

*Please read these notes carefully, especially if you have not presented at the European Rotorcraft Forum before. In case of any questions, contact the ERF2026 Chair, or a member of the ERF International Committee.*

### Presentations

The Technical Presentations will be held in parallel sessions.

- Each lecture room is equipped with a projector or a cinema screen, presenter monitor, microphones and a count-down timer.
- Especially for presentations in one of the cinema rooms, please ensure that your presentation material is in widescreen format (16:9). Audio for potential video content is available in all rooms. IMPORTANT, if you are presenting in one of the following rooms: Cinema 1, Cinema 3 or Cinema 4, please make sure to get your headset at the Speaker Service Centre which is in conference room “Studio”, 30 minutes before the start of your session.
- The only acceptable file format for presentations is Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt or .pptx). Please make sure that all fonts and videos are embedded in the presentation.
- Chairs and authors are to gather at the appointed lecture room 15 minutes before the start of their session in order to meet each other and for a final technical check.
- The time allowed for **each paper presentation is precisely 30 min**. It is recommended that each lecture lasts 25 min, with at least 5 min for questions.
- For a proper introduction by the session chair, you have been requested to provide a short bio during your paper submission. At this point bio submissions are not possible any longer.
- There is no dedicated Speaker Preparation room at the conference venue. Please arrive at your Session well prepared.

### Best Paper awards

The ERF International Committee presents special Awards to encourage improvement of technical excellence with high-quality technical papers at ERF, and to recognize the authors who make significant technical contributions via their papers and presentations.

The *Ian Cheeseman Award* for Best Paper prepared for and presented at the European Rotorcraft Forum ERF has been established to recognize the author(s) who has/have prepared and presented the most significant technical paper as judged and selected by their peers. The award consists of a plaque from the European Rotorcraft Forum and the selected paper is presented at the next Forum of the Vertical Flight Society (VFS).

The *Padfield Award* has been established to recognize the best young author(s), not older than 30 years of age who has/have prepared and presented the most significant technical paper as judged and selected by their peers. The award consists of a plaque from the European Rotorcraft Forum.

As of the 43rd ERF, the *Chairman Award* has been initiated, awarding the Best Paper with a focus on International Cooperation. The winner will be invited to present the winning paper at the Asian/Australian Rotorcraft Forum (ARF).

The authors of the top 15 papers of the Forum will be invited to publish their work in a Special Issue of the CEAS Aeronautical Journal.

All papers will be included in the conference proceedings, and will be made available Open Access at the [ERF repository](#) shortly after the conference. As of ERF2026, the 2-year Embargo Period has been lifted, and each unique publication will be assigned a DOI and indexed in Scopus.

### Selection process

Prior to the Forum, the session chairs are requested to evaluate the papers on “technical content”, “originality/creativity”, “relevance, importance and timeliness” and “structure/clarity of the paper”. During the forum, session chairs will evaluate and score the quality of the presentation. Each paper and presentation will be rated against these criteria, with a score from 1 to 5 points (1= poor; 2= reasonable; 3= good; 4= very good; 5= outstanding)

Based on the scores provided by the session chairs, the ERF International Committee, chaired by the chairman of the national organizing committee and including representatives from industry, research establishments and academia, makes the final selection of “Best Papers of the Forum”.