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Brazilian Inventors Supported by IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office Shine at “Invention Week 2025” in Serbia

Belgrade, Serbia – September 2025: Fulfilling the mission of IFIA and ABIPIR, the IFIA-ABIPIR Latin American Office, based in Brazil, continues to promote and support innovative projects that address global challenges and contribute to making the world a better place. As always emphasized by **Mr. Alireza Rastegar**, President of IFIA, and **Mr. Marcelo Vivacqua**, Founder and President of ABIPIR (Brazil International Innovative Inventors, Scientists, and Entrepreneurs Association), invention and innovation know no borders. IFIA and ABIPIR stand united in supporting inventors, scientists, and entrepreneurs around the world who align with their mission and values.

Latin American Achievements in Serbia

Responding to the kind invitation of the organizers of the Invention Week 2025 Fair, coordinated by **Mr. Zeljko Zdravkovic** and his dedicated team, the IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office submitted several outstanding Brazilian projects that achieved remarkable results:

Award-Winning Brazilian Projects:

1- HYDROFLEX – Innovative equipment that enhances the efficiency of petrol fuel engines by injecting hydrogen to reduce carbon emissions.

Inventor: **Mr. Marcos Cabral (Brazil) - Gold Medal**

2- IConnecte / IConnecte Automation – A smart industrial automation system that predicts malfunctions, preventing financial losses.

Inventor: **Mr. Everton Alves Pereira (Brazil)**

This project represents Inovativa Brasil, the largest public startup accelerator in Latin America, where ABIPIR President Marcelo Vivacqua serves as a mentor.

3- Hi World / Management LTDA – An eco-friendly “Ecopoint” equipped with computer vision to guide users in proper recycling, minimizing environmental contamination.

Inventor: **Mrs. Maila Conte (Brazil)**

About “Invention Week 2025” in Belgrade

The **38th International Exhibition of Inventions, New Technologies, and Industrial Design Invention Week 2025** was successfully inaugurated at the **Museum of Science and Technology in Belgrade on September 2, 2025**.

This prestigious international event gathered innovators and researchers from **14 countries**, presenting **over 63 inventions** that showcased the creativity and excellence of the global innovation community.

During the opening ceremony, distinguished guests, including **Prof. Dr. Zeljko Zdravkovic**, President of the Belgrade Association of Inventors, and **Prof. Dr. Miljenko Šimpraga**, President of the Croatian Association of Innovators, highlighted the vital role of innovation in driving economic growth and sustainable development.

Event Highlights:

- Cutting-edge inventions tackling global challenges
- Industrial design that unites creativity with functionality
- Opportunities for international collaboration and networking
- A rich program of presentations, workshops, and interactive sessions

The inspiring atmosphere of the exhibition reaffirmed Invention Week as one of the most significant gatherings for inventors and innovators in the region and worldwide.

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InnovaCities 2025: Building Smart, Humane, and Resilient Cities with IFIA's Support



The 14th edition of InnovaCities – the International Fair of Smart, Joyful, Humane, and Resilient Cities, was successfully held from September 15 to 17, 2025, at the Recanto Cataratas Thermas Resort & Convention Center in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. Organized by ABIPIR – the Brazilian International Association of Inventors, Scientists, and Innovative Entrepreneurs, and supported by IFIA – the International Federation of Inventors' Associations, the event gathered over 3,000 participants from 15 countries, including innovators, researchers, entrepreneurs, and representatives from academia, government, and industry.



A Global Stage for Innovation

InnovaCities 2025 stood out as a premier platform for presenting practical and scalable solutions addressing global urban challenges. More than 100 projects were exhibited in person and online through the InnovaCities Regenerative Innovation Competition and the BRICS Technological Innovation Competition, highlighting innovations in healthcare, education, sustainability, urban mobility, artificial intelligence, and governance.



The Regenerative Innovation Competition recognized projects that combined social, environmental, and economic regeneration principles. Eighty projects competed in five categories: Urban Sustainability, Governance and Inclusive Public Policies, Resilient Cities, Diversity and Technology for Equity, and New Regenerative

Economic Systems with winners receiving internationally recognized medals and IFIA certificates.

In parallel, the BRICS Technological Innovation Competition brought together 79 projects from countries including Brazil, China, India, New Zealand, Argentina, Turkey, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Uganda, Paraguay, Ecuador, Bangladesh, and Rwanda. The competition featured cutting-edge solutions in digital medicine, advanced manufacturing, green energy, artificial intelligence, and smart governance.

Highlights and Side Events

Complementing the competitions, the fair hosted the Latin American Artificial Intelligence Congress, which explored how AI can foster sustainable urban development across Latin America. The event attracted experts, academics, and entrepreneurs to discuss topics such as Education 4.0, Smart Cities, Renewable Energy, Governance for the Future, and Smart Tourism Destinations

Other activities included business roundtables organized by SEBRAE, connecting 48 startups and enterprises with potential investors and partners, and a series of workshops, panels, and lectures on sustainability, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The Foz do Iguaçu City Hall also participated actively, offering vaccination services, public consultations, and civic engagement initiatives aligned with the fair's theme of humane and inclusive urbanism.

A significant educational component was achieved through the participation of more than 250 students from state and municipal schools, nurturing the next generation's interest in science, innovation, and social responsibility.

Global Collaboration and Recognition

The event was attended by key international and national figures, including:



- Mr. Alireza Rastegar, President of IFIA
 - Mr. Liu Zhenying, President of the BRICS Academy
 - Mr. Marcelo Vivacqua, Founder and President of ABIPIR and IFIA's Director for Latin America
 - Mr. Anand Kannan, Representative of IFIA Bharat
 - General Joaquim Silva e Luna, Mayor of Foz do Iguaçu
 - Representatives from UNILA, Uniguassu, SEBRAE, and the Government of Paraná State
- The II BRICS Cooperation Summit was also hosted during the fair, strengthening ties between IFIA, ABIPIR, BRICS Academy, and innovation ecosystems from across Latin America and Asia. The summit emphasized cooperation in science, technology, education, and sustainable economic development.



Social, Economic, and Environmental Impact

InnovaCities 2025 demonstrated measurable impact across multiple dimensions:

- **Social:** Promoted inclusion and diversity, highlighting award-winning projects by underrepresented inventors.
- **Economic:** Strengthened Paraná's innovation ecosystem, generating new partnerships and business opportunities.
- **Environmental:** Encouraged sustainable projects focused on green energy, circular economy, and ecosystem regeneration.
- **Educational:** Disseminated knowledge through AI, IoT, and sustainability workshops.
- **Political:** Reinforced Foz do Iguaçu's position as a hub for innovative public policy in Latin America

Conclusion

With IFIA's strategic support and ABIPIR's leadership, InnovaCities 2025 successfully combined innovation, education, and social inclusion, setting a new benchmark for international collaboration in smart and sustainable urban development. The event not only celebrated human ingenuity but also embodied the vision of building cities that are truly smart, humane, joyful, and resilient.

The mission of ABIPIR, aligned with IFIA's global vision, was fully achieved providing innovators with a free and democratic platform to present their ideas and transform them into opportunities that make the world a better place for all."

Marcelo Vivacqua, Founder and President of ABIPIR, Director of IFIA-LA-TAM Office

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IFIA General Assembly 2025 – Thirty-eighth Session

Date: October 17, 2025

Venue: National and University Library in Zagreb, Judita Hall – Croatia

The Thirty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) was successfully convened on October 17, 2025, at the National and University Library in Zagreb, Judita Hall, with the participation of representatives from 50 member countries.

Opening of the Session

The meeting commenced at 16:00 with a warm welcome address by IFIA President, Mr. Alireza Rastegar, who expressed his appreciation to all attending delegates for their continuous support and dedication to the global innovation



movement.

Following his remarks, Mr. Matija Žugec, Secretary General of the Union of Croatian Innovators, delivered a welcoming message on behalf of the President of the Croatian Union of Innovators, extending the host's greetings to the IFIA community.

Presentation of Member Activities

President Rastegar then invited representatives of member associations to briefly present their national activities and progress in the fields of invention and innovation.

The following delegates shared updates and insights on their organizations' recent achievements and support programs for local inventors:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Mr. Avdo Halilović – AIBIH
- Brazil: Dr. Marcelo Vivacqua – ABIPIR



- Canada: Mr. Babak Khodaparast – FICI
- China: Ms. Guo Yan – CAI
- Croatia: Mr. Leo Pincan – CUI
- Czech Republic: Mr. Lukas Zmeskal – UIR
- Egypt: Dr. Mahmoud Hafez – ECCIPP
- Germany: Mr. Winfried Sturm – DEV
- Iceland: Mrs. Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir – SFH
- India: Mr. Anand Kannan – IYF
- Kuwait: Dr. Yahya Abd-ALkhudhur Hasan Abdal – KSC
- Latvia: Mr. Aldis Eglajs – LIA
- Lebanon: Dr. Radwan Chouaib – NASR
- Palestine: Dr. Karim A. Tahboub – HCIE
- Poland: Ms. Agnieszka Mikolajska – SPWiR
- Romania: Dr. Andrei Victor Sandu – FIR
- Serbia: Dr. Željko Zdravković – BAI
- Thailand: Dr. Unchalee Sanguanpong – ATIP
- United States: Mr. Matthew Nuccio – UIA

Each representative provided a concise overview of their organization's national initiatives, innovation policies, and inventor support frameworks.

Approval of IFIA 2025 Activity Reports

The IFIA Activities Report 2025 was presented by President Alireza Rastegar, offering a comprehensive overview of the Federation's global initiatives and strategic progress during the year.

The report emphasized IFIA's growing influence and collaboration with governments, innovation agencies, and universities across different regions. Highlights included:

- The successful organization and participation of IFIA in major international invention exhibitions and innovation summits.
- Strengthened cooperation with member organizations through new regional programs and virtual coordination initiatives.
- Expansion of IFIA's educational and training platforms for young innovators and technology entrepreneurs.
- Enhanced visibility of inventors' achievements through IFIA's digital communication channels and publications.
- Increased engagement with global partners such as WIPO, UNIDO, and the European Union innovation networks.

President Rastegar also acknowledged the dedication of IFIA members in promoting invention and innovation in their respective countries, noting that 2025 marked a year of resilience, adaptation, and expansion for the global inventor community.

The report received strong commendation and unanimous approval from the Assembly, reflecting members' shared confidence in IFIA's vision and leadership.

Approval of IFIA 2025 Financial Report

Following the activity report, the IFIA Financial Report 2025 was presented, providing a transparent, detailed, and audited summary of IFIA's financial performance throughout the fiscal year.

President Rastegar explained the Federation's budget allocations, covering administrative operations, international event sponsorships, digital transformation initiatives, and member support programs. The report also highlighted IFIA's commitment to financial integrity and accountability, ensuring that all expenditures directly contributed to the organization's strategic objectives.



Key points included:

- Balanced income and expenditure reflecting sustainable financial management.
- Efficient use of membership fees to enhance global inventor services and event organization.
- Expansion of financial partnerships and sponsorship programs supporting innovation exhibitions.
- Investment in digital infrastructure and virtual event platforms for broader international participation.

The financial report was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Assembly, confirming members' satisfaction with the Federation's transparent management and sustainable financial practices.

Amendments to the IFIA Statutes

President Rastegar introduced a proposed amendment to Article 10 (Executive Committee) of the IFIA Statutes, aimed at facilitating the organization of virtual meetings for the Executive Committee.

