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INNOVATION WITHOUT BOUNDARIES: SHAPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INVENTORS

The 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva 2026

A New Era of Innovation Emerges

The 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva, held from March 11 to 15, 2026, at Palexpo, once again demonstrated its global leadership as a premier for invention and technological advancement. In a year marked by global uncertainty, the exhibition stood resilient, attracting participation from over 35 countries and regions and showcasing more than 1,000 groundbreaking inventions to an audience exceeding 30,000 visitors.

This year's edition placed a strong emphasis on the next generation of innovators, highlighting not only technological excellence but also the growing importance of youth engagement, interdisciplinary collaboration, and sustainable development.



Grand Prix 2026: Innovation for a Sustainable Future

The prestigious Grand Prix of the 2026 exhibition was awarded to THE OASIS ONE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Hong Kong SAR) for its advanced sustainable aquaculture system.

This innovation integrates genetics, biosecurity, and optimized water management to revolutionize marine fish farming offering a scalable, environmentally responsible solution to global food security challenges.



Empowering the Next Generation: Youth Lab Initiative

A defining highlight of the 2026 edition was the launch of the Youth Lab and the "Young Talents" competition, designed for participants aged 4 to 18.

The junior Grand Prix was awarded to Aljawharah Alqahtani (Saudi Arabia) for PulMind, an AI-powered system that enhances respiratory disease monitoring and early risk detection. This initiative reflects a strategic shift toward nurturing innovation at an early age and building future ecosystems of creativity and problem-solving. Interactive workshops and hands-on activities further enriched the experience, making science and innovation accessible, engaging, and inspiring for young audiences.

A Dynamic Platform for Global Innovation

The exhibition continued to serve as a convergence point for academia, industry, and startups. The Swiss Pavilion showcased national excellence, while cutting-edge demonstrations including humanoid robotics and exploratory science presentations captivated both professionals and the general public.

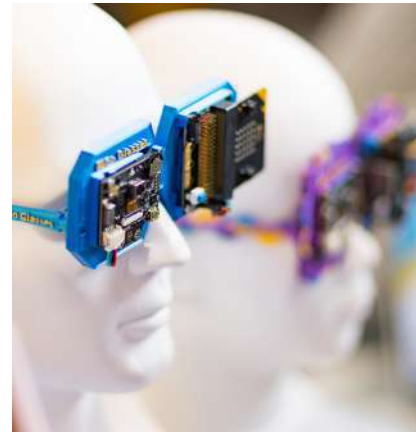
The presence of startups and research institutions reinforced Geneva's position as a vibrant ecosystem for innovation exchange and commercialization.

IFIA's Role: Championing Impact-Driven Innovation

As a leading global federation supporting inventors, the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) played a pivotal role in recognizing and promoting high-impact innovations during the exhibition.

Through its prestigious awards program, IFIA continues to highlight inventions that demonstrate exceptional technological merit, societal relevance, and market potential strengthening its mission to empower inventors worldwide and accelerate innovation-driven development.





IFIA Best Invention Medal Winners 2026

In recognition of outstanding achievements, IFIA honored three distinguished innovations:

1. AnnycoEdu Inc. (South Korea)

Invention: Advanced method for providing art learning materials and integrated educational system

2. THE OASIS ONE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Hong Kong SAR)

Invention: Complete industrial production chain management system for marine fish aquaculture

3. Zeng Wei & Wang Yu (Beijing Yuchi Information Technology Co., Ltd., China)

Invention: Vehicle-Based End-to-End On-Set Production System

Conclusion: Driving the Future of Innovation

The 2026 edition of the International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva reaffirmed its role as a global hub for innovation, collaboration, and inspiration. By bridging generations from young talents to seasoned inventors the exhibition continues to shape the future landscape of invention.

With its forward-looking initiatives, strong international participation, and unwavering dedication to excellence, Geneva remains at the forefront of the global innovation ecosystem where ideas evolve into impactful solutions for the world.

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InnovaCities 2026: A Global Platform for Smart, Humane and Resilient Urban Innovation

Strengthening IFIA's Global Innovation Ecosystem

The upcoming InnovaCities 2026 International Fair of Smart, Joyful, Humane and Resilient Cities, scheduled for June 9 -12, 2026, in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, represents a significant milestone in the global innovation landscape. Organized by ABIPIR (Brazilian International Association of Inventors, Scientists and Innovative Entrepreneurs) and supported by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), the event reinforces IFIA's strategic role in fostering international collaboration and promoting innovation-driven development.

Through its active support, IFIA continues to expand its global network by connecting inventors, researchers, startups, and institutions with high-impact platforms that facilitate knowledge exchange and real-world application of innovative solutions.

From Promotion to Strategic Engagement

InnovaCities 2026 goes beyond a conventional exhibition. It serves as a comprehensive innovation ecosystem, combining exhibition, competition, congress, and networking opportunities into a unified platform.

The event is designed not only to showcase inventions but also to actively engage stakeholders in shaping the future of cities. Participants will benefit from international exposure of innovations, direct interaction with policy-makers and industry leaders, opportunities for partnerships and commercialization, and access to global innovation networks under IFIA's umbrella.

Focus on Smart and Sustainable Urban Transformation

At its core, InnovaCities 2026 addresses the urgent need for future-ready urban solutions. The event will highlight advancements across key domains, including smart city technologies, artificial intelligence and digital transformation, green and renewable energy systems, urban resilience and infrastructure, and inclusive governance and social innovation.

By bringing together diverse stakeholders from academia, government, and industry, the event fosters interdisciplinary collaboration aimed at developing cities that are not only technologically advanced but also humane, inclusive, and sustainable.



15th InnovaCities - Foz do Iguaçu – Rafain Hotel – 11 – 12th June 2026 – in partnership with Waterfall Festival



International Competitions and High-Level Knowledge Exchange

A central pillar of InnovaCities 2026 is its strong emphasis on innovation recognition and knowledge exchange. The event will host several international competitions, including the Regenerative Innovation Competition and the BRICS Technological Innovation Competition.

In parallel, the event will feature specialized programs such as the Artificial Intelligence International Congress, expert panels, and thematic discussions, enabling participants to engage with emerging trends and cutting-edge research.

Reinforcing IFIA's Presence in Latin America

InnovaCities 2026 highlights IFIA's growing engagement in Latin America, a region with increasing momentum in innovation and entrepreneurship. By supporting this initiative, IFIA contributes to strengthening regional innovation ecosystems while ensuring global integration.

The event serves as a bridge between local innovators and the international community, enhancing visibility, collaboration, and long-term development opportunities.

Conclusion

InnovaCities 2026 stands as a comprehensive and forward-looking platform that aligns closely with IFIA's vision of promoting innovation for the benefit of society. By combining exhibition, competition, and knowledge exchange within a single framework, the event offers a unique opportunity for global stakeholders to collaborate in shaping smarter, more resilient, and more inclusive cities.

Through initiatives such as this, IFIA continues to play a pivotal role in advancing innovation worldwide and empowering inventors to address the challenges of tomorrow.

Revolutionizing On-Site Production: Chinese Innovation Wins IFIA Award in Geneva



A Breakthrough in Mobile Film and Television Production

At the Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions 2026, one of the world's most prestigious platforms for innovation, a groundbreaking Chinese project has captured global attention. The invention titled "Efficient Film and Television Production Vehicle", presented by the China Association of Inventions (CAI), has been honored with the IFIA Award as one of the Best Innovations of the exhibition. This recognition by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) highlights not only the technological excellence of the project but also its transformative potential for the global media and entertainment industry.

A Fully Integrated Mobile Production Ecosystem

Developed by HUJING Digital Media & Entertainment Group, the innovation introduces a next-generation mobile production platform designed to streamline and modernize film and television production workflows.

