Calgary International Airport. From the airport, there are shuttles and transfers available to Banff and Lake Louise.



The Royal Tyrrell Museum

The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology celebrates the spectacular diversity of life on Earth and the fossil record that preserves its history through deep time. The world-renowned museum and research facility is situated in the rugged Canadian Badlands in Midland Provincial Park, six kilometres northwest of Drumheller, Alberta and 140 km northeast of Calgary. The badlands not only offer a spectacular view, but they also hold some of the richest deposits of dinosaur fossils in the world. Renowned for its world-class collections, cutting-edge research, and immersive exhibits, the museum showcases the history of life on Earth from its earliest beginnings to the recent past. Visitors can explore galleries featuring iconic dinosaurs, marine reptiles, fossil plants, and other remarkable specimens while gaining insight into the scientific discoveries that continue to shape our understanding of the ancient world. Visitors can excavate in a realistic quarry, make their own fossil replica, or take a guided hike through the badlands.

More Information about the Royal Tyrrell Museum

More information regarding specific conference activities at Banff and the Royal Tyrrell Museum will be released in the coming months.

Visit The Conference Website

Field Trips

The Organizing Committee is developing a range of exclusive field excursions designed to complement and enhance the conference's scientific program. These optional experiences will provide delegates with opportunities to explore sites of geological, palaeontological, palynological, botanical, ecological,and cultural significance, while experiencing unique natural landscapes and scientific heritage. Based on current concepts, excursions may range from visits to fossil-bearing formations and notable geological features to explorations of diverse plant communities, natural history collections, and environments that have contributed to important scientific discoveries.

Led by knowledgeable local specialists, field trips will offer participants the opportunity to gain insights into regional research and conservation efforts and engage with fellow delegates in a more informal environment. Cultural and family-friendly options will also be available. A variety of trip lengths and difficulty levels are anticipated, allowing attendees to select experiences that best match their interests and schedules.

Additional information regarding confirmed field trip offerings, itineraries, registration requirements, and associated costs will be released in future conference communications as arrangements are finalized.









Transportation

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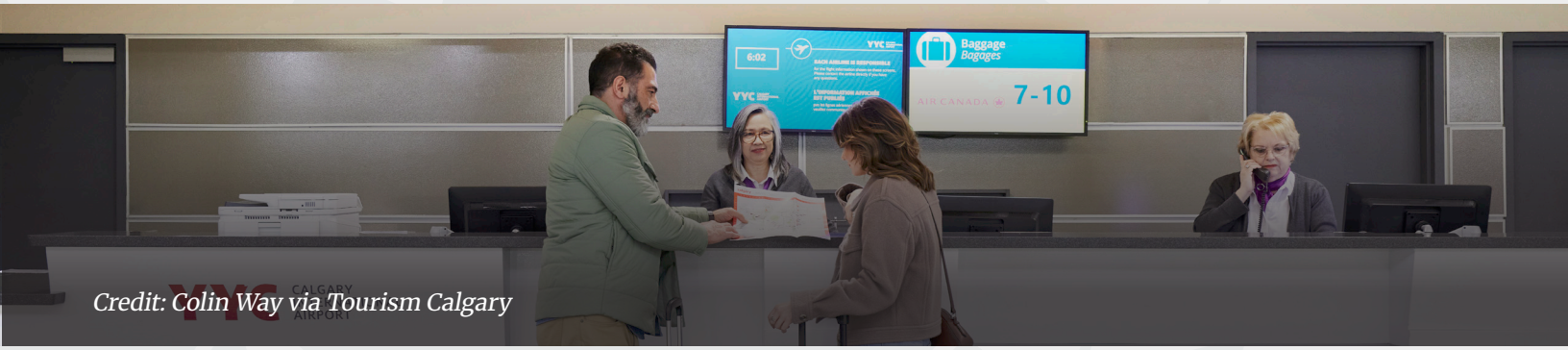
As Canada's third-busiest airport, YYC offers unparalleled convenience, with over 100 direct flights. A list of international flights is available here.

For the latest flight details, visit YYC's website.

- Taxis & Ride Sharing: Available at YYC and downtown. Mobile booking options offer added ease.
- Rental Cars: Conveniently located at the airport and throughout downtown Calgary.
- Public Transit: Travel seamlessly with Calgary's Public Transit.

AIRLINE OFFERS

Airline discounts will be provided through WestJet and Air Canada, the official carriers of the Conference. Discounts will be made available on the conference website.



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Important Dates

Call for Symposia	November 2026
Call for Symposia Closes	April 2027
Accepted Symposia Notified	July 2027
Release of Second Circular	September 2027
Abstract Submissions Open	December 2027
Registration Open	December 2027
Abstract Submission Deadline	April 2028
Preliminary Program Released	May 2028
Release of Third Circular	June 2028
Scientific Program	August 7-11, 2028

Call for Symposia and Workshops

It is our pleasure to invite proposals for symposia and workshops for the 16th International Palynological Congress (XVI IPC) and the 12th International Organisation of Palaeobotany Conference (XII IOPC), to be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, from August 7–11, 2028.

We welcome symposium proposals covering the broad range of disciplines represented within the palaeobotanical and palynological communities. Topics may include, but are not limited to, palaeobotany, palynology, palaeoecology, palaeoclimatology, biostratigraphy, plant evolution, taxonomy, morphology, developmental biology, aerobiology, allergology, melissopalynology, forensic palynology, applications in archeology, and emerging analytical and computational approaches. Interdisciplinary symposia that bridge traditional research areas or highlight novel techniques and methodologies are particularly encouraged.

To organize a symposium, please prepare a brief proposal in English that includes the following:

1. A descriptive title;
2. One or two paragraphs outlining the objectives, scope, and significance of the symposium.

Symposium proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. To ensure a balanced and cohesive scientific program, the Committee may suggest modifications to proposals or recommend the merging of symposia with overlapping themes. Workshop proposals are also welcome and should be submitted in a similar format.

Submit a Symposium Proposal

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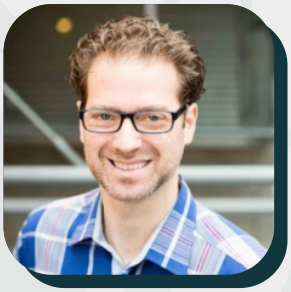
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