The following new clause was proposed and approved by majority vote to be added under Article 10 / Executive Committee, while all other Articles remained unchanged:

Virtual Meetings

The Executive Committee may hold Virtual Meetings through electronic means upon the initiative of the President or with the consent of the majority of its members. Decisions made in such meetings shall have the same validity as those adopted in physical meetings, provided that the quorum requirements are met and votes are duly recorded in the Minutes approved by the President.

This amendment ensures greater flexibility and efficiency in the decision-making process, allowing IFIA to conduct official sessions remotely when necessary.

New Membership and Upgrades

The Assembly then proceeded to review the new membership application from the United Kingdom, which was approved by majority vote. The organization was accepted as a Candidate Member for one year, with the possibility of becoming a Full Member by the end of 2026 based on active participation and performance.





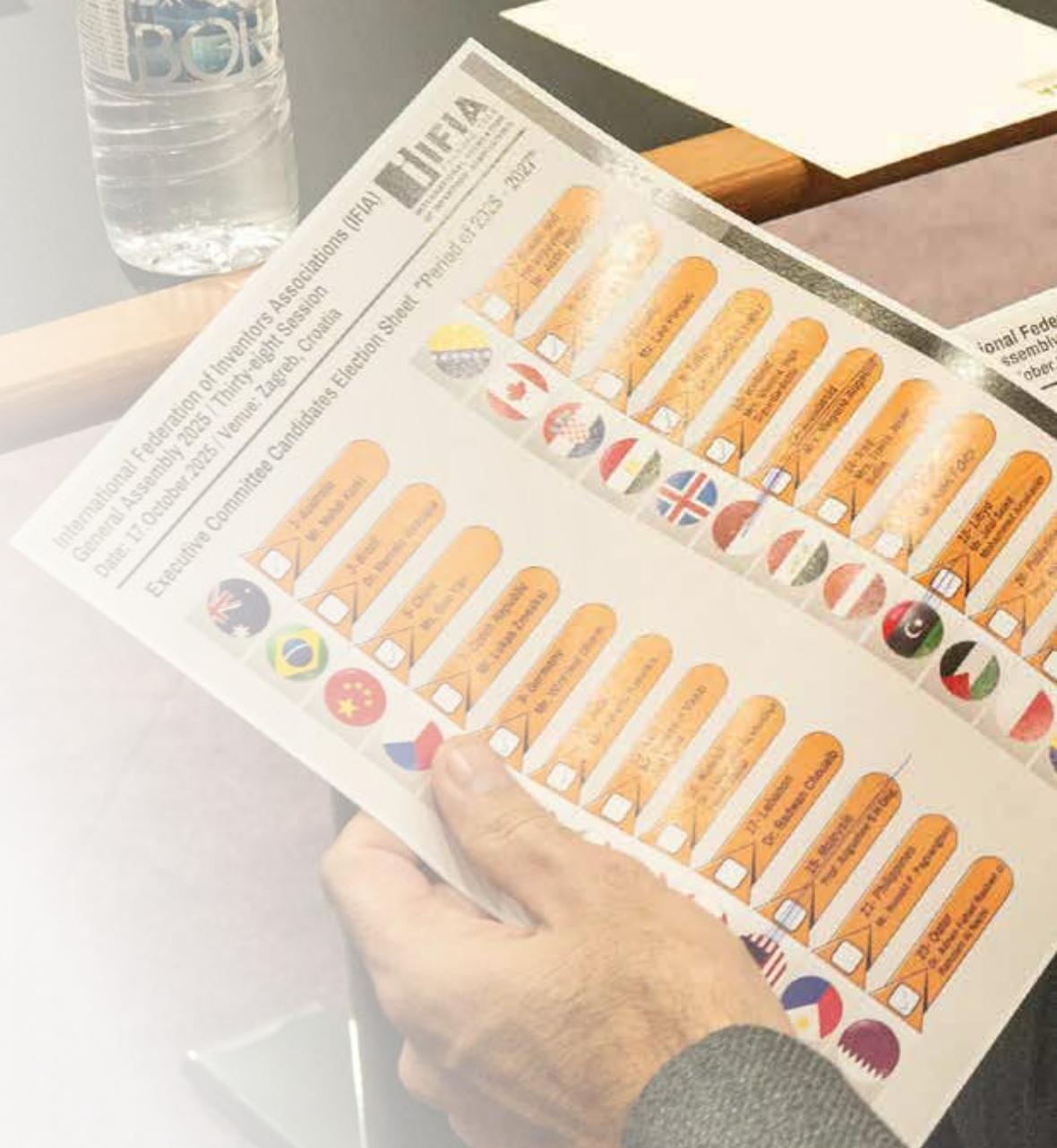
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Requests for membership upgrades from India (Yenilik Foundation) and Qatar (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology / Studio 5) were also approved. Both organizations were elevated from Corresponding Members to Full Members of IFIA.

Election of the IFIA Executive Committee (2025–2027)

The Assembly conducted elections for the IFIA Executive Committee for the term 2025–2027. Ballots were distributed among attendees, and from 34 submitted nominations, 23 members were elected as follows:



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Committee Candidates Election Sheet "Period of 2025 - 2027"

- 26. South Korea
Dr. Jungsik Kim
- 27. France
Mr. Alexandre Bouchard
- 28. Spain
Mr. Manuel Escobedo
- 29. Sweden
Mr. Carlos Rodriguez
- 30. Thailand
Dr. Jintana Sangsriwong
- 31. Vietnam
Dr. Nguyen Hoang Giang

Members shall be elected out of the 34 candidates listed above.

This symbol means a positive vote.
This symbol means a negative vote.
Please mark your positive or negative vote in the box next to each candidate.

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1. Australia – Dr. Mehdi Korke (AIAI)
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina – Mr. Avdo Halilović (AIBIH)
3. Brazil – Dr. Marcelo Vivacqua (ABIPIR)
4. Canada – Mr. Babak Khodaparast (FICI)
5. China – Ms. Guo Yan (CAI)
6. Croatia – Mr. Leo Pincan (CUI)
7. Czech Republic – Mr. Lukas Zmeskal (UIR)
8. Egypt – Dr. Mahmoud Hafez (ECCIPP)
9. Germany – Mr. Winfried Sturm (DEV)
10. Iceland – Mrs. Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir (SFH)
11. India – Mr. Anand Kannan (IYF)
12. Iran – Mr. Hossein Vaezi Ashtiani (FIRI)
13. Kuwait – Dr. Yahya Abd-ALkhudhur Hasan Abdal (KSC)
14. Lebanon – Dr. Radwan Chouaib (NASR)
15. Palestine – Dr. Karim A. Tahboub (HCIE)
16. Philippines – Mr. Ronald P. Pagsanghan (FIS)
17. Poland – Ms. Agnieszka Mikolajska (SPWiR)
18. Qatar – Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) / Studio 5
19. Romania – Dr. Andrei Victor Sandu (FIR)
20. Serbia – Dr. Željko Zdravković (BAI)
21. Switzerland – Ms. Caroline Simonet (Palexpo)
22. Thailand – Dr. Unchalee Sanguanpong (ATIP)
23. USA – Mr. Matthew Nuccio (UIA)

Review of Membership Fees

President Rastegar presented a proposal to restructure IFIA membership fees based on GDP indexes of member countries. The proposal was approved by the majority, establishing the following structure:

- Low GDP countries: USD 1,000 – 2,000
- Medium GDP countries: USD 2,000 – 5,000
- High GDP countries: USD 5,000 – 10,000

Review of the Saudi Arabia Invention Event Proposal

The Assembly discussed the proposal submitted by Bothat Holding Company (Saudi Arabia) for hosting a new invention event under IFIA's patronage. Members conditionally approved the proposal, pending submission of the following prerequisites:

- Finalization of the event date and venue
- Preparation of an official event website with complete information
- Identification of local partners and hosting institutions
- Official approval and endorsement from the Saudi government, including the final budget and allocation plan

- Preparation of registration forms for participants
 - Submission of the official event name, logo, medal design, and certificate templates
- Upon submission and review of these requirements, the cooperation agreement will be re-considered for final approval and IFIA support.

Review of the IFIA–BRICS Project: Committee Roadmap and Operational Framework

Following the discussion on the Saudi event, the Assembly reviewed the proposal presented by Dr. Liu, President of the BRICS Academy of Skills Development and Technology Innovation (Xiamen).

Dr. Liu delivered a comprehensive proposal outlining the organizational structure, objectives, and operational framework of the IFIA–BRICS Committee, including the selection process for committee members and the committee's roadmap for promoting innovation and inventor cooperation among BRICS countries.

The proposal received majority approval, marking an important step toward strengthening IFIA's collaboration with the BRICS innovation ecosystem.

Appointment of New IFIA Director

In recognition of his extensive experience and contributions to the field of medical innovation, Dr. Mahmoud Hafez (ECCIPP, Egypt) was appointed as Director of IFIA's Medical and Pharmaceutical Innovations Section. His leadership is expected to strengthen IFIA's engagement in healthcare-related innovations.

Future Meetings

The Assembly agreed to postpone the decision regarding the venue and date of the 2026 IFIA General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings to January 2026, when final proposals will be reviewed collectively.

Closing Remarks and Gala Dinner

President Rastegar expressed his gratitude to all participants for their constructive contributions and continued commitment to IFIA's mission. The session concluded with an official group photograph, followed by a Gala Dinner organized by IFIA, where delegates enjoyed a pleasant evening of networking and celebration of global innovation.



ARCA 2025: Croatia Becomes a Global Hub of Innovation

23rd International Innovation Exhibition Held in Zagreb

From October 16 to 18, 2025, the city of Zagreb transformed into the world's innovation capital as it hosted the 23rd International Innovation Exhibition ARCA, organized by the Croatian Union of Innovators in collaboration with the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

The prestigious event took place at the National and University Library in Zagreb, showcasing the latest global achievements in science, technology, and creativity.

A Gathering of the World's Brightest Innovators

This year's ARCA brought together over 300 innovations and technological breakthroughs from 35 countries, featuring individual inventors, research institutions, universities, and leading tech enterprises. The exhibition reaffirmed its status as a global platform where ideas evolve into impactful solutions shaping the future.

Distinguished guests attending the opening ceremony included:

- Ms. Martina Ciglevic, Deputy Envoy of the President of the Republic of Croatia
- Mr. Alireza Rastegar, President of IFIA
- Mr. Karlo Ressler, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr. Goran Romek, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy
- Mr. Ante Janko Bobetko, Deputy CEO of HAMAG-BICRO
- Prof. Dr. Ivanka Stričević, Director of the National and University Library
- Mr. Damir Tomić, President of the Croatian Association of Technical Culture
- Mr. He Zhenfu, Vice President of the Chinese Innovators Association
- Prof. Dr. Sc. Miljenko Šimpraga, President of the Croatian Union of Innovators

Other notable attendees included the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Qi Qian-jina, representatives of the City of Zagreb, the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBOR), and leaders of Croatia's top innovative enterprises such as HS Produkt, Končar d.d., and Tehnix Eco Industry.

Knowledge Exchange and Educational Activities

The exhibition featured a rich and dynamic program, including the Innovation Forum on "International Innovation Fairs", expert lectures, and interactive workshops.

Key presentations included:

- "The Importance of Intellectual Property" by Tanja Milović (State Office for Intellectual Property)
- "Support and Financial Instruments" by Neno Rakić and Josipa Kutle Stepančić (HAMAG-BICRO)

Additionally, STEM workshops introduced young participants to the world of science and technology through engaging, hands-on experiences.

IFIA General Assembly in Zagreb

ARCA 2025 also had the honor of hosting the General Assembly of IFIA, further solidifying Croatia's role as a leading hub for innovation and research promotion.

During the Assembly, new members of IFIA's Executive Committee were elected, including Mr. Leo Pinčan, Secretary of the Istrian Inventors' Association, representing Croatia.

Award-Winning Innovations

The most outstanding projects at ARCA 2025 received bronze, silver, and gold medals, along with special distinctions from WIPO and IFIA:

WIPO Special Awards:

- Vehicle Robot Minotaur – Karlovac County Association
- Connecting Element for Flat-Furniture – Diatus Inventions Society

IFIA Special Awards:

- Secure On-Device AI Computing Equipment – People's Republic of China
- Multifunctional Autonomous Robot Platform for Weed Monitoring and Precise Removal – Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb & DAMCO Robotics Center

Grand Prix Awards:

- Best International Innovation:
 - Research and Preparation Technology of INKT Cells for Treatment of Pancreatic and Liver Cancer – Bijin Gene Key Life Technology, People's Republic of China
- Best Domestic Innovation:
 - Device for Maintaining Barriers and Rumble Strips on Highways V2 – Ervin Matić

Acknowledgments and Partnerships

At the conclusion of the exhibition, the Croatian Union of Innovators expressed gratitude to its institutional and industrial partners, including IFIA, the National and University Library in Zagreb, and the Croatian Association of Technical Culture.

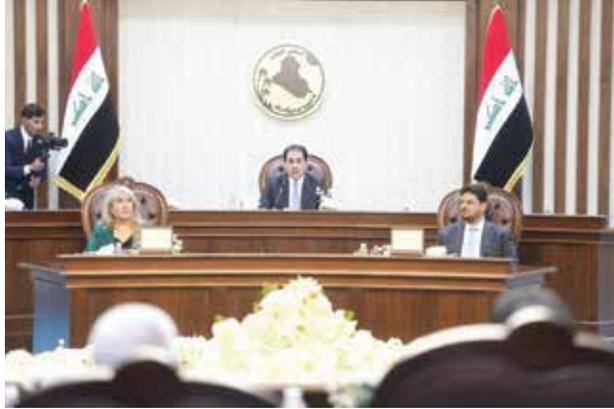
Special thanks were extended to the Croatian Parliament, the President of Croatia, HBOR, HAMAG-BICRO, the State Office for Intellectual Property, and leading sponsors such as HS Produkt, Končar d.d., and Tehnix Eco Industry.

ARCA: A Platform for Global Innovation

For more than two decades, ARCA has served as a bridge connecting innovators, researchers, and investors worldwide.

The 2025 edition once again proved that collaboration, creativity, and knowledge exchange remain the cornerstones of global progress values championed by IFIA and its international community of inventors.





Iraqi Parliament Hosts National Scientific Conference for Inventors and Innovators

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, the First Deputy Speaker of the Iraqi House of Representatives, Mr. Mohsen Al-Mandalawi, sponsored the Scientific Conference for Inventors, Innovators, and Creators, organized by the Iraqi Inventors & Innovators Society (IRAQ-IIIS), a full member of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), Geneva, Switzerland.

The event was held under the inspiring slogan: "Today's Invention... Tomorrow's Technology," and attended by 90 scientists and innovators from across Iraq.

Parliamentary Support for Innovation

In his opening address, Mr. Al-Mandalawi welcomed the participants and expressed his pride in the Parliament's role as a host for this scientific gathering, which brought together distinguished Iraqi minds. He emphasized that the presence of these national talents reflects Iraq's enduring capacity to progress despite challenges, stating that "creativity and innovation are the true path toward building a promising future for the country."

He further noted that supporting scientists, inventors, and innovators is "not a favor from the state, but a national duty and a legal and moral responsibility shared by all institutions," recognizing their vital role in advancing Iraq's scientific and developmental landscape.

Mr. Al-Mandalawi affirmed that the House of Representatives will remain a steadfast supporter of creative efforts, stressing that holding the conference within the Parliament sends a clear message of institutional commitment to nurturing innovation. He pledged continued collaboration with relevant executive authorities to remove administrative, legislative, and financial barriers that hinder the progress of inventors and innovators.

A Message of Hope and Reform

Mr. Al-Mandalawi described the conference as more than a scientific gathering “a message of hope and awareness” asserting that Iraq has the potential to reclaim its rightful place in global development, provided it continues to support and empower its creative minds. He concluded by emphasizing that “investing in human creativity is the greatest investment a nation can make.”

He expressed his hopes that the conference outcomes would mark the beginning of a new phase in supporting Iraqi scientists and innovators, highlighting that “the sons and daughters of Iraq are its true, inexhaustible wealth, and the power of creativity is the foundation of modern nation-building.”

Recognition from IRAQ-IIIS

In her address, Dr. Traiza J. Al-Nidawi, President of the Iraqi Inventors & Innovators Society (IRAQ-IIIS), expressed her honor to stand under the dome of Iraq’s ancient legislative institution “the Council of the Will of the People and the guardian of its future.” Representing an elite group of scientists, engineers, technicians, and researchers, she affirmed that the society is committed to elevating Iraq’s scientific and industrial standing.

Dr. Al-Nidawi praised the Parliament’s ongoing support for inventors and innovators, affirming that “the real wealth of a nation is not measured by its oil or minerals, but by the ingenuity of its people.” She emphasized that scientists and inventors are the cornerstones of national renaissance and the driving force behind sustainable development.

Commitment to Collaboration and Reform

Dr. Al-Nidawi expressed deep appreciation for Mr. Al-Mandalawi’s unwavering support for science and innovation, describing him as “a model of a national leader who believes that innovation is the path to reform and progress.” She noted his continuous efforts to eliminate obstacles faced by creative initiatives and to translate innovative ideas into practical solutions that serve citizens and strengthen the national economy.

Reaffirming IRAQ-IIIS’s readiness to collaborate with the Iraqi Parliament, Dr. Al-Nidawi proposed the development of legislation to ensure a safe and encouraging environment for innovation, one that protects the rights of inventors and establishes a robust national system for research and development to serve as “a beacon of science and a pillar of Iraq’s future strength.”

Conclusion

In closing, Dr. Al-Nidawi extended her heartfelt gratitude to the Iraqi Council of Representatives, its leadership, and particularly to Mr. Mohsen Al-Mandalawi, for their continuous commitment to fostering creativity and invention. She concluded by reaffirming that Iraq will remain strong through the efforts of its scientists, thinkers, and innovators, whose dedication continues to illuminate the path toward a prosperous and knowledge-driven future.

Qatar Launches Inspiring EduTech Program to Celebrate International Inventors' Day

In celebration of International Inventors' Day, Qatar's EduTech team is hosting a series of interactive online workshops and a professional development (PD) session aimed at nurturing creativity, innovation, and technological skills among students and educators. The program, taking place on November 9, brings together youth from various age groups to explore the intersection of artificial intelligence, coding, biotechnology, and data science through engaging, hands-on learning experiences.

Program Highlights

• Coding Metabot Workshop (Ages 7–10)

A fun and interactive introduction to block coding where young participants will learn programming logic through a virtual robot simulation.

• AI Code for Climate Workshop (Ages 11–14)

This session focuses on how artificial intelligence can help address climate challenges, encouraging students to combine technical learning with environmental awareness.

• Living Data Workshop (Ages 15–18)

An innovative experience blending bioinformatics, technology, and creativity exploring how biotechnology and AI are reshaping the digital world.

• Visual Intelligence: Exploring Data with AI (Educators)

A professional development session for teachers on using AI-powered tools such as Julius.io to analyze and visualize data, while understanding the limitations of AI in climate-related research.

EduTech Team

The sessions will be led by a team of passionate experts:

- **Zaid Abusini** – Senior EduTech Instructor specializing in digital fabrication and electronics.
- **Leyla Tawfik** – Senior EduTech Designer focused on AR/VR and interaction design.
- **Mohammed Mohammed** – EduTech Instructor specializing in game and app development.
- **Soumia Dedache** – EduTech Instructor focusing on biotechnology and advanced scientific learning.

This initiative reflects Qatar's commitment to empowering youth through STEM education and promoting innovation as a driver of sustainable development.



— International Inventors Day —

PD Session for Educators

Visual Intelligence:
Exploring Data with AI

November 9. 2025

The workshop will be held via Microsoft Teams



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iENA 2025: Inspiring Innovation and Invention Across the Globe

Comprehensive Report: iENA 2025 – International Trade Fair “Ideas, Inventions, New Products”

Date: November 1–3, 2025

Location: Hall C3, Nuremberg Exhibition Center, Germany

Overview

The iENA Nuremberg 2025 once again stands as one of the world's most significant gatherings for inventors and innovators. This year's event presents over 540 inventions from more than 274 exhibitors, representing 21 countries and regions. With a proud tradition of advancing creativity and entrepreneurship, iENA 2025 continues to reinforce its reputation as a global platform for transforming ideas into real-world solutions.

Participating countries and regions include Angola, Austria, China, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Korea, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Thailand, Ukraine, and the United States of America.



Key Themes and Focus Areas

The 2025 edition of iENA showcases a wide range of technological and social innovations spanning multiple sectors from daily necessities and mobility solutions to information technology and sustainable energy.

Main categories include:

- Daily necessities and practical novelties
- Working methods and industrial tools
- Transportation and mobility
- Chemistry, metallurgy, textiles, and paper
- Construction, mining, and mechanical engineering
- Lighting, heating, and electrical engineering
- Information technology, teaching, and research
- Services, educational aids, and promotional products

A particularly strong emphasis this year is placed on environmental protection and energy technology, reflecting global priorities for sustainability. Furthermore, 98% of the inventions showcased at iENA 2025 are being presented to the public for the very first time, underscoring the event's role as a birthplace of innovation.

Partner Region: Thuringia, Germany

For the first time, Thuringia joins iENA as the official partner region in 2025, showcasing its robust innovation ecosystem and inventive culture.

The collaboration highlights contributions from several key institutions, including:

- State Patent Centre Thuringia (PATON) at Ilmenau University of Technology
- Patent Management Thuringian Universities (PTH)
- Inventors' Network for Invention Promotion, Innovation and Network Management (ERiNET)
- Innovation company KOMPASS GmbH (Ilmenau)

Together, these organizations support inventors through patent assistance, innovation management, and business development enabling them to bring cutting-edge solutions from Thuringia to a global audience at iENA.



Supporting Events

The dynamic supporting program of iENA 2025 offers numerous opportunities for collaboration and learning:

1. Nuremberg Innovation Congress – November 3, 2025

This congress explores the entire journey from idea conception to commercialization, focusing on the importance of innovation management, standardization, and the practical pathways to turning creativity into economic success.

2. Hack & Make Creative and Technology Festival – November 1–3, 2025

Held parallel to the main exhibition, this vibrant festival celebrates creativity, technology, and maker culture. It features lectures, workshops, and live demonstrations, inspiring both professionals and enthusiasts to explore the intersection of imagination and engineering. Visitors can also access the Consumenta public exhibition running simultaneously with iENA with a single ticket, fostering broader engagement with the public and industry stakeholders.

IFIA's Distinguished Role at iENA 2025

As the Competence Partner of iENA, the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) once again played a pivotal role in connecting global inventors, innovators, and institutions.

Through its long-standing partnership with iENA, IFIA continues to advance its mission of supporting inventors worldwide and promoting innovation as a driver of sustainable progress.

During iENA 2025, IFIA representatives actively engaged with participating inventors, offering professional guidance, networking opportunities, and visibility to outstanding innovations from around the world. IFIA's presence underscored the importance of international collaboration in addressing technological, social, and environmental challenges through creativity and invention.

A major highlight of IFIA's participation was the prestigious IFIA Awards Ceremony, where special awards were presented to the most distinguished inventions of iENA 2025. These rec-



ognitions not only celebrated inventors' creativity and perseverance but also strengthened IFIA's ongoing commitment to fostering innovation excellence across nations.

By supporting and celebrating the inventors of iENA 2025, IFIA reaffirmed its role as a global leader in promoting invention culture and empowering the next generation of innovators.

Conclusion

The iENA 2025 Inventors' Fair continues its rich tradition as a global meeting point for ideas, innovation, and inspiration. Bringing together inventors, investors, and institutions from around the world, it serves as a bridge between creativity and industry where bold ideas find the momentum to shape the future. With the continued support of partners such as IFIA and Thuringia, iENA 2025 once again proves that innovation knows no boundaries and that the spirit of invention remains the cornerstone of human progress.



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intellectual property powers
sports everywhere .



**READY,
SET,
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World Intellectual Property Day – April 26, 2026

Celebrating World Intellectual Property Day 2026: IFIA's Commitment to Innovation in Sports and Beyond

Every year on April 26, the global innovation community comes together to celebrate World Intellectual Property Day, a WIPO-designated international observance that highlights the role of intellectual property (IP) in fostering creativity, technology development, and economic progress across all sectors of society. This milestone was established to honor the anniversary of the WIPO Convention entering into force in 1970 and to elevate public understanding of how patents, trademarks, copyrights, and designs enable inventors and creators to bring their ideas to life. WIPO+1

For World IP Day 2026, the World Intellectual Property Organization has chosen the theme "IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate!", a powerful acknowledgment of how intellectual property drives creativity and innovation within the global sports ecosystem. From cutting-edge athletic equipment and performance enhancing technologies to team branding, broadcast innovations, and immersive fan engagement experiences, IP rights are essential to protecting and promoting the inventions, designs, and stories that shape the world of sports and inspire people everywhere. WIPO

As the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) reflects on this year's theme, it is clear that the federation's long-standing mission aligns closely with WIPO's vision. IFIA has consistently championed the value of IP rights as fundamental drivers of innovation not only in traditional technical fields but also in creative and emerging domains. By fostering global dialogue, promoting IP awareness, and supporting the exchange of ideas among inventors, researchers, and entrepreneurs, IFIA has helped bridge the gap between inventive potential and real-world impact.

In 2025, IFIA highlighted World IP Day with a focus on "IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP," underscoring the role of IP in protecting creative expression and technological innovation within the music industry. IFIA leveraged its global network to spotlight how patents, designs, and copyrights empower creators and support dynamic ecosystems that intersect with everyday life. ifia.com Building on that tradition, IFIA embraces the 2026 focus on sports innovation as an opportunity to deepen appreciation for how intellectual property rewards athletic creativity and supports the development of technologies that elevate performance, enhance accessibility, and enrich the global sports experience. By celebrating innovators in both technology and sport, IFIA reaffirms its commitment to promoting an IP framework that encourages invention, protects ingenuity, and enables solutions that benefit communities around the world.

On this World IP Day 2026, IFIA invites inventors, members, partners, and stakeholders to join the global celebration to recognize the contributions of inventors and entrepreneurs who push boundaries, to educate the public about the strategic value of intellectual property, and to inspire future generations of innovators who are ready, set, and poised to transform the world through creativity and technology.

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IFIA's Early Contribution to Sports Innovation in Light of World IP Day 2026

As the global community prepares to celebrate World Intellectual Property Day 2026, under the theme "IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate!", it is important to recognize that the relationship between intellectual property and sports innovation has long been supported by forward-thinking organizations such as the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

As early as 1991, IFIA's official newsletters documented and highlighted significant advancements in home-fitness and sports-related inventions, including innovations in treadmill technology, stationary bicycles, and electronically enhanced

training systems. These developments were not merely consumer products; they represented patented technological solutions designed to improve athletic performance, reduce physical strain, and make professional-grade training accessible to the public. By showcasing such inventions within its international network and conferences, IFIA actively contributed to the promotion and visibility of sports-related innovation.

During that period, IFIA played a strategic role as a global platform connecting inventors, industry leaders, and intellectual property stakeholders, ensuring that sports technologies and fitness innovations were recognized, protected, and disseminated internationally. Through its conferences, publications, and collaboration with organizations such as WIPO, IFIA reinforced the importance of intellectual property protection as a driver of technological progress in emerging sectors including sports and fitness.

Today, the theme of World IP Day 2026 directly reflects the same vision IFIA supported decades ago: innovation in sports is powered by intellectual property. From patented sports equipment and performance-enhancing technologies to branded athletic identities and media rights, IP continues to shape the sports ecosystem worldwide.

IFIA's early recognition of sports-related inventions demonstrates that the federation has long understood that innovation in sports is not only about competition it is about creativity, protection, commercialization, and global impact. In this sense, IFIA's activities in the early 1990s align naturally with the spirit and objectives of World IP Day 2026, reaffirming the federation's enduring commitment to advancing invention and intellectual property across all sectors, including sports.



How does

intellectual property

power creativity

and innovation

in sports?

The 2% Funding Gap: Why the World Still Fails to Hear Women Innovators

Despite generations of groundbreaking contributions from women pioneers, new data reveals a stark and alarming reality: women founders received only 2% of global venture capital funding in 2024. According to IFIA Vice President Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir, this gap is not only profoundly unfair but also economically irrational and it threatens to slow global innovation.

History Shows Women Build the Future, But the World Isn't Listening

Imagine a world without the windshield wiper.

Without the foundations of computer programming.

Without artemisinin the discovery that has saved millions from malaria.

These inventions exist today because of women. Yet for centuries, their contributions have been minimized, dismissed, or erased.

- Mary Anderson, inventor of the windshield wiper, was mocked by car companies who insisted her idea was unnecessary.
- Ada Lovelace, the world's first computer programmer, had her work buried for decades.

They changed history despite a system designed to silence them.

2024: A New Era Same Old Barriers

We often assume progress has solved these inequalities. But the numbers say otherwise.

In 2024, women founders received: Just 2% of global venture capital funding. That means \$98 of every \$100 invested still goes to men.

Not because women aren't innovating. On the contrary women are founding companies in record numbers, filing patents, leading research labs, and developing transformative technologies. The problem is not innovation, it's access.



Why Only 2%? The Barriers Are Structural

IFIA identifies three systemic causes behind this persistent funding gap:

1. Networks

Venture capital remains overwhelmingly male-dominated.

Over 80% of VC partners are men, and investors typically back founders who resemble themselves. Women are often excluded from the informal circles where deals are born.

2. Bias

Research shows pitch meetings differ dramatically:

- Men are asked "How big can this grow?"
- Women are asked "How will you avoid failure?"

The questions shape the outcome.

3. Perception

Women-led ventures are frequently labeled "niche," even when they target billion-dollar markets.

And yet, data contradicts all these biases:

Startups with women founders outperform male-led startups by 63%.

Ignoring women innovators is not only unjust, it's bad business.

Why It Matters for Everyone

When women are excluded from innovation ecosystems, the world loses solutions, industries, and breakthroughs that could transform societies. The cost is global and generational.

A Call to Action from IFIA

To close the 2% gap, IFIA urges stakeholders worldwide to take immediate steps:

- Investors: Question your patterns. Are you backing the best ideas or just the most familiar faces?
- Mentors: Share your networks, guidance, and influence with women founders.
- Policymakers: Let the data speak. A 2% share in a global innovation economy is unacceptable.
- Everyone: Celebrate women innovators openly, visibly, and consistently.

The Future Depends on Inclusion

"When women innovate, humanity doesn't just catch up, it leaps forward," says Sigurdardottir. But for that leap to happen, the next Ada Lovelace cannot wait another 200 years for funding.

The message is clear: closing the gender innovation gap is not an act of fairness, it is an economic imperative.

Article by: Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir

**IFIA Vice President,
October 2025**





IWIS 2025 Shines in Warsaw

The 19th International Warsaw Invention Show (IWIS 2025) concluded successfully on 7–9 November 2025 at the iconic Copernicus Science Centre, bringing together over 300 groundbreaking inventions from 25 countries. As one of Europe's most influential innovation exhibitions, the event once again positioned Warsaw at the center of global scientific and technological progress.



A Global Stage for Cutting-Edge Innovation

This year's exhibition showcased a wide spectrum of fields including engineering, medicine, biotechnology, chemistry, robotics, digital technologies, environmental sustainability, and advanced materials. Universities, research institutes, technology centers, and independent inventors presented their most recent achievements to an international audience of experts and industry representatives.



Strong IFIA Presence Strengthens International Impact

A defining feature of IWIS 2025 was the extensive partnership with the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA). IFIA's involvement provided scientific oversight, global recognition, and institutional support, significantly elevating the event's international credibility and reach.



14th World Competition of Chemical Inventions

In parallel with the exhibition, IWIS 2025 hosted the 14th World Competition of Chemical Inventions, co-organized by IFIA and the Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers. The competition spotlighted major

scientific advancements in applied chemistry and advanced materials, adding depth and technical strength to the event.

IFIA Awards Celebrate Outstanding Scientific Achievements

One of the most highly anticipated moments of the show was the IFIA Special Awards Ceremony, presented personally by IFIA President Mr. Alireza Rastegar. These prestigious honors are reserved for inventions demonstrating exceptional scientific merit, technological innovation, and societal impact.

National and International Special Awards

This year, IFIA presented:

- Two National IFIA Special Awards to outstanding Polish inventions
- One International IFIA Special Award recognizing a top innovation from outside Poland

IFIA Best Invention Medals – 2025 Recipients

In recognition of remarkable breakthroughs across diverse scientific fields, IFIA awarded three Best Invention Medals:

- Bartłomiej Kukuś & Bożena Kaczmarek – Poland

Wacław Gierulski Kielce University of Technology

Invention: Method and extruder for 3D printing in the form of a composite structure using FDM technology

A pioneering advance in composite additive manufacturing.

- Zofia Chrapko – Poland

Stanisław Kostka / High School No. 38

Invention: Early Stage Thrombosis Detector

A promising medical innovation developed by a talented young inventor.

- Brigita Popović – Croatia

FAZOS, Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek

Invention: Soil Microplastic Detection Meth-

odology

An important environmental breakthrough addressing global microplastic contamination.

Expert Evaluation and Medal Results

An international panel of academics, researchers, and industry specialists evaluated each invention based on originality, scientific contribution, applicability, and commercialization potential. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded across all exhibition categories.

Diverse International Participation

Inventors from Poland, Iran, Croatia, Romania, Ukraine, Armenia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, and several other nations contributed to the dynamic global atmosphere of IWIS 2025. The event served as a key meeting point for cross-border collaboration and scientific exchange.

Lectures, Workshops, and Innovation Dialogue

Beyond the exhibition, IWIS 2025 offered a rich program of lectures on intellectual property, innovation management, and emerging technologies. These sessions supported knowledge sharing and encouraged interdisciplinary collaboration among participants.

A Landmark Edition for the Global Innovation Community

With its strong international presence, high scientific standards, and active IFIA cooperation, IWIS 2025 reaffirmed its status as a premier global platform for innovation. The event successfully fostered new partnerships, strengthened research networks, and showcased technologies shaping the future.

IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office Shines at Brazil-China Eco-Civilization Symposium

IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office Participation in the Brazil-China Symposium on Eco-Civilization

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) highlights the active participation of its Latin America Office represented by the Brazil International Innovative Inventors, Scientists and Entrepreneurs Association (ABIPIR) in the Brazil-China Symposium on Eco-Civilization, held in São Paulo.

The event gathered high-ranking Chinese government officials, representatives of major institutions, experts from various sectors, and delegates from the São Paulo City Administration to strengthen bilateral cooperation in sustainable development and innovation. The symposium was part of the programming of ECO 30 (Climate Conference) held in Belém, Brazil, with this session being an additional event hosted in São Paulo.

Eco-Civilization: A Vision Inspired by President Xi Jinping

A central topic of the symposium was the concept of Eco-Civili-



zation, a state policy and philosophical framework formulated under the leadership of President Xi Jinping. This framework is based on two key principles:

- Scientific, technological, and innovation-driven development is essential for national progress and for addressing global challenges;
- Such development must occur without compromising the health, balance, and integrity of the natural environment. This philosophy asserts that economic modernization and environmental preservation are not contradictory but mutually reinforcing objectives. It emphasizes the responsibility of nations to ensure that scientific and technological advancements improve human well-being while safeguarding ecosystems for present and future generations.

Alignment of IFIA and ABIPIR With Eco-Civilization Principles

Under the leadership of IFIA President Alireza Rastegar, the federation remains fully committed to promoting inventions and technological solutions that generate social, economic, and environmental benefits.

The IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office has been a strong advocate for responsible innovation, ensuring that scientific progress is



aligned with sustainability and global well-being.

For more than a decade, ABIPIR has designed its programs to encourage inventors, researchers, and entrepreneurs to consider not only technological aspects but also the positive environmental and social impacts of their innovations. Two major long-standing initiatives exemplify this commitment:

1. **InnovaCities – International Fair of Smart, Human, Happy, and Resilient Cities**
ABIPIR has successfully organized 14 editions of InnovaCities, a global event showcasing innovations aimed at building sustainable and resilient urban environments.

The fair celebrates solutions that enhance human well-being while protecting natural resources.

In fact, environmental impact is one of the most important evaluation criteria, often outweighing technological novelty alone.

2. **BRICS Skills Development and Technological Innovations Competition – First Latin American Edition (2025)**

In 2025, ABIPIR together with the BRICS Academy under the leadership of its President, Dr. Liu Zhenying will host the first-ever Latin American edition of this highly regarded competition.

The initiative focuses on inclusive technological development, capacity-building, and green innovation as essential drivers of sustainable progress across BRICS and BRICS+ nations.

All project categories include planetary protection and environmental contribution as core evaluation criteria, reflecting complete alignment with Eco-Civilization values.

Unique Participation of ABIPIR at the Symposium

ABIPIR was the only Brazilian non-profit organization invited to participate in the symposium an acknowledgment of its international relevance and leadership in promoting sustainable technological development.

ABIPIR President Marcelo Vivacqua delivered a keynote presentation emphasizing:

- The strong support provided by IFIA to ABIPIR's programs in Latin America;
- The importance of IFIA–BRICS Academy collaborations in fostering green and socially impactful innovation;
- The alignment of InnovaCities and the BRICS Skills Development Competition with the Eco-Civilization philosophy;
- The necessity of integrating environmental protection criteria into global innovation ecosystems.

President Vivacqua also gave an exclusive interview to China News, where he elaborated on ABIPIR's commitment to advancing sustainable innovation practices in Latin America.

Interview Link:

<https://www.chinanews.com.cn/gn/2025/11-15/10516118.shtml>

Conclusion

The participation of the IFIA–ABIPIR LATAM Office in the Brazil–China Symposium on Eco-Civilization reinforces IFIA's global mission to promote innovation that serves humanity and protects the planet.

Through its long-standing initiatives and international partnerships, ABIPIR continues to embody the values of responsible science and environmentally conscious technological progress, fully aligned with the Eco-Civilization principles promoted by the Government of China.

This engagement strengthens cooperation among Brazil, China, IFIA, and BRICS institutions and highlights the vital role of inventors and innovators in shaping a sustainable future for all.

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IFIA-ABIPIR Office Engages in Global Dialogue at the Online Conference:

IFIA-ABIPIR Office participates at the online conference: “Future Frontiers: Climate Resilience, Energy Geopolitics & Innovation Pathways for a Sustainable World”,

The IFIA-ABIPIR Office actively participated in the international online conference titled “Future Frontiers: Climate Resilience, Energy Geopolitics & Innovation Pathways for a Sustainable World.” During the session, Mr. Marcelo Vivacqua, Founder and President of ABIPIR the Brazil International Innovative Inventors, Scientists and Entrepreneurs Association, and Director of IFIA presented a comprehensive methodology designed to accelerate the development of the new climate economy. His presentation, “Innovation Pathways for Energy, Mobility, and Resilience,” highlighted actionable strategies for transforming innovative ideas into impactful solutions.

Mr. Vivacqua emphasized that this methodology is fully aligned with the policies of IFIA under the leadership of its President, Mr. Alireza Rastegar, who continues to champion global efforts encouraging inventors and entrepreneurs to apply their creativity and technical expertise toward addressing the world’s most urgent challenges.

IFIA extends its sincere gratitude to Dr. Mamta Awasthi, Associate Professor at the Centre for Energy Studies of the National Institute of Technology; Mr. Akarshak Bose, Event Coordinator; and Mr. Anand Kannan, Director of IFIA-Bharat, for their honorable invitation and valuable collaboration.

A Strategic Approach to Overcoming the Innovation “Valley of Death”

The IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office is leading a transformative initiative to close the gap between groundbreaking ideas and real-world implementation in the context of climate change. This effort is rooted in a deep understanding of the challenges known as the “Innovation Valley of Death,” where promising concepts in energy, mobility, and resilience often stall due to funding shortages, intellectual property hurdles, or difficulties entering commercial markets.

For over 14 years, ABIPIR has served as the official Brazilian representative of the International Federation of Inventors’ Associations (IFIA), working tirelessly-

ly to democratize innovation and transform the climate crisis into an opportunity for sustainable and inclusive growth.

InnovaCities: A Global Platform for Smart, Human-Centered, and Resilient Solutions

At the heart of this mission lies InnovaCities, the International Fair of Smart, Human, Happy, and Resilient Cities. This flagship event free for applicants constitutes the first criti-



cal step in ABIPIR's innovation methodology. It provides independent inventors, researchers, and entrepreneurs with a global stage to present prototypes and solutions directly to investors, corporations, government representatives, and policymakers.

By eliminating financial barriers to entry, InnovaCities ensures that transformative ideas in decarbonization, urban sustainability, and resilience can gain visibility and traction regardless of the innovator's economic background.

A 5-Stage Innovation Accelerator Turning Ideas into Global Impact

Beyond the exhibition platform, ABIPIR offers a structured five-stage accelerator program that guides innovators through every phase of development from concept to international deployment. After presenting at InnovaCities,

participants receive support in:

- Intellectual property protection
- Business model development
- Access to fundraising opportunities (public grants, venture capital, corporate partnerships)
- Commercialization strategies
- Internationalization and scaling pathways

This proven model has already driven significant outcomes, enabling innovators to secure over USD 5 million in funding and



successfully accelerating more than 100 projects from theoretical designs to real-world applications.

Building a Global Innovation Ecosystem

The IFIA-ABIPIR network offers far more than technical support it creates a connected ecosystem that brings together inventors, corporations, investors, academia, and government. This collaborative environment ensures that valuable ideas do not remain isolated or confined to local communities but instead have the opportunity to scale globally.

For independent creators with prototypes in hand, this ecosystem serves as a vital bridge across the "Valley of Death," providing the resources, expertise, and global visibility required to contribute effectively to the emerging climate economy.

SIIF 2025: A Renewed Gateway to Global Innovation

Seoul International Invention Fair Opens New Horizons for Inventors and Industry Leaders

[Seoul, South Korea – December 06, 2025]

From December 03 to 06, 2025, the COEX Exhibition Center in Seoul transformed into a vibrant innovation arena as the Seoul International Invention Fair (SIIF 2025) welcomed innovators, technology developers, and commercialization experts from around the world. As one of the largest and most influential invention exhibitions globally, SIIF once again demonstrated its crucial role in shaping the future of technology-driven industries.

Organized by the Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA), and held under the patronage of the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) with international support from WIPO and the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), SIIF 2025 reaffirmed its position as a premier platform for invention showcasing and global market access.

International Participation and Diversity

This year's edition brought together 578 inventions from 20 countries, highlighting extraordinary diversity across scientific and technological domains. Exhibitors presented groundbreaking solutions in areas including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, health and wellness, renewable energies, sustainable materials, agriculture technologies, and smart consumer systems.

The wide range of fields represented underscored SIIF's growing importance as a global meeting point for collaboration, investment, and technological exchange.



A Strategic Hub for Commercialization

SIIF 2025 was designed not only to display inventions but to accelerate their path to commercialization. Several dedicated programs enriched the four-day event:

1. Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Services

Patent attorneys, licensing consultants, and IP specialists provided participants with guidance on protecting their creations and navigating international IP frameworks. Their presence enabled inventors to better position their innovations for global market entry.

2. Business Matchmaking Pavilion

Focused on supporting international participants seeking access to the Korean market, this pavilion facilitated direct connections between inventors, manufacturers, investors, distributors, and technology integration firms. Numerous one-on-one meetings led to promising commercial opportunities.

3. Symposium on Marketing and Commercialization

Experts from academia, industry, and government agencies delivered insights into market strategies, investment readiness, technological valuation, and cross-border commercialization pathways. The symposium served as a knowledge hub for innovators aiming to scale their products globally.



IFIA's Role: Advancing Standards of Excellence

As a key international partner of SIIF, the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) played a central role in evaluating participating innovations and promoting best practices within the global inventor community. IFIA's Award Committee conducted a thorough assessment based on innovation originality, technical feasibility, social and economic impact, and commercialization potential.

In recognition of exceptional achievements, IFIA presented three official IFIA Awards during SIIF 2025:

- **Two IFIA Medals to Korean Inventors**

These awards highlighted Korea's strong presence in advanced research and engineering solutions showcased at SIIF 2025.

- **One IFIA Medal to an International Team from Chinese Taipei**

The awarded project from Chinese Taipei stood out for its creative concept, user-oriented design, and strong prospects for regional and global market expansion.

Through these awards, IFIA underscored its commitment to nurturing excellence and supporting innovation ecosystems worldwide.



A Vision for the Future

SIIF 2025 demonstrated once again that innovation thrives where ideas, expertise, and opportunity converge. Over the course of the exhibition, participants engaged in technology exchanges, business negotiations, and academic discussions, contributing to a dynamic environment that empowers inventors at all stages of development.

The event reinforced several key outcomes:

- Encouraging young innovators and emerging startups
- Promoting international cooperation in science and technology
- Expanding access to commercialization resources
- Strengthening awareness of intellectual property rights

As SIIF 2025 concludes, it leaves behind strengthened networks, new commercial partnerships, and a collective commitment to advancing global innovation. This year's achievements lay a strong foundation for even greater milestones in future editions of the fair.



IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM at Founders Institute São Paulo Graduation

IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office participates in the Founders Institute São Paulo Graduation Ceremony - A Gala Night for Innovative Entrepreneurs.

The IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office proudly participated in the graduation ceremony of the 2026 Founders Institute (FI) São Paulo cohort, a distinguished gala celebrating innovative entrepreneurs and emerging global startups.

Representing the IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office, and serving as a Mentor, participation in this ceremony underscored the strong institutional collaboration between IFIA and the Founders Institute, based in Silicon Valley. FI is widely recognized as one of the world's largest and most influential early-stage startup acceleration programs. This collaboration is formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at fostering innovation-driven entrepreneurship worldwide.

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), represented by its President Mr. Alireza Rastegar, together with ABIPIR – the Brazilian International Association of Inventors, Scientists, and Innovative Entrepreneurs represented by its Founder and President Mr. Marcelo Vivacqua, share a common mission: to promote, encourage, and disseminate science, invention, technology, innovation, and business initiatives that generate meaningful solutions to global challenges and positively impact quality of life.

IFIA and ABIPIR warmly congratulate the newly graduated founders on this significant achievement. For more than three years, Mr. Marcelo Vivacqua has actively contributed to the Founders Institute program, mentoring startups in fundraising, intellectual property strategy, internationalization, and business modeling. While the entrepreneurial journey is demanding, the continuous growth and maturity of this innovation ecosystem remain deeply inspiring. Special appreciation is extended to FI directors Mr. Marco De Biasi and Ms. Mayra Motta for their outstanding organization of this impactful event.



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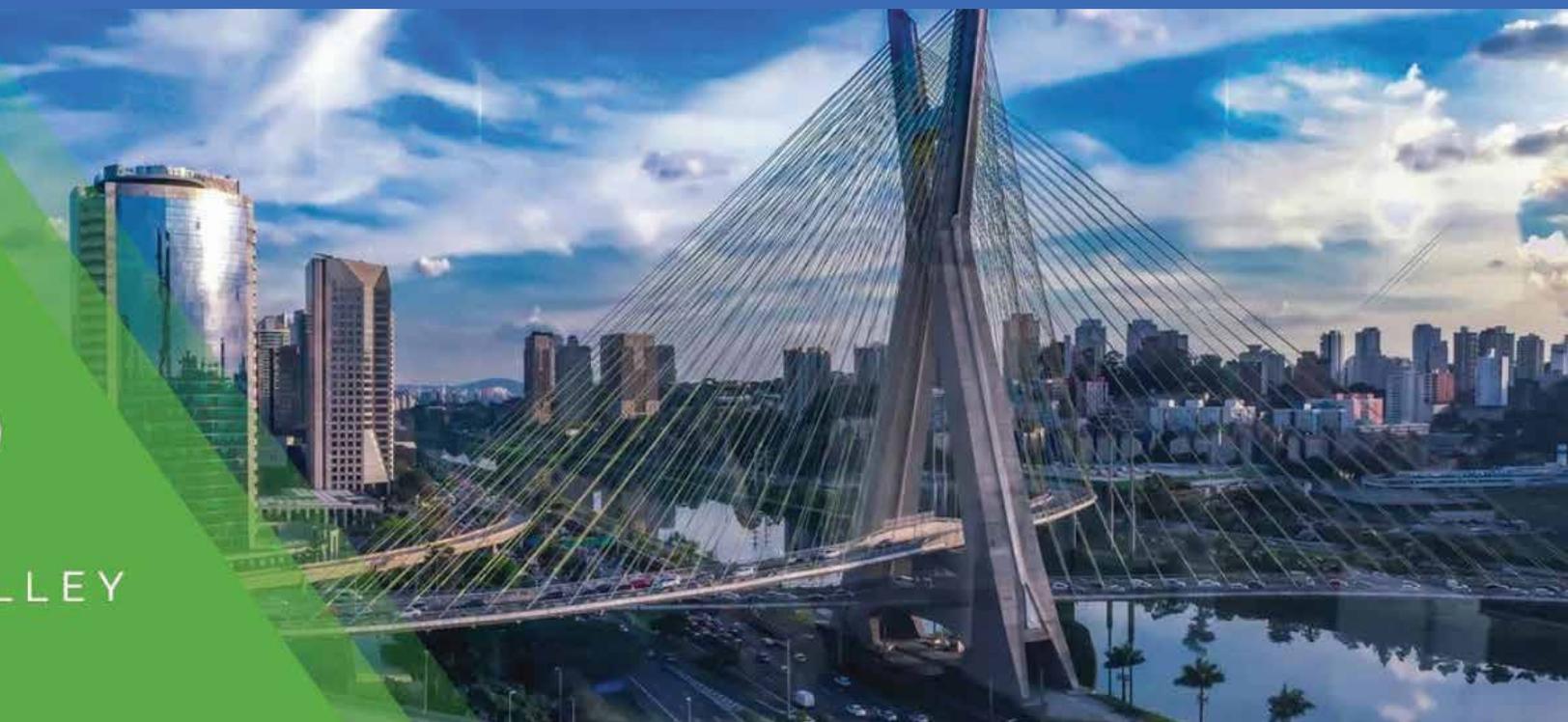
During the ceremony, emphasis was placed on the importance of startups being born with a global DNA. Innovation must transcend borders to remain relevant and visible. As highlighted, Brazilian startups supported by ABIPIR have demonstrated remarkable international success, including outstanding performance at a major innovation exhibition in Croatia, where Brazilian participants received the highest number of awards proportionally among 30 countries. This achievement reinforces a clear message: global markets are eager for innovative solutions.

The role of formal international partnerships, including joint ventures, was also highlighted as a key driver of sustainable growth. Such collaborations enable technology transfer, accelerate business development, and support international expansion, while simultaneously facilitating soft-landing opportunities for foreign startups entering Brazil creating a strong and mutually beneficial innovation pathway.

For entrepreneurs considering participation in the next Founders Institute cohort, three compelling reasons stand out:

1. Proven methodology – FI's structured approach accelerates maturity, transforming ideas into investment-ready companies.
2. Global network – Access to experienced mentors and an international community of founders opens doors to global opportunities.
3. pResults-oriented focus – The program prepares founders for real-world challenges in scaling and fundraising.

The event was a valuable opportunity to exchange knowledge, strengthen international collaboration, and witness the remarkable potential of emerging founders. IFIA remains committed to supporting global innovation ecosystems and fostering the next generation of impactful entrepreneurs.

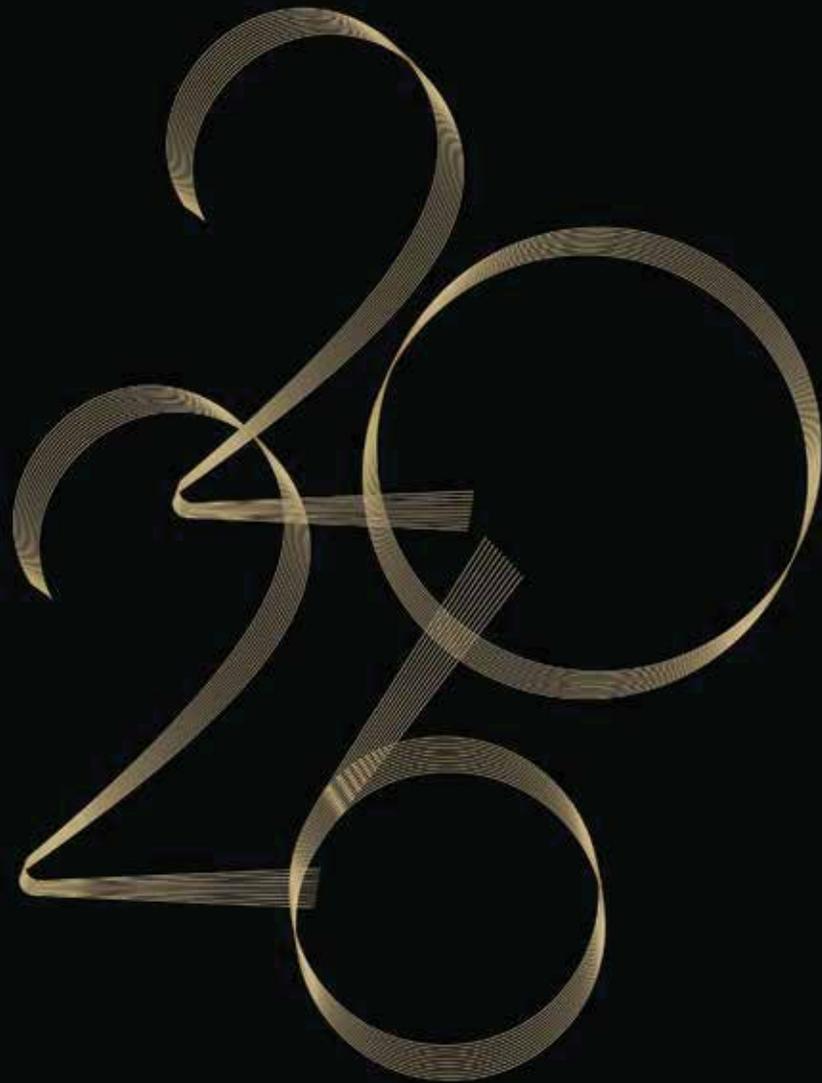


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IFIA Wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026

Dear IFIA Members,

Inventors, Innovators, Women Innovators, Young Inventors, and Partner Associations across the globe,

On behalf of IFIA – International Federation of Inventors' Associations, we wish you a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2026. As we celebrate this festive season, we reflect on the remarkable achievements of our global innovation community over the past year.

Throughout 2025, our member associations, partner institutions, individual inventors, women innovators, and young inventors have tirelessly contributed to fostering innovation, supporting inventors, and promoting creativity worldwide. Your dedication, ingenuity, and collaborative spirit have been the driving force behind countless breakthroughs, new inventions, and inspiring initiatives. You have strengthened our mission and inspired others to dream bigger, work smarter, and achieve extraordinary milestones.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to every inventor, woman innovator, young inventor, association, and institution that has actively participated in IFIA's programs, shared knowledge, mentored emerging innovators, and promoted innovation within their communities. Your efforts have had a profound and lasting impact on industries, education, and societies worldwide. Each achievement, big or small, reinforces the importance of collaboration, creativity, and perseverance in shaping a better world.

As we look forward to 2026, we are filled with hope and excitement. Together, let us continue to build bridges between inventors of all ages and backgrounds, foster international collaboration, and nurture the next generation of innovators. We encourage all our members and partners to continue sharing their knowledge, experience, and creativity, and to work collectively to turn ideas into real-world solutions that can improve lives and society. May the coming year bring you and your teams health, happiness, inspiration, and success in all your innovative endeavors. May your inventions continue to make a positive impact, and may the spirit of creativity guide your work and your communities toward a brighter, more innovative future.

From all of us at IFIA, we wish you a season filled with joy, peace, and the warmth of friendship, and a New Year overflowing with creativity, achievements, shared success, and global collaboration. Let us continue to unite inventors worldwide, celebrate the power of innovation, and inspire women, young inventors, and innovators everywhere to push boundaries and explore new horizons.

Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year!

With heartfelt gratitude, admiration, and warmest wishes,

**IFIA PRESIDENT
ALIREZA RASTEGAR**

DEF-TECH Bharat 2026: Innovation-Led Defence Showcase with IFIA Bharat

DEF-TECH Bharat 2026: Innovation-Led Defence Technology Showcase with IFIA Bharat as Strategic Partner
New Delhi, India — December 29, 2025

DEF-TECH Bharat 2026, India's flagship exhibition dedicated to defence, aerospace, and space technologies, will be held from May 20 to May 22, 2026, at the Karnataka Trade Promotion Organization (KTPO), Whitefield, Bengaluru. The three-day international event will convene global defence leaders, innovators, policymakers, industry executives, and representatives of armed forces to showcase and discuss next-generation strategic technologies. Over recent editions, DEF-TECH Bharat has established itself as a premier international platform for advancing innovation in defence design, development, and system integration across air, land, sea, and space domains. The 2026 edition is expected to attract engineers, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), tier-1 suppliers, senior decision-makers from both public and private sectors, and defence force representatives, underscoring the event's growing strategic importance and global reach.

A major highlight of DEF-TECH Bharat 2026 is its strategic partnership with IFIA Bharat, the Indian chapter of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA). This collaboration places innovation and invention at the core of the exhibition, with a strong emphasis on

inventor-led solutions, intellectual property development, deep-tech startups, and research-driven defence capabilities. The partnership closely aligns with India's long-term national objectives in strengthening indigenous innovation and advancing technological self-reliance.

The exhibition will feature a comprehensive show floor with over 200 exhibitors from India and more than a dozen other countries, presenting cutting-edge defence and aerospace systems, products, and solutions. Key focus areas will include autonomous and unmanned systems, secure communication networks, electronic warfare technologies, advanced sensor platforms, artificial intelligence-enabled decision-support systems, and next-generation battlefield solutions, reflecting the rapid digital and technological transformation of the defence sector.

Innovation will remain a central theme throughout the event, with dedicated zones and curated tracks highlighting indigenous technologies, inventor contributions, and startup-driven solutions designed to address current operational needs and future warfare scenarios. These initiatives aim to bridge the gap between research laboratories, startups, and end users, fostering co-development and collaboration among innovators, industry stakeholders, and defence organizations.

Alongside the exhibition, DEF-TECH Bharat 2026 will host a robust program of strategic conferences, panel discussions, and technical

sessions focused on emerging threats, evolving security challenges, and new opportunities in defence and aerospace. IFIA Bharat's participation will further enrich discussions on innovation ecosystems, intellectual property strategy, technology transfer, dual-use technologies, and effective pathways to accelerate the commercialization of defence innovations.

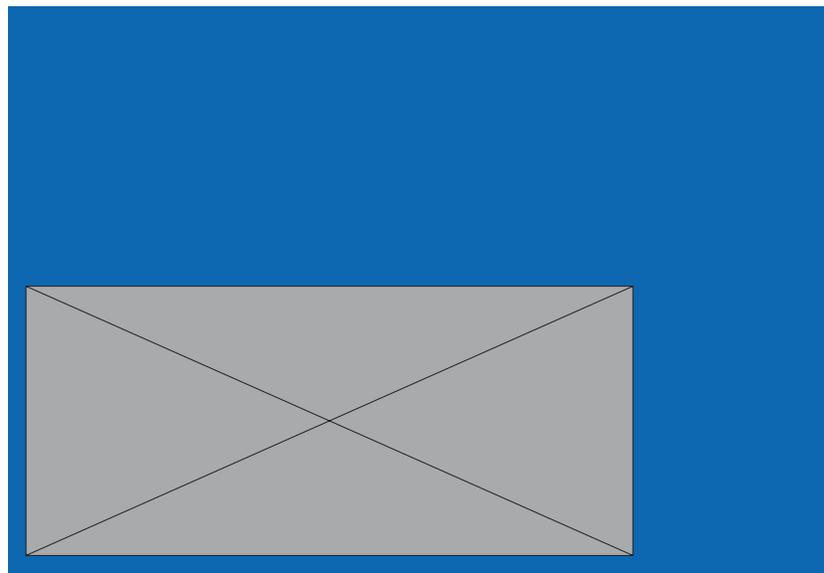
Commenting on the significance of the event, Anand Kannan, National Director of IFIA Bharat, emphasized that DEF-TECH Bharat is being positioned as a key networking and collaboration hub for the defence sector. The platform will provide exhibitors and delegates with opportunities to engage directly with defence manufacturing companies, government agencies, research institutions, and armed forces representatives, with the aim of promoting international cooperation and strengthening domestic defence capabilities.

Shailesh Shukla, Organizer of DEF-TECH Bharat, noted that India's defence industry has experienced sustained growth, driven by

national initiatives such as Atmanirbhar Bharat and continued investment in indigenous defence technologies. He highlighted that India's defence exports have increased significantly over the past decade, and platforms like DEF-TECH Bharat play a critical role in showcasing "Made in India" innovations to global stakeholders. Industry leaders and officials widely regard the event as an important enabler for strengthening defence ecosystems and fostering innovation amid evolving geopolitical and security challenges.

As India consolidates its position as a key player in global defence manufacturing and advanced technologies, DEF-TECH Bharat 2026, with IFIA Bharat as a strategic partner, is expected not only to spotlight breakthrough innovations but also to catalyze meaningful partnerships and innovation-led collaborations that will shape the future of defence and security in India and internationally.

For more information, please visit: www.deftechbharat.com



Successful Outcome for IPITEx on Thailand Inventors' Day 2026 – “Unlock Thailand – Power of Invention and Innovation”

The 27th Thailand Inventors' Day 2026, organized by the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) and supported by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), was successfully held from January 5–9, 2026 at the Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC), Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand. Under the theme “Unlock Thailand – Power of Invention and Innovation” the event combined national celebration with international collaboration, showcasing inventions, research, and technological solutions across multiple sectors.

Grand Opening Ceremony and Key Dignitaries

The official opening ceremony took place on January 5, 2026, led by Mr. Surasak Phanchaoenworakul, Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI), who highlighted Thailand's commitment to fostering research, innovation, and global collaboration. Dr. Wiparat De-ong, Executive Director of NRCT, welcomed participants and emphasized NRCT's role in supporting inventors and promoting creativity. Senior officials from MHESI, national research agencies, universities, and innovation institutions also attended.

International delegations from 23 countries and representatives from IFIA, the global supporter of the event, were present, reinforcing IPITEx 2026's status as an international platform for knowledge exchange and innovation collaboration.



Domestic and International Innovation Showcase

The event showcased over 1,000 inventive projects, covering areas such as AI, robotics, sustainability, medical technology, and smart solutions, presented by inventors from Thai universities, research institutes, and industry.

IPITeX 2026 featured more than 800 projects from inventors representing 23 countries, promoting cross-border collaboration and the exchange of expertise. The involvement of IFIA underscored the international importance of the event and facilitated partnerships between Thai inventors and the global innovation community.

Youth Innovation – I New Gen Competitions

A highlight of the event was the Thailand New Gen Inventors Award (I-New Gen Award 2026) and I-New Gen Junior Award 2026, providing young innovators from primary, secondary, vocational, and university levels with a platform to present their projects. These competitions offered mentorship, industry exposure, and networking opportunities, inspiring students to engage with both national and international experts. Projects were recognized for contributions in AI, robotics, sustainability, medical technology, and smart devices, demonstrating Thailand's commitment to nurturing the next generation of inventors.



Award Ceremony and IFIA Participation

The IPITEx Award Ceremony, held on January 9, 2026, recognized outstanding contributions from both Thai and international inventors. Dr. Wiparat De-ong and Mr. Alireza Rastegar, President of IFIA, presided over the ceremony. Mr. Rastegar delivered a keynote speech, congratulating inventors and emphasizing IPITEx as a major international innovation platform that fosters cooperation and knowledge exchange. Awards presented included NRCT Special Awards, IFIA Medals, International Delegations Special Awards, and Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals across multiple categories.

IFIA Best Invention Award winners included:

- Mr. Anuj Chandalia (India) for the invention "MANENTIA-Ct Lung AI"
- Asst. Prof. Dr. Arsanchai Sukkuea, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pensiri Akkajit, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wattanapong Kurdthongmee, Thanaphat Chainarong, Danich Khawngam, Phichaipusit Thirakun (Thailand) for the invention "Life Buoy Launching Device for Drowning Rescue"

In total, inventors from 22 countries were recognized for their contributions, demonstrating the global reach and excellence of IPITEx 2026.

Looking Ahead: Strengthening Global Innovation Networks

The success of Thailand Inventors' Day 2026 and IPITEx 2026 highlights Thailand's emerging role as a hub for research, innovation, and international collaboration. By uniting domestic talent with international partners and leveraging IFIA's global support, the event fosters cross-border partnerships, technological advancement, and creativity among young innovators.

NRCT remains committed to hosting IPITEx as a premier international platform for invention and innovation, promoting scientific breakthroughs and shaping the future of technology, research, and education worldwide.





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IFIA Bharat Launches New Innovation Partnership in Arizona

IFIA Bharat Partners with STEAM National Honor Society to Launch Global Student Research & Innovation Expo in Arizona

Arizona, USA – IFIA Bharat has officially entered into a strategic partnership with the STEAM National Honor Society (STEAM NHS), a U.S.-based educational nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing student-led research, innovation, and scholarly excellence. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in expanding IFIA's global footprint in youth innovation and research development.

The partnership is centered on the co-organization of the Research & Innovation Expo (RIE) in Arizona, with a long-term vision of transforming the initiative into a fully international platform within the next three years. The collaboration integrates STEAM NHS's DRIPBL framework DREAM, RESEARCH, INNOVATE, PROBLEM/Project-Based Learning with IFIA Bharat's extensive grassroots innovation ecosystem across India, including Atal Tinkering Labs, university networks, and sector-driven innovation initiatives in areas such as agri-tech and healthcare.

Dr. Rachna Nath, Director of STEAM NHS, emphasized the shared vision behind the alliance: I am proud to share our strategic collaboration with IFIA Bharat, an alliance rooted in a shared belief that innovation must begin early, be globally connected, and remain grounded in real-world problem solving. Through this MOU, STEAM NHS and IFIA Bharat come together to co-organize the Research & Innovation Expo (RIE) in Arizona, with a bold vision to grow it into a fully international platform within three years. This partnership bridges the DRIPBL framework with IFIA Bharat's powerful grassroots innovation ecosystem, including Atal Tinkering Labs and university networks across India. Together, we are creating research pathways for students from Grades 2–16, enabling cross-border mentorship, global research exposure, and equitable participation. This collaboration is not about dominance, but shared leadership

empowering young innovators to dream, research, innovate, and lead on a global stage.”

Anand Kannan, Director of IFIA Bharat, highlighted the strategic significance of the partnership: Partnering with STEAM NHS propels our mission to global heights, blending grassroots inventions, Atal Tinkering Labs, university research, and cutting-edge agri-tech and healthcare innovations. Co-hosting the RIE in Arizona and establishing an IFIA Bharat sub-chapter there will spark cross-border projects, equipping young minds to solve real-world challenges together.

As part of this alliance, STEAM NHS will establish an IFIA Bharat sub-chapter in Arizona, strengthening regional engagement while building bridges between students, educators, and innovation ecosystems in the United States and India.

The inaugural Research & Innovation Expo (RIE) in Arizona will serve as the launch platform for this collaboration, creating structured pathways for mentorship, joint research initiatives, academic publication opportunities, and international student exchange in innovation-driven disciplines.

This partnership opens new global opportunities for students worldwide fostering collaborative research, promoting equitable participation, and cultivating the next generation of innovators equipped to address real-world challenges through applied research and interdisciplinary thinking.

For more information, visit:
www.dripbl.com

www.steamnhs.org

Further updates on the Research & Innovation Expo and related initiatives will be announced soon.



16th International Invention Fair in the Middle East Held in Kuwait

A Strong Continuation of Regional Innovation Leadership Overview

The 16th International Invention Fair in the Middle East (IIFME 2026) was successfully held in Kuwait from February 8 to 11, 2026, reaffirming its status as one of the region's most prominent international innovation exhibitions. The event was organized by the Kuwait Science Club, with the support of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), and was held under the patronage of His Highness the Crown Prince of Kuwait. With its growing international influence and institutional credibility, IIFME 2026 once again demonstrated Kuwait's expanding role as a key innovation gateway in the Middle East.

International Participation and Diversity

This year's edition witnessed a remarkable level of international engagement, with 213 inventors participating from multiple countries and representing a wide range of scientific and technological disciplines.

The fair served as a dynamic platform for innovators to:

- Present advanced inventions and prototypes
 - Explore commercialization opportunities
 - Connect with industry stakeholders
 - Engage with research institutions and investment networks
- IIFME continues to attract inventors seeking global visibility and strategic partnerships for development and market entry.

Innovation Ecosystem and Strategic Focus

Over the years, IIFME has evolved beyond a traditional exhibition format into a structured innovation ecosystem linking research, intellectual property, and market integration.



The 16th edition strengthened this trajectory by emphasizing its strategic theme of investor–inventor collaboration, reinforcing its widely recognized identity as:

“Where Investors Meet Inventors”

A significant development in this edition was the creation of dedicated spaces and structured networking sessions, enabling direct engagement between inventors and investment entities.

Notably, the Kuwait Investment Companies Union participated for the first time with a dedicated pavilion, signaling the increasing institutional interest in innovation-based investment.

Institutional and International Support

IIFME 2026 benefited from strong support by both national and international bodies, enhancing its credibility and global standing.

Key international supporters included:

- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA)
- UNESCO
- Other regional scientific and innovation organizations

In addition, several Arab League–affiliated institutions participated for the second consecutive year, granting specialized awards to distinguished Arab inventors in various fields.

Furthermore, the Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) presented three dedicated awards to innovators from Gulf countries, highlighting regional recognition and encouragement of technological advancement.

Awards, Prizes, and Recognition

Prize allocations for IIFME 2026 exceeded USD 60,000, reflecting the organizers' strong commitment to supporting invention, promoting excellence, and encouraging industrial application and technology transfer.

The award ceremony gathered high-level officials, jury members, international delegates, and institutional representatives, further strengthening the fair's diplomatic and strategic significance.

High-Level Representation and IFIA Presence

The opening and closing ceremonies were held in the presence of IFIA President Mr. Alireza Rastegar, alongside distinguished ministers, senior government officials, representatives of scientific institutions, and leading figures from the private sector.

Speakers emphasized the importance of institutionalizing innovation as a key driver of:

- Sustainable development
- Economic competitiveness
- Regional scientific leadership
- Global collaboration in technology and creativity

The strong participation of governmental authorities and industry leaders elevated the exhibition's strategic dimension and created a high-level platform for dialogue on innovation and long-term growth.

International Jury and IFIA Best Invention Medals

One of the key highlights of IIFME 2026 was its award segment, where outstanding inventions were formally recognized following a rigorous evaluation process conducted by an international jury panel.

The prestigious IFIA Best Invention Medals were awarded to inventors whose innovations demonstrated:

- Exceptional originality
- Industrial applicability
- Strong commercialization potential
- High-level scientific value

Among the distinguished award recipients was Duaa Nezar Khdary from Saudi Arabia, who was honored for her innovative project titled "Materials Filtration Device for Recycling Used Liquids." In addition, a research team from China, including Kai Yu Tong, Disheng Xie, Shu Jing, and Wang Junming, received recognition for their outstanding invention "Bionic Artificial Muscle for Robotic Systems: XoMuscle and XoBrace." These achievements reflected the high scientific quality and innovation-driven competition showcased throughout the fair.



Impact and Future Outlook

The continued growth in international participation, sponsorship, and institutional engagement demonstrates the strengthening global reputation of IIFME. The 16th edition further consolidated Kuwait's role as a major regional hub for invention and innovation.

With sustained governmental support and expanding international collaboration, IIFME continues to position itself not merely as an exhibition, but as a strategic innovation platform integrating:

- Science and research
- Intellectual property development
- Policy support
- Investment readiness
- Market-oriented innovation

IIFME 2026 once again confirmed its role as a powerful bridge between creative ideas and real-world industrial impact, accelerating the transformation of inventions into practical solutions that serve societies and strengthen economic progress.

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Best Invention Award

is awarded to the greatest invention in the invention festival, competition, and exhibition relying on the IFIA's Jury evaluation of its novelty, inventive step, patent, the potentiality to be commercialized, its benefit for mankind and etc. Best invention medals are awarded in various events held under the patronage of IFIA.

Meanwhile, the below criteria is utilized by IFIA International Jury Board to assess the inventions:

1. Has the inventor gained a national, international patent, or PCT?

Based on the number and type of patents the score giving differs. 0 is considered for an invention without patent, 1 for an invention with one national patent, 2 for two national patents, 3 for one PCT and one national patent, and 4 for an invention with one national, one international (EPO, USPTO), and one PCT.

2. Is the invention green or eco-friendly?

The invention is evaluated considering its impact on the environment. In case the invention causes pollution, 0 will be granted to it. 1 is considered an invention that does not cause any pollution. Regarding the extent of mitigating pollution, the jury should allocate a number between 2 to 4.

3. At what stage of development is it? Is it a Poster? Poster with a 3D image? Animated film? Prototype made? Is an invention ready

for the market?

Exactly like the order which is given in the question, the score of 0 is devoted to Poster, 1 to Poster with 3D image, 2 to the animated film, 3 to Prototype, and 4 to an invention ready for market.

4. Has the invention been granted scientific certification?

Some of the inventions do not require scientific certification; in this case, the jury must review the possibility of putting the claimed invention into practice. If the invention needs a scientific certification, then regarding the validity and the number of certifications, a score between 0 and 4 is dedicated to the invention.

5. Is there a public demand for the invention?

The popularity of invention should be estimated by the jury. If the invention is seasonal or it can be used in limited geographical territories, the lower score will be devoted to it.

6. Does the invention involve high technology?

The jury members are required to evaluate the extent of technologies applied in the invention. A higher score will be allotted to an invention in which modern technologies have been utilized.

7. Is the invention more useful than the existing products?

Depending on the extent of innovation used in the invention in comparison to the available products in the market, a score within the range of 0 to 4 must be granted to the invention.

8. Does the invention have an economic impact or potential for economic impact?

The jury members should estimate how much the commercialization of this invention can be income rising and accordingly rate the invention.



9. Is the invention ready to be commercialized? The possibility of invention commercialization shall be evaluated and rated by the Jury between 0 and 3. In case it has the Feasibility Study Report, the score of 4 must be considered for it.

10. Has the invention been awarded an international prize? Considering the number of international awards, as well as their importance, the invention will be rated.



ARCA 2025 - International Innovation Exhibition - Zagreb, Croatia

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Vladimir Dam, dipl. ing, Vladimir Polkacic, dipl. ing. from Croatia for the Outstanding Invention "Multipurpose Autonomous Robotic Platform for Crop Monitoring and Precision Weed Removal"

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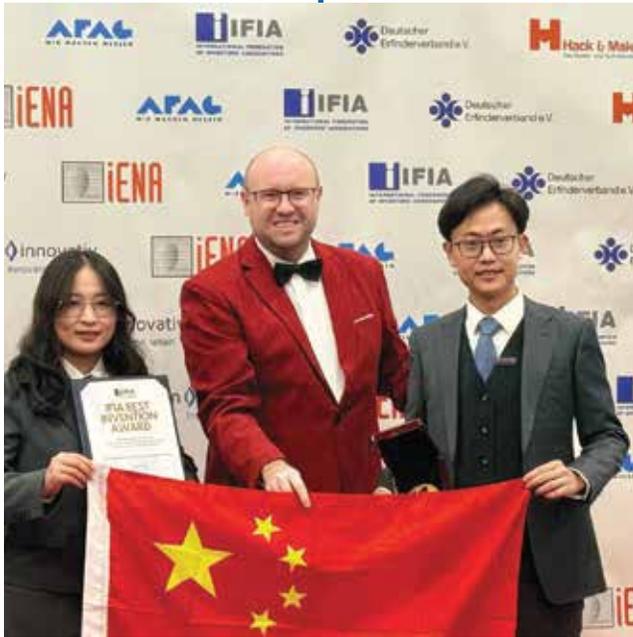
iENA 2025 – International Trade Fair “Ideas, Inventions, New Products” – Nuremberg, Germany

IFIA Best Invention Medal Is Awarded to Korea South-East Power Co. for the Outstanding Invention “Method for smart operation management of power plant by linking power plant digital twin system and mobile-based online drawing management system, apparatus and computer program for performing the method”



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IFIA Best Green Invention Medal Is Awarded to S. Wongtem, P. Makepook and C. Saeneaw from Thailand Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA) for the Outstanding Invention “Automatic Programmable H.R.C. Fuse Testing”



iENA 2025 – International Trade Fair “Ideas, Inventions, New Products” – Nuremberg, Germany

IFIA Best Invention Medal Is Awarded to Tsinghua University, Symbionics.co / Xiaochuan Dai, Shuying Wu, Yan Zhao, Xinyue Wang, Tianyi Fang, Xiao Li, Teng Gao, Shijie Feng for the Outstanding Invention “Immune-Response-Free Seamless Brain-Computer-Interfaces”

IWIS 2025 - International Warsaw Invention show – Warsaw, Poland

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Bartłomiej Kukuś, Bożena Kaczmarska from Wactaw Gierulski Kielce University of Technology of Poland for the Outstanding Invention “Method and extruder for 3D printing in the form of a composite structure using FDM technology”



IWIS 2025 - International Warsaw Invention show – Warsaw, Poland

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Zofia Chrapko, Student at the Stanisław Kostka / High School No. 38 of Poland for the Outstanding Invention “Early Stage Thrombosis Detector”



IWIS 2025 - International Warsaw Invention show – Warsaw, Poland

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Brigita Popovic, FAZOS, Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek of Croatia for the Outstanding Invention “Soil Microplastic Detection Methodology”



Thailand International Intellectual Property, Invention, Innovation and Technology Exposition (IPITEx 2026)

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Anuj CHANDALIA from India, for the Outstanding Invention "MANENTIA - CT Lung AI"

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International Innovations Event

Schedule depicts the international events including the innovation and new technologies exhibition, new products and invention fair, several related festivals, design expositions, and contests the innovations in various fields. Among the field of inventions, one can refer to agricultural products, hand tools, computer wares, green technologies, machinery, power technology, and consumer electronics.

Since IFIA encompasses around 50 events held during one year, an excellent opportunity is offered to the members to create a valuable network of communication, exchange innovative knowledge, negotiate the licensing of their inventions and enjoy the programs organized alongside the event including B2B forums, workshops, seminars, and congresses. The primary objective of these side events is to acquaint the participants with Intellectual Property, International Patent Protection, commercialization of inventions, and the empowerment of young men and women entrepreneurs.



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