The system is built around a 12-meter high-specification production vehicle that integrates multiple functional environments into a single, compact unit, including production and technical workspaces, equipment and data management systems, and onboard living facilities. This unified structure enables 15 to 20 crew members to operate efficiently within a single mobile environment, significantly reducing logistical complexity and enhancing collaboration during on-location production.

Efficiency, Speed, and Operational Transformation

One of the most significant advantages of the system is its ability to dramatically reduce setup time. Traditional production setups that typically require several hours can now be completed in approximately 30 minutes, allowing crews to respond more flexibly to dynamic filming conditions.

The vehicle is equipped with advanced technical infrastructure, including 120 kWh UPS power systems, high-capacity solid-state storage solutions, and professional 4K HDR monitoring systems. These capabilities enable not only high-quality content production but also real-time post-production directly on site, fundamentally transforming the traditional production pipeline.

Digital Integration and Global Collaboration

Beyond physical infrastructure, the system incorporates a private cloud platform, enabling seamless remote collaboration with creative teams across different locations. This feature supports real-time data synchronization, remote editing and production workflows, and continuous communication between distributed teams. In addition, the integration of a unified signal transmission system allows video, audio, and network data to be transmitted through a single optical cable, simplifying complex technical processes and increasing overall system reliability.

IFIA Recognition and Industry Impact

The IFIA Award acknowledges the project's outstanding level of innovation and its contribution to the digital transformation of media production. By combining mobility, integration, and advanced digital technologies, the invention addresses key challenges in modern filmmaking, including efficiency, scalability, and adaptability. This recognition underscores IFIA's commitment to supporting innovations that have tangible, real-world impact across industries.

About HUJING Digital Media & Entertainment Group

HUJING Digital Media & Entertainment Group is a leading player in the advancement of digital media technologies and entertainment innovation in China. The group oversees major platforms such as Damai Entertainment, focused on live events and entertainment services, and Youku, one of China's prominent streaming platforms. With a strong focus on both short-form and long-form content production, the company continues to drive innovation in digital media and film production technologies. Key leadership figures include Jerry Li, President of Damai Entertainment, and Yvonne Liu, Vice President of Youku.

Conclusion

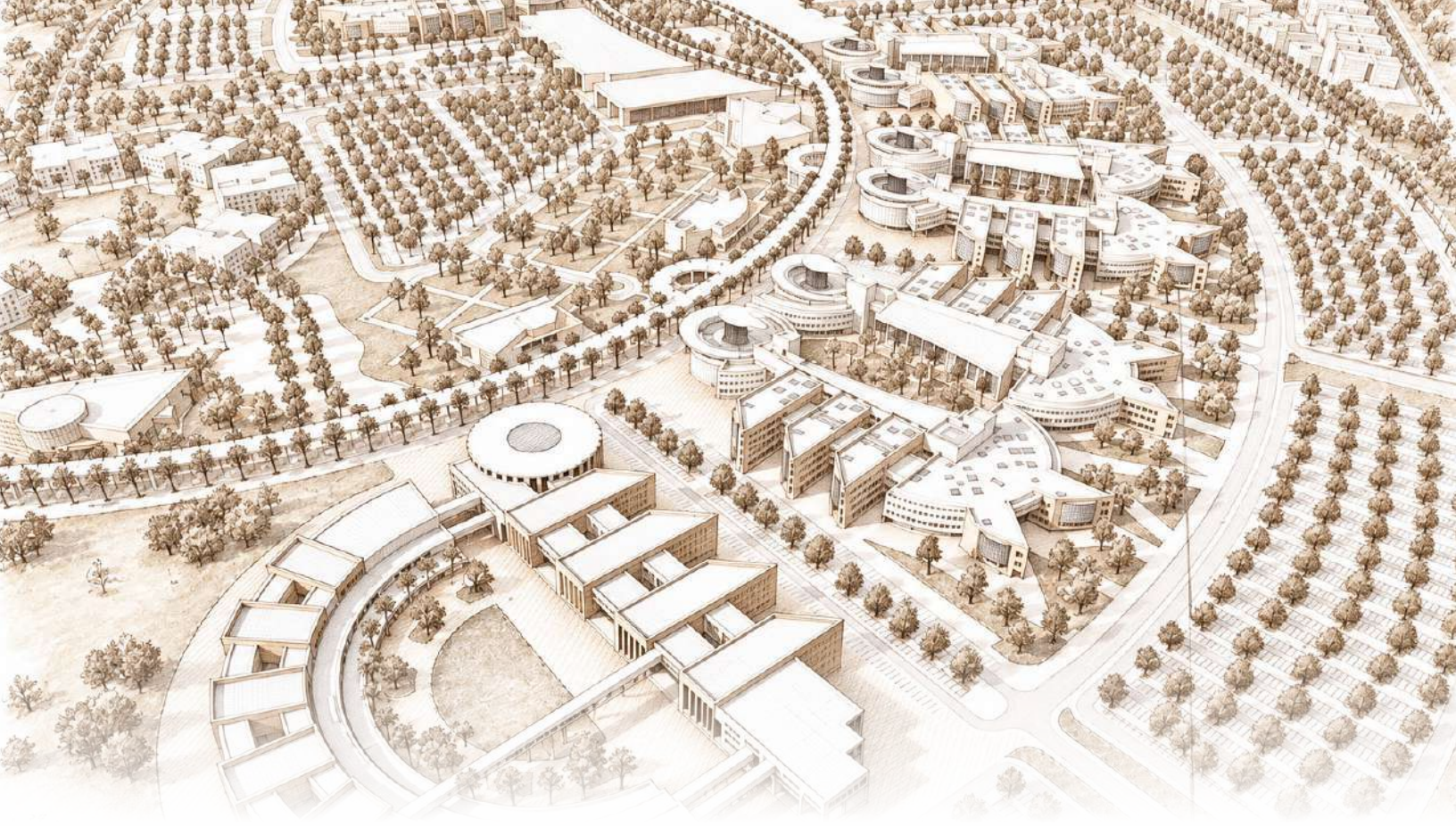
The recognition of the "Efficient Film and Television Production Vehicle" at the Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions 2026 reflects a broader shift toward integrated, mobile, and digitally connected production environments.

As the media industry continues to evolve, innovations like this not only enhance operational efficiency but also redefine how and where creative content can be produced. Through initiatives such as the IFIA Award, the global innovation community continues to highlight technologies that shape the future of industries worldwide.

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IFIA Expands Its Global Impact Through Partnership with X-thon Innovation Exhibition 2026

Empowering the Next Generation of Innovators

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to strengthen its global engagement by officially supporting the X-thon Innovation Exhibition 2026 as an Award Partner. Organized by the University of Tabuk in Saudi Arabia, in collaboration with the NEOM Innovation Center, the event will take place from April 27 to 30, 2026, bringing together a new generation of innovators and problem-solvers. This initiative reflects IFIA's ongoing commitment to fostering innovation among students and young inventors by providing platforms that connect ideas with real-world opportunities.

A Dynamic Platform for Student Innovation

The X-thon Innovation Exhibition serves as a specialized platform for university-level innovation, where selected teams present their projects and prototypes across three major domains: Technology, Engineering, and Health.

The event will host 25 selected teams, offering them direct exposure to experts, institutions, and potential investors, thereby creating a bridge between academic innovation and practical implementation. This structured environment encourages participants to refine their ideas, validate their concepts, and explore pathways toward commercialization.

Driving Innovation in Smart Mobility and Road Safety

A defining feature of the X-thon 2026 program is its focus on smart road safety solutions, aligning innovation with one of the most critical challenges in modern urban development. Participants are invited to develop technologies that enhance transportation safety and sustainability, contributing to the broader vision of smarter and safer mobility systems. Through interdisciplinary collaboration, the event promotes solutions that address both technological advancement and societal needs.

IFIA's Role as Award Partner

As an official Award Partner, IFIA will present three special awards, including medals and certificates, to the top-performing teams in each category.

This recognition serves not only as an acknowledgment of excellence but also as a motivation for young innovators to pursue impactful and scalable solutions. IFIA's involvement reinforces its role as a global institution dedicated to identifying and supporting promising innovations at all levels.

Strengthening Innovation Ecosystems in the Middle East

The collaboration with the University of Tabuk and NEOM Innovation Center highlights IFIA's expanding presence in the Middle East, a region experiencing rapid growth in technology and innovation ecosystems.

By supporting initiatives like X-thon 2026, IFIA contributes to the development of regional innovation capacities while connecting them to the global network of inventors, institutions, and industry leaders.

The partnership between IFIA and the X-thon Innovation Exhibition 2026 represents a strategic step toward nurturing future innovators and advancing applied research. By combining

academic creativity with global recognition and industry engagement, the event creates a powerful platform for transforming ideas into impactful solutions. Through such collaborations, IFIA continues to reinforce its mission of promoting innovation worldwide and empowering the next generation to address the challenges of tomorrow.



Empowering Brazilian Innovators: IFIA and ABIPIR Advance Grant Funding Training Initiatives



Strengthening Innovation Capacity Through Education and Funding

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), in collaboration with its Brazilian member organization ABIPIR (Brazilian International Association of Inventors, Scientists and Innovative Entrepreneurs), has taken a significant step toward strengthening innovation ecosystems in Latin America through a specialized training program focused on grant funding for innovators in Brazil.

This initiative reflects IFIA's broader mission to empower inventors by not only recognizing innovation but also equipping them with the practical tools necessary to secure financial support and bring their ideas to market.

Bridging the Gap Between Innovation and Funding Opportunities

Access to funding remains one of the most critical challenges faced by inventors and early-stage innovators. The IFIA-ABIPIR training program addresses this gap by providing targeted guidance on how to identify, apply for, and successfully obtain national and international innovation grants.

Through structured sessions, participants gain insights into funding mechanisms and grant structures, proposal development and evaluation criteria, strategic positioning of innovation projects, and engagement with funding institutions and expert panels. Such training plays a vital role in transforming promising ideas into viable, funded projects capable of generating real-world impact.

ABIPIR's Role in Developing Innovation Talent

As IFIA's official representative in Brazil, ABIPIR plays a central role in cultivating innovation culture across the country. The organization is dedicated to supporting inventors, researchers, and entrepreneurs in transforming ideas into products, services, and sustainable business models.

Through workshops, training programs, and international collaborations, ABIPIR actively contributes to enhancing the capabilities of innovators while promoting entrepreneurship and technological development. The grant funding training initiative further strengthens this mission by providing Brazilian innovators with the skills required to compete in global funding ecosystems.

Aligning with IFIA's Global Innovation Strategy

This program is fully aligned with IFIA's global strategy of promoting innovation through capacity-building, international collaboration, and access to resources. IFIA continuously supports funding opportunities across various sectors—including technology, health, environment, and engineering—to encourage innovators worldwide to advance their projects.

By integrating training with access to funding pathways, IFIA ensures that innovation is not only encouraged but also sustainably supported.

Fostering Sustainable Innovation in Latin America

The initiative also highlights IFIA's growing engagement in Latin America, where innovation ecosystems are rapidly evolving. By empowering local innovators with financial knowledge and strategic skills, the IFIA-ABIPIR collaboration contributes to strengthening regional innovation capacity, increasing the success rate of funded projects, and enhancing global competitiveness of Brazilian innovators. This approach supports the development of a more inclusive and resilient innovation landscape across the region.

Conclusion

The IFIA-ABIPIR grant funding training program represents a strategic advancement in supporting innovators beyond recognition—focusing instead on enabling real-world implementation and sustainability.

By equipping inventors with the knowledge and tools needed to access funding, IFIA continues to reinforce its role as a global leader in innovation support. Initiatives such as this not only empower individuals but also contribute to the long-term development of innovation-driven economies.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Innovators in Africa

Kinshasa to Host the 2nd "Creativity and Innovation Day" in Partnership with IFIA

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) proudly highlights the upcoming 2nd edition of "Creativity and Innovation Day", an important scientific and educational initiative organized by the Lebanese School of Kinshasa (LLK) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the campus of the Lebanese School of Kinshasa, under the inspiring theme:

"A Generation Designing Its Future"

Building on a strong legacy of academic excellence in the heart of Kinshasa and celebrating its official membership within the IFIA Global Network, the Lebanese School of Kinshasa continues its mission of nurturing young scientific minds and transforming student ideas into meaningful global innovations. This year's edition is expected to gather more than 60 innovative student projects, showcasing the creativity, scientific talent, and entrepreneurial spirit of students from participating schools. The event will feature projects in



several multidisciplinary categories, including:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Technology & Coding
- Arts & Creative Design

In addition to encouraging scientific exploration and innovation, all projects will be evaluated by a specialized scientific jury according to international standards, providing students with valuable experience in professional scientific presentation and innovation assessment.

Supervised by the Science Activities Department of the Lebanese School of Kinshasa, the initiative demonstrates the growing impact of IFIA's mission in promoting innovation culture and youth empowerment, particularly across Africa.

The event also reflects the importance of educational institutions in shaping future inventors and innovators by encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and applied scientific thinking from an early age.

Participation and Contact Information

Students, schools, and interested participants may obtain additional information through the following channels:

- Email: secretaire@csarabe.com
- Website: <https://csarabe.com/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/csarabe>

Event Venue

- Campus of the Lebanese School of Kinshasa
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo
- IFIA warmly welcomes and supports initiatives that inspire young generations to actively engage in science, invention, and innovation, and congratulates the Lebanese School of Kinshasa for organizing this remarkable platform dedicated to the innovators of tomorrow.

IFIA to Honor Outstanding Innovators at NICE 2026 in the Philippines

Promoting Global Innovation Through International Recognition

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to expand its global support for innovation by officially participating in NICE 2026 – the Northern International Creativity and Innovation Summit and Exposition, scheduled to take place in the Philippines. As part of its involvement, IFIA will present special awards to outstanding innovators whose projects demonstrate exceptional creativity, technological advancement, and societal impact. This collaboration highlights IFIA's ongoing commitment to fostering international innovation ecosystems and recognizing inventors whose ideas contribute to sustainable development and technological progress.

A Global Platform for Creativity and Innovation

NICE 2026 serves as an international platform that brings together inven-



tors, researchers, entrepreneurs, students, and institutions from various countries to showcase innovative projects and emerging technologies.

The event encourages interdisciplinary collaboration across multiple sectors, including:

- Technology and engineering
- Health and medical innovation
- Environmental sustainability
- Smart systems and digital transformation
- Educational and social innovation

IFIA Awards and International Recognition

As an official award partner, IFIA will grant special medals and certificates to selected participants whose innovations demonstrate high levels of originality, applicability, and in-

novation excellence.

The IFIA Awards represent more than symbolic recognition; they serve as an international acknowledgment of the inventors' contributions to science, technology, and society. Through these awards, IFIA continues to encourage innovators to pursue ambitious ideas capable of addressing contemporary global challenges.

This recognition also provides participants with increased international visibility and strengthens opportunities for future collaboration and commercialization.

Supporting Innovation Development in Southeast Asia

The partnership with NICE 2026 reflects IFIA's growing engagement in Southeast Asia, a region experiencing rapid advancement in innovation, entrepreneurship, and research-driven development.

The Philippines has increasingly emerged as an active hub for academic creativity and technological innovation, supported by universities, research institutions, and startup ecosystems. By supporting events such as NICE 2026, IFIA contributes to strengthening regional innovation networks while connecting local talents to the broader global innovation community.



Encouraging Young Innovators and Future Technologies

One of the defining characteristics of NICE 2026 is its strong emphasis on youth participation and future-oriented technologies. The event provides students and young innovators with valuable opportunities to present their projects before international experts, judges, and industry representatives.

Such initiatives play a critical role in nurturing the next generation of inventors by encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and entrepreneurial thinking from an early stage.

Conclusion

NICE 2026 represents an important international gathering dedicated to celebrating creativity, innovation, and technological advancement. Through its support and recognition programs, IFIA continues to reinforce its mission of empowering inventors and promoting innovation as a driving force for global progress.

By honoring outstanding projects at NICE 2026, IFIA not only recognizes excellence but also encourages innovators worldwide to develop solutions that contribute to a smarter, more sustainable, and more connected future.



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Not everything worth creating begins with a plan.
Sometimes it begins by refusing the obvious.

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X-thon 4 Saudi Arabia: Advancing Road Safety Innovation with IFIA's Global Support

Innovation for Safer and Smarter Mobility

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to strengthen its commitment to applied innovation by supporting X-thon 4 Saudi Arabia, an initiative focused on developing advanced solutions for road safety and smart mobility. Organized in Saudi Arabia with the participation of innovation-driven institutions and young talents, the event reflects the growing importance of technology-based approaches in addressing modern transportation challenges.

Through its involvement, IFIA reinforces its mission of encouraging innovations that generate meaningful social impact while contributing to sustainable urban development.

A Platform for Emerging Innovators and Creative Solutions

X-thon 4 serves as a dynamic innovation platform that brings together students, researchers, entrepreneurs, and technology enthusiasts to develop practical and scalable solutions for road safety.

Participants are encouraged to present projects addressing key challenges related to traffic safety and accident prevention, smart transportation systems, artificial intelligence applications in mobility, sustainable and intelligent infrastructure, and real-time monitoring and digital safety technologies. By promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, the initiative creates an environment where innovative concepts can evolve into real-world applications capable of improving public safety and transportation efficiency.

IFIA's Role in Promoting Applied Innovation

As an international organization dedicated to supporting inventors and innovators worldwide, IFIA's participation in X-thon 4 highlights its strategic focus on innovation with societal value.

Through its support, IFIA contributes to encouraging youth participation in innovation ecosystems, expanding international visibility for emerging projects, promoting knowledge exchange between innovators and experts, and recognizing impactful ideas through awards and international acknowledgment. This collaboration further demonstrates IFIA's commitment to connecting local innovation initiatives with the global innovation community.





Supporting Saudi Arabia's Innovation Vision

The event also aligns with Saudi Arabia's broader transformation toward a knowledge-based and innovation-driven economy. By supporting programs such as X-thon 4, IFIA contributes to the development of innovation culture within the region and supports initiatives that align with the Kingdom's long-term vision for technological advancement and smart infrastructure.

Saudi Arabia has increasingly positioned itself as a regional hub for technology, entrepreneurship, and research, and initiatives like X-thon 4 play an important role in accelerating this transformation.



Road Safety as a Global Innovation Challenge

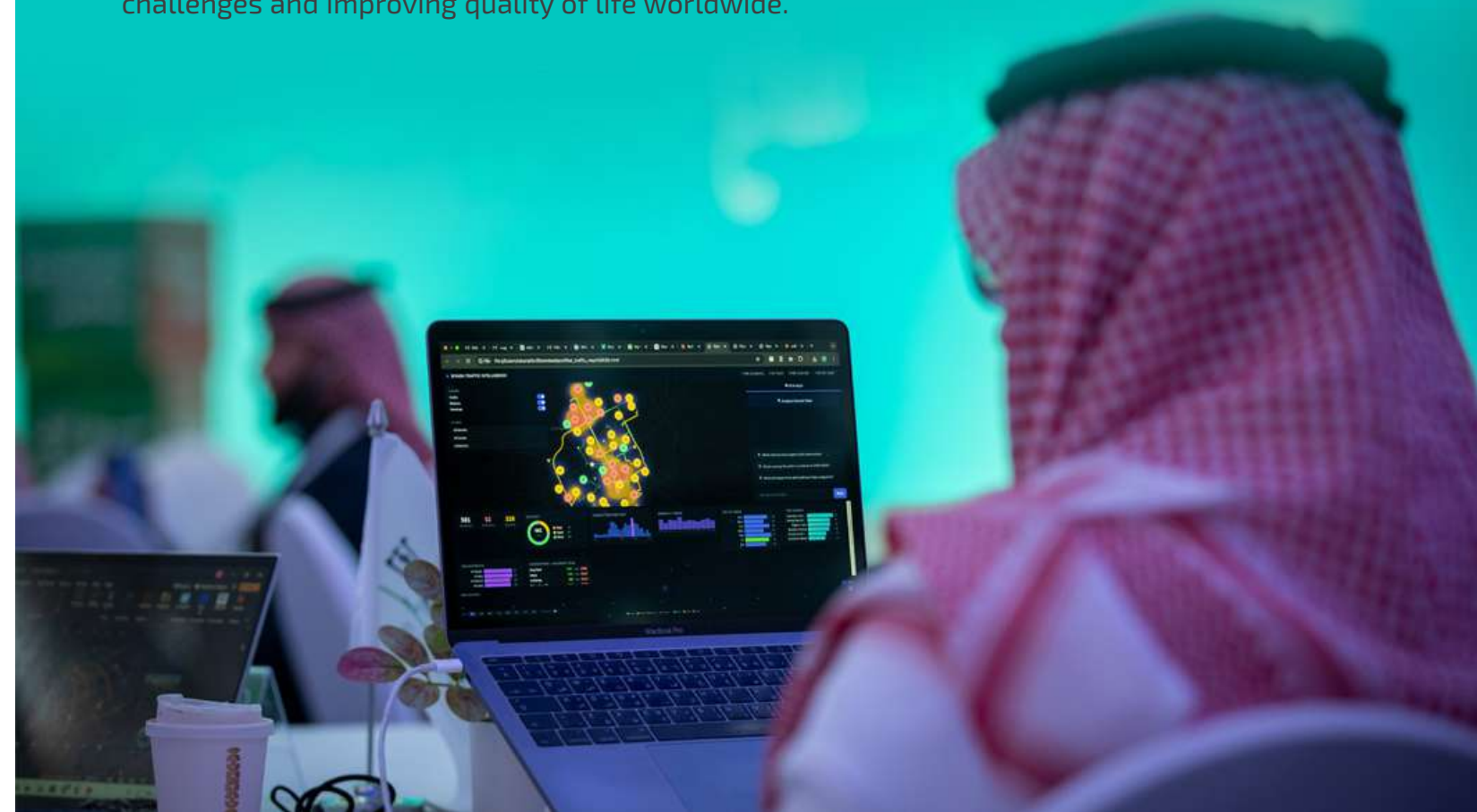
Road safety remains one of the most pressing global challenges, requiring innovative and technology-oriented solutions. X-thon 4 emphasizes the importance of integrating innovation, engineering, and digital transformation into transportation systems to create safer environments for communities.

The event encourages participants to move beyond theoretical concepts and focus on practical solutions capable of delivering measurable impact in urban mobility and public safety.

Conclusion

X-thon 4 Saudi Arabia represents an important step toward fostering innovation in road safety and intelligent transportation systems. With the support of IFIA, the initiative provides a valuable platform for emerging innovators to showcase ideas that can contribute to safer, smarter, and more sustainable mobility solutions.

Through partnerships and initiatives of this kind, IFIA continues to promote innovation as a powerful tool for solving real-world challenges and improving quality of life worldwide.



IFIA Continues to Recognize Outstanding Inventors Through the INV Title Program

Celebrating Excellence in Innovation and Inventorship

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to strengthen its mission of promoting innovation and recognizing outstanding inventors worldwide through its distinguished INV Title Program. As part of this initiative, a new group of inventors has recently been awarded the prestigious INV Title, acknowledging their remarkable contributions to invention, innovation, and technological advancement. The recognition reflects IFIA's ongoing commitment to supporting inventors whose work demonstrates originality, practical impact, and dedication to advancing society through innovation.

The Meaning and Value of the INV Title

The INV Title is one of IFIA's internationally recognized distinctions designed to honor inventors who have achieved significant accomplishments in their innovation journey. The title serves as an acknowledgment of both technical excellence and sustained engagement in the global invention ecosystem.

By awarding the INV designation, IFIA recognizes individuals who have:

- Demonstrated innovative capability and creativity
- Contributed to technological and scientific progress
- Participated actively in international invention activities
- Shown commitment to promoting innovation culture

Strengthening the Global Community of Inventors

Through programs such as the INV Title, IFIA continues to build a stronger international network of inventors, researchers, and innovation leaders. The initiative encourages collaboration among innovators from different countries while promoting international visibility for their achievements.

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WOMEN INVENTORS NETWORK

WHAT IS IFIA?

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations was created in 1968 by eight associations. Today, IFIA groups associations from 76 countries, including women inventors associations from: Argentina, Canada, Cuba, Finland, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines and Sweden. These eight organizations are the founding members of IFIA-WIN.

At the present time, three of the 20 members of the IFIA Executive Committee are women. They come from Germany, Lithuania and Tunisia.

IFIA recently initiated activities in favor of the protection of the environment - IFIA-ECO, as well as for young inventors - IFIA-YOUTH.

WHAT DOES IFIA DO?

IFIA represents inventors worldwide.

IFIA organizes:

- conferences, seminars, expert groups, etc.;
- publication of reference books, guides, newsletters;
- surveys, studies, lectures, etc.
- training, particularly for developing countries;
- assistance in the creation of inventors associations;
- invention competitions;
- awards (IFIA Cup, etc.);
- illustrative exhibits on inventors/inventions;
- twinning of two inventors associations;
- consultative services to other organizations.

IFIA-WIN, a brainchild of IFIA, was created in September 1994 and is the only worldwide network of women inventors. This newsletter is unique - the sole international female voice in a traditionally male field. Nevertheless, men's voices, their opinions and reactions will be heard now and then.

As a pioneer in the struggle for recognition of women inventors over the past 10 years, and in my capacity as President of IFIA, I am happy to have helped in the creation of IFIA-WIN, which will receive my full support in the years to come. In 1994 I actively participated in the four major women inventors events of the year in Finland, Malaysia, Cuba and Argentina. (See page 2.)

Definitely women are becoming more and more visible in the world of invention. None can stop the tide.

Farag Moussa
Farag Moussa
President of IFIA

Geneva, March 2, 1995.

FIRST HONORARY MEMBER

Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow (USA)
NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE, 1977

Dr. Rosalyn Yalow is the inventor of radioimmunoassay (RIA), a powerful tool for determining any minute substance of biological interest in the urine and blood. In response to the IFIA President she wrote about IFIA-WIN:

"Women are coming into their own in all fields of science. It is a pleasure to note that you have established an organization described as Women Inventors Network. I will be pleased to be chosen as an honorary member."

Rosalyn S Yalow



Receiving the INV Title provides inventors with:

- International recognition within the innovation community
- Enhanced professional credibility
- Greater visibility in international invention events
- Opportunities for networking and collaboration

Encouraging Innovation Culture Worldwide

One of IFIA's long-standing objectives is to cultivate a global culture that values creativity, invention, and applied innovation. The INV Title Program plays an important role in this mission by motivating inventors to continue developing impactful solutions across diverse fields, including:

- Technology and engineering
- Healthcare and medical innovation
- Environmental sustainability
- Artificial intelligence and digital transformation
- Industrial and social innovation

Recognition Beyond Awards

Unlike traditional competition-based awards, the INV Title represents a broader and more enduring form of professional recognition. It reflects an inventor's continued engagement with innovation and their contribution to advancing the global invention ecosystem.

This distinction demonstrates IFIA's belief that innovation should be supported not only through exhibitions and competitions, but also through long-term recognition and professional acknowledgment.



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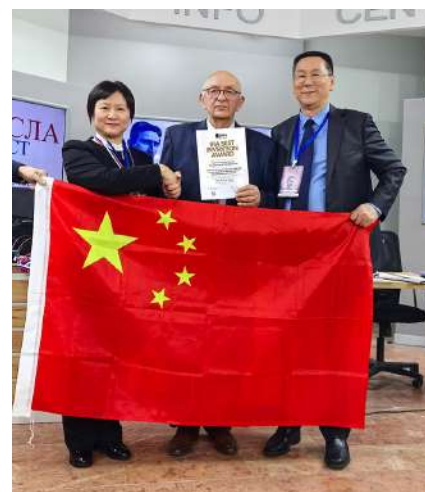
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IT MUST BE NOTIFIED THAT THE “Inv” TITLE IS GIVEN TO AN INVENTOR WHO HAS ACHIEVED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS TITLE. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED BY THE REQUEST OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PERSON AND HOLDS NO LIABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHATSOEVER FOR THE SIGNATORIES AND IFIA.

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Conclusion

The continued expansion of the INV Title Program highlights IFIA's dedication to empowering inventors and strengthening international innovation networks. By recognizing individuals whose ideas and efforts contribute to scientific and technological advancement, IFIA reinforces the importance of innovation as a driving force for global progress. Through initiatives such as the INV Title, IFIA continues to celebrate creativity, support inventors, and encourage the development of solutions that shape a smarter and more sustainable future.

For More information visit: <https://ifia.com/inv-title/>

IFIA Strengthens Strategic Cooperation with WIPO During the 2026 General Assembly in Geneva

Advancing Global Innovation Through International Collaboration

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to reinforce its position within the global innovation ecosystem by strengthening its strategic cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) during the 2026 WIPO General Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. As one of the world's leading organizations dedicated to supporting inventors and promoting innovation, IFIA's engagement in this important international gathering reflects its long-standing commitment to advancing intellectual property awareness and innovation-driven development worldwide.

The participation of IFIA in the WIPO General Assembly highlights the importance of collaboration between international institutions in creating an environment where innovation can flourish and inventors can receive the support necessary to transform ideas into impactful solutions.

A Global Forum for Intellectual Property and Innovation Policy

The WIPO General Assembly represents one of the most significant annual meetings in the field of intellectual property, bringing together member states, international organizations, policymakers, and stakeholders from around the world. The Assembly provides a platform for discussions on global intellectual property strategies, innovation policies, and emerging technological developments.

These discussions play a crucial role in shaping the future direction of international intellectual property systems while addressing the challenges and opportunities created by rapid technological transformation.



Strengthening IFIA–WIPO Cooperation

As an organization with observer status at WIPO, IFIA has maintained a longstanding relationship with the international intellectual property community. Through continued engagement with WIPO, IFIA seeks to strengthen cooperation in areas related to innovation promotion and inventor support, intellectual property awareness and education, international networking among inventors and innovation institutions, capacity-building initiatives for emerging innovators, and technology commercialization. This collaboration reflects a shared vision of encouraging creativity, protecting intellectual property rights, and fostering sustainable innovation at a global scale.

Supporting Inventors in a Rapidly Evolving Innovation Landscape

The growing complexity of modern technologies—including artificial intelligence, digital transformation, advanced manufacturing, and sustainable technologies—requires stronger international cooperation between innovation organizations and intellectual property institutions.

Through its engagement with WIPO, IFIA continues to advocate for policies and initiatives that support inventors throughout the innovation lifecycle, from idea development and intellectual property protection to commercialization and global market access.

Geneva: A Global Center for Innovation Governance

Geneva remains one of the most important international hubs for diplomacy, innovation governance, and intellectual property policy. As the headquarters of WIPO and the home of numerous international organizations, the city provides a unique environment for dialogue among governments, institutions, researchers, and innovation leaders.

For IFIA, participation in major international forums in Geneva represents an opportunity to further strengthen its global network while promoting the interests and achievements of inventors from around the world.

Expanding Opportunities for the Global Innovation Community

By enhancing cooperation with WIPO, IFIA aims to create broader opportunities for inventors, innovation organizations, startups, researchers, and young innovators. Such cooperation contributes to increasing awareness of intellectual property protection, strengthening innovation support systems, encouraging international collaboration, facilitating access to global innovation networks, and promoting sustainable technological development.

These efforts align closely with IFIA's mission of empowering inventors and ensuring that innovation continues to serve as a catalyst for economic growth and societal progress.

The strengthening of strategic cooperation between IFIA and WIPO during the 2026 WIPO General Assembly reflects a shared commitment to advancing innovation, intellectual property awareness, and international collaboration.

As innovation becomes increasingly central to global development, partnerships between organizations such as IFIA and WIPO play a critical role in supporting inventors, fostering creativity, and building stronger innovation ecosystems worldwide.



IFIA Youth Invention Olympiad at SVIIF 2026: Inspiring the Next Generation of Global Innovators

Empowering Young Minds Through Innovation

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues its commitment to fostering innovation among young people through the IFIA Youth Invention Olympiad, which will be held as part of the Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF) 2026 in the United States.

Designed specifically for young innovators, the Olympiad provides an international platform where students and aspiring inventors can showcase their creativity, present innovative solutions, and engage with the global innovation community.

A Global Stage for Young Inventors

The IFIA Youth Invention Olympiad brings together talented students from different countries, creating opportunities for cross-cultural exchange, collaboration, and learning.

Participants are encouraged to present inventions and projects that demonstrate creativity and originality, practical problem-solving capabilities, scientific and technological innovation, social and environmental impact, and entrepreneurial thinking.

Encouraging Innovation Education and Creativity

One of the primary objectives of the Olympiad is to promote innovation education among youth. Through participation in international invention events, students gain valuable experience in transforming ideas into practical projects while learning the importance of research, experimentation, and intellectual property awareness.

SVIIF 2026: A Hub of International Innovation

The Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF) 2026 provides an ideal environment for the Youth Olympiad. As one of IFIA's leading international innovation events, SVIIF attracts inventors, researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, and innovation organizations from across the globe.

IFIA's Commitment to Future Innovators

Supporting young inventors has long been a strategic priority for IFIA. Through programs such as the Youth Invention Olympiad, the federation seeks to identify emerging talents and provide them with opportunities for international recognition and development.

Building the Future Through Innovation

The challenges of the future will require creative minds capable of developing innovative solutions across multiple fields, including technology, healthcare, sustainability, education, and engineering.

The IFIA Youth Invention Olympiad at SVIIF 2026 represents more than a competition; it is an investment in the future of global innovation. By providing young inventors with international visibility, educational opportunities, and professional recognition, IFIA continues to empower the next generation of innovators.



INDIA SHINES AT ICIA 2026: IFIA BHARAT AND AIC-SKU EARN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Indian Innovators Achieve Global Success

India made a strong impact at the International Creativity and Innovation Awards (ICIA) 2026, where more than 180 innovations from 37 countries competed for international recognition. The success was driven by a collaborative effort between IFIA Bharat and the Atal Incubation Centre at Sri Krishnadevaraya University (AIC-SKU).

Representing IFIA Bharat, Dr. C. Chandramouli, CEO of AIC-SKU, participated as a speaker on India's startup ecosystem and served as a Mentor Judge during the international evaluation process.

Outstanding Awards and Achievements

Indian participants secured an impressive collection of awards in the Inventor Wannabe category, including 1 Grand Award, 2 Titanium Awards, 1 Silver Award, and 3 Bronze Awards.

A standout performer was Putluru Dhan-

vin Sai Reddy from Afflatus Global School, Anantapur, who won a Grand Award, a Titanium Award, and a Gift Award.

In the startup category, BioDrops earned Gold Awards in both the Startup Innovation Week and Startup Exchange Program, while NavDrishti, Gobind, and Break-X also received Gold Awards.

Recognizing Innovation Leadership

Dr. Chandramouli was additionally recognized as a finalist for the 'Teach Me Award', honoring his dedication to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship among young innovators.

Conclusion

The achievements of IFIA Bharat and AIC-SKU at ICIA 2026 demonstrate how mentorship, innovation education, and international exposure can empower students and startups from both urban and regional communities. Their success highlights the growing strength of India's innovation ecosystem and its increasing presence on the global stage.



IFIA Joins the Bayh-Dole Coalition: Strengthening the Global Path from Invention to Innovation

A Strategic Milestone for the Global Innovation Community

San Francisco, United States | 30 May 2026 / The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) has officially joined the Bayh-Dole Coalition, a distinguished international alliance dedicated to advancing innovation, technology transfer, and the commercialization of research outcomes. This significant development marks an important milestone in IFIA's ongoing efforts to strengthen the connection between invention, intellectual property, entrepreneurship, and economic development.



Understanding the Bayh-Dole Legacy

The Bayh-Dole Coalition is inspired by the landmark Bayh-Dole Act of 1980 in the United States, legislation widely recognized as one of the most influential innovation policies in modern history. The Act enabled universities, research institutions, and nonprofit organizations to retain ownership of inventions arising from publicly funded research and to commercialize those innovations for the benefit of society.

Expanding Opportunities for Inventors Worldwide

IFIA's participation in the Coalition creates new opportunities for inventors, researchers, startups, and innovation organizations across its global network. The collaboration is expected to enhance awareness of technology transfer, intellectual property management, innovation policy, and commercialization pathways.

Bridging Innovation and Economic Development

By joining the Bayh-Dole Coalition, IFIA reinforces its commitment to addressing the challenges that prevent inventions from reaching society and promotes innovation ecosystems that support the full innovation lifecycle—from idea generation to commercialization

and societal impact.

A Shared Vision for Innovation Impact

Both IFIA and the Bayh-Dole Coalition share a common belief that innovation achieves its greatest value when it moves beyond laboratories and prototypes to become products, services, and technologies that improve lives. The partnership strengthens collaboration among inventors, universities, industry, and policymakers.

Enhancing IFIA's Global Leadership Role

As the world's leading federation representing inventors and inventor associations, IFIA continues to expand its international influence through strategic partnerships with organizations that shape the future of innovation. Membership in the Bayh-Dole Coalition further strengthens IFIA's role in global innovation policy and technology commercialization discussions.

The inclusion of IFIA in the Bayh-Dole Coalition represents more than a new institutional affiliation; it is a strategic step toward building stronger pathways between invention, intellectual property, entrepreneurship, and societal impact. This partnership opens a new chapter in IFIA's contribution to the global innovation ecosystem.



UIA Idea Accelerator Program: Empowering Innovators to Transform Ideas into Impact

Accelerating Innovation Through Structured Support

The UIA Idea Accelerator Program represents a significant initiative designed to help innovators transform promising ideas into viable projects, startups, and market-ready solutions. By providing mentorship, training, and strategic guidance, the program supports inventors and entrepreneurs throughout the early stages of innovation development.

As innovation ecosystems continue to evolve, programs such as the UIA Idea Accelerator play a crucial role in bridging the gap between creativity and implementation, enabling innovators to move beyond concepts and toward sustainable impact.

A Platform for Emerging Innovators

The accelerator program is designed to support aspiring innovators, students, researchers, inventors, and startup founders who seek to develop their ideas into practical and scalable ventures.

Participants gain access to:

- Expert mentorship and coaching
- Innovation and entrepreneurship training
- Business model development support
- Pitch preparation and presentation skills
- Networking opportunities with industry leaders and investors

This comprehensive approach helps innovators strengthen both the technical and commercial aspects of their projects.

From Ideas to Market Opportunities

One of the primary objectives of the UIA Idea Accelerator Program is to help participants understand how innovative ideas can be transformed into real-world solutions.

The program focuses on:

- Problem identification and validation
- Product and solution development
- Market analysis and customer discovery
- Commercialization strategies
- Startup readiness and growth planning

By emphasizing practical application, the accelerator encourages participants to build innovations that address genuine societal and industry challenges.

Fostering Entrepreneurship and Innovation Culture

Beyond project development, the program contributes to the broader goal of cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset among innovators.

Participants are encouraged to:

- Develop leadership capabilities
- Strengthen critical thinking and problem-solving skills



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**PLAN YOUR
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PROGRAM DATES
JULY 2 – AUG 6
6 WEEKS • LIVE • VIRTUAL

- Build confidence in presenting innovative ideas
- Explore opportunities for collaboration and partnership
- Understand the fundamentals of innovation-driven entrepreneurship

These experiences help prepare innovators for long-term success in competitive and rapidly changing environments.

Building Global Innovation Networks

A key strength of the UIA Idea Accelerator Program is its emphasis on international collaboration and knowledge exchange. By connecting participants with mentors, experts, and innovation stakeholders from different regions, the program creates valuable opportunities for learning and cooperation.

Such networks can play a vital role in helping innovators access new markets, attract strategic

partners, and gain exposure to global best practices in innovation management and commercialization.

Supporting the Next Generation of Innovators

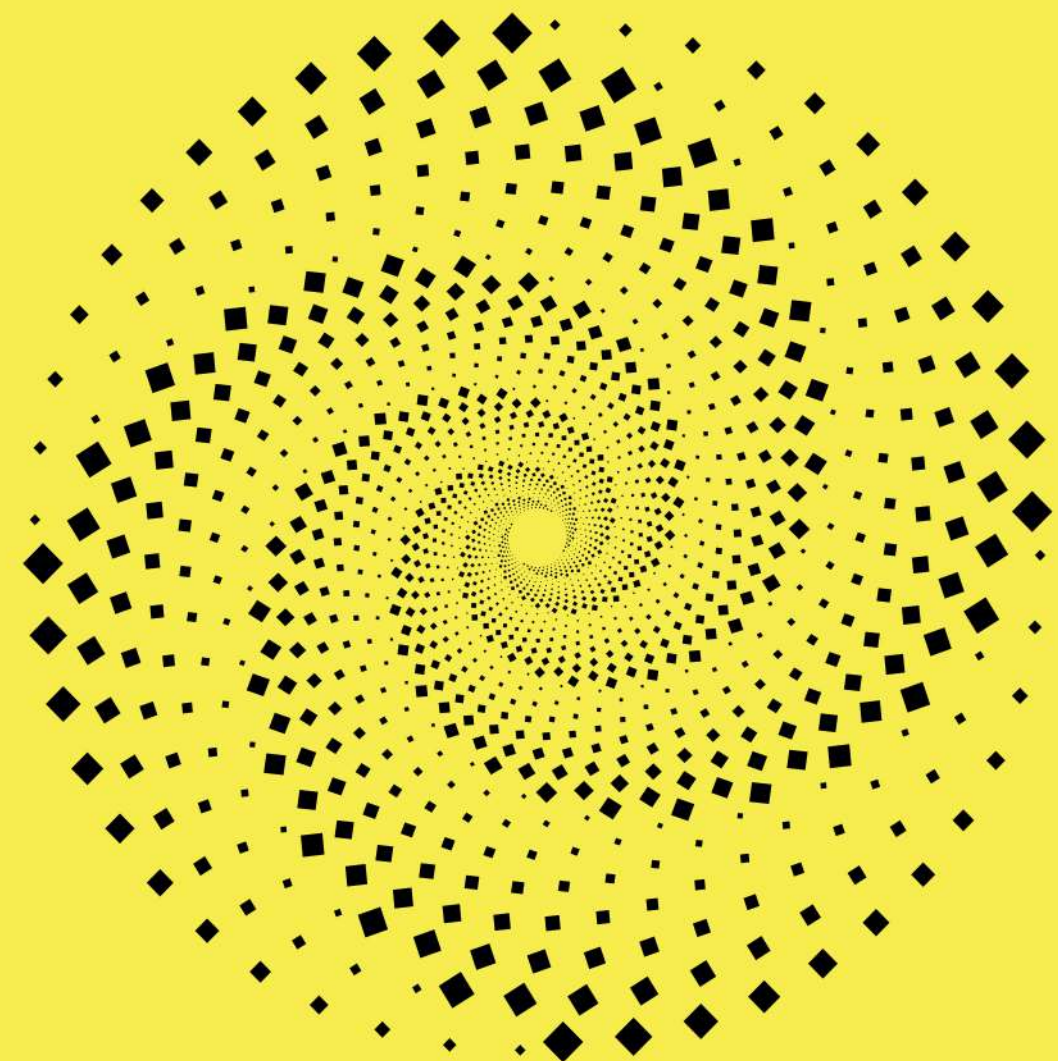
Innovation is increasingly recognized as a driving force behind economic growth, technological advancement, and sustainable development. Programs like the UIA Idea Accelerator help ensure that talented innovators receive the guidance and resources necessary to realize their potential.

By supporting early-stage innovators and fostering entrepreneurial thinking, the program contributes to the development of future innovators capable of addressing global challenges through creative and impactful solutions.

The UIA Idea Accelerator Program serves as an important platform for transforming ideas into opportunities and innovations into impact. Through mentorship, education, networking, and entrepreneurial support, the program empowers participants to advance their projects and navigate the path from concept to commercialization.

As innovation continues to shape the future of economies and societies, initiatives such as the UIA Idea Accelerator Program play an essential role in nurturing talent, encouraging creativity, and building stronger innovation ecosystems worldwide.

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A man in a blue suit is standing on a stage, gesturing with his hands while speaking to an audience. The audience is seated in rows of red chairs, facing the stage. The stage is lit with a large red spotlight. Above the stage, there are several green light bars. On the right side of the stage, there is a large screen displaying a green and white geometric logo. The overall atmosphere is professional and focused on sustainable innovation.

Green Product Awards 2026 and IFIA: Advancing Sustainable Innovation for a Greener Future

Promoting Sustainability Through Innovation

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to strengthen its commitment to sustainable development by supporting the Green Product Awards 2026, one of the world's leading initiatives dedicated to recognizing innovative products, concepts, and solutions that contribute to environmental sustainability.

The collaboration reflects a shared vision between IFIA and the Green Product Awards: encouraging innovators, designers, entrepreneurs, and organizations to develop solutions that address global environmental challenges while creating economic and social value.

A man and a woman are sitting back-to-back on a white surface, looking forward. They are both wearing black t-shirts and black pants. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. The background is a plain, light gray wall.

As sustainability becomes an increasingly important priority worldwide, such initiatives play a crucial role in accelerating the transition toward greener technologies and responsible innovation.

Recognizing Excellence in Sustainable Innovation

The Green Product Awards celebrate products and concepts that successfully combine:

- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Design excellence
- Market potential
- Positive environmental impact

The awards provide international recognition for projects that demonstrate practical solutions to contemporary environmental challenges, including climate change, resource efficiency, circular economy principles, and sustainable consumption.

By highlighting successful innovations, the program encourages broader adoption of environmentally responsible technologies and practices across industries.

IFIA's Commitment to Green Innovation

As a global organization representing inventors and innovation associations, IFIA recognizes that the future of innovation must be closely aligned with sustainability goals.

Through its support of the Green Product Awards 2026, IFIA seeks to:

- Encourage environmentally responsible innovation
- Promote sustainable technologies and products
- Support inventors addressing global environmental challenges
- Increase international visibility for green innovations
- Foster collaboration between innovators, industry, and sustainability experts

This initiative reflects IFIA's broader mission of supporting innovations that contribute not only to technological advancement but also to the well-being of society and the planet.

A Global Platform for Sustainable Solutions

The Green Product Awards attract participants from around the world, creating an international platform where innovators can present groundbreaking ideas and products across diverse sectors.

Key areas represented include:

- Sustainable materials
- Renewable energy solutions
- Eco-friendly consumer products
- Green mobility
- Circular economy innovations
- Sustainable architecture and design
- Environmental technologies

The program demonstrates how innovation can be leveraged to create practical solutions that balance economic development with environmental responsibility.

Encouraging the Next Generation of Green Innovators

One of the most important aspects of the Green Product Awards is its support for emerging innovators and future-oriented solutions. By providing international exposure and recognition, the initiative motivates inventors, startups, researchers, and students to pursue projects that contribute to a more sustainable future.

Such recognition not only validates innovative ideas but also helps innovators connect with investors, industry partners, and global networks that can support further development and commercialization.

Innovation as a Driver of Sustainable Development

The challenges associated with climate change, resource scarcity, and environmental degradation require innovative approaches capable of delivering long-term solutions.

Programs such as the Green Product Awards demonstrate how creativity, science, technology, and entrepreneurship can work together to accelerate sustainable development. By rewarding impactful innovations, the initiative helps transform environmental responsibility into a driver of economic growth and societal progress.

The collaboration between IFIA and the Green Product Awards 2026 highlights the growing importance of sustainability within the global innovation landscape. By recognizing and promoting environmentally responsible products and technologies, the initiative encourages innovators worldwide to develop solutions that benefit both people and the planet.

Through its continued support for green innovation, IFIA reinforces its commitment to advancing sustainable development and empowering inventors whose ideas contribute to a cleaner, smarter, and more resilient future.



Creativity and Innovation Day 2026 Demonstrates the Growing Strength of Youth Innovation in Africa

A Landmark Celebration of Scientific Creativity in Kinshasa

The second edition of Creativity and Innovation Day 2026, organized at the Lycée Libanais de Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, concluded with remarkable success, showcasing the creativity, technical skills, and innovative potential of young African innovators. Held from 22 to 25 May 2026 under the theme "A Generation That Shapes Its Future," the event brought together students, educators, government officials, diplomats, researchers, and media representatives in a large-scale celebration of innovation and scientific achievement. The event was organized within the framework of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and further strengthened the school's position as a regional center for innovation education.

Seven Months of Intensive Innovation Development

The exhibition represented the culmination of an extensive seven-month innovation program that began at the start of the academic year in October 2025. Throughout this period, students worked beyond regular classroom schedules in laboratories and technical workshops, developing prototypes, conducting experiments,



and refining their projects. Participants engaged in programming using Arduino, Python, C++, and ESP32 platforms, while others focused on artificial intelligence, robotics, green chemistry, biochemical testing, and engineering design. This long-term educational approach enabled students to transform scientific concepts into practical and market-oriented innovations.

Strong Institutional and Diplomatic Participation

The event attracted significant national attention and welcomed senior representatives from government, education, research, and diplomatic institutions.

Among the distinguished attendees were ministers responsible for national education, higher education, scientific research, innovation, and youth affairs, together with the Governor of Kinshasa, senior educational officials, and representatives of the Lebanese diplomatic and community organizations. Extensive media coverage further amplified the impact of the event, including live broadcasts and a dedicated educational documentary.

Seventy-Five Projects Evaluated by University Experts

A total of 75 student innovation projects

were evaluated by an independent academic jury composed of professors and researchers from the Université Pédagogique Nationale (UPN). Projects were assessed according to innovation, technical quality, scalability, and societal impact across four major sectors:

- Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, and Robotics
- Public Health and Biomedical Engineering
- Green Chemistry and Environmental Sustainability
- Applied Physics and Creative Design

The diversity and quality of the projects reflected the growing maturity of STEM education and innovation training among participating students. IFIA Awards Recognize Outstanding Innovations Among the most prestigious distinctions presented during the event were two IFIA Awards for Excellence.

The BlindVision AI project received recognition for its application of computer vision and artificial intelligence to promote social inclusion, while the Smart Speechless AI Helper project was honored for its innovative use of machine learning and motion-signal synthesis to assist individuals facing communication challenges.

Additional awards were presented to projects addressing environmental sustainability, smart infrastructure, healthcare technologies, engineering solutions, and circular economy innovations. Notable winning projects included L'Eco-Cycle Plate, a biodegradable tableware solution produced from banana and coconut fibers, and AquaScan Intelligent Station, an intelligent water-quality monitoring system.

Building the Future of Innovation in Africa

The success of the 2026 edition has encouraged

organizers to pursue a broader international vision for the future of Creativity and Innovation Day. Building on the remarkable achievements of this year's participants, plans are already underway to expand the event beyond its current national scope and establish it as a leading international platform for youth innovation in Africa.

Future editions are expected to welcome schools, innovation clubs, and young inventors from across the African continent and other regions of the world. Organizers also aim to strengthen the event's international profile by inviting official IFIA jurors, academic experts, industry leaders, and innovation stakeholders to participate in the evaluation and mentorship process.

In addition to increasing exhibition capacity and the number of participating projects, long-term development plans include the creation of a dedicated intellectual property and patent-support structure. This initiative will help outstanding student innovators



better understand the importance of protecting their inventions and provide guidance on transforming promising ideas into future entrepreneurial and commercial opportunities. The organizers also envision stronger collaboration with universities, research institutions, technology companies, and innovation-support organizations in order to create a sustainable innovation ecosystem that extends beyond the annual exhibition itself. These initiatives aim to transform Creativity and Innovation Day into a major international platform for youth innovation while positioning Kinshasa as a regional hub for scientific creativity, technological entrepreneurship, and innovation-driven education.

Conclusion

Creativity and Innovation Day 2026 demonstrated how sustained investment in STEM education, research, and innovation can empower young people to develop practical solutions to real-world challenges. Through seven months of dedicated work, 75 projects, and the recognition of outstanding achievements through IFIA Awards, the event highlighted the immense potential of Africa's next generation of inventors and innovators.

Beyond the impressive number of projects and awards presented, the event showcased the value of combining education, creativity, and scientific inquiry to cultivate future problem-solvers and innovators. It provided students with a unique opportunity to experience the complete innovation journey from identifying challenges and conducting research to developing prototypes and presenting solutions before an independent jury.

As Creativity and Innovation Day continues to grow, it has the potential to become one of Africa's most influential youth innovation platforms, inspiring young people to pursue science, technology, engineering, and entrepreneurship while contributing to the social and economic development of their communities. With the continued support of IFIA and its partners, the initiative is laying the foundation for a new generation of innovators capable of shaping a more sustainable, prosperous, and technology-driven future for Africa and beyond.



IFIA EXPANDS ITS GLOBAL SUPPORT NETWORK

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IFIA Expands Its Global Support Network Through New Technology and Innovation Partnerships

Strengthening the Global Innovation Ecosystem

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) has announced the expansion of its international support network through a series of new strategic partnerships with organizations active in technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, research, and intellectual property development. This initiative reflects IFIA's continued commitment to creating stronger support structures for inventors, researchers, startups, and innovation-driven organizations worldwide.

As innovation becomes increasingly interconnected across borders, collaboration among institutions plays a critical role in transforming ideas into impactful solutions. Through these partnerships, IFIA aims to provide innovators with greater access to expertise, mentorship, commercialization opportunities, and international networks.

Building Bridges Between Innovation Stakeholders

The newly expanded support network brings together organizations that contribute to different stages of the innovation lifecycle, including research and development, technology transfer, startup incubation, intellectual property management, entrepreneurship support, and international collaboration.

By connecting inventors with a broader range of resources and professional networks, IFIA seeks to facilitate the journey from idea generation to market implementation. The initiative also strengthens cooperation between academia, industry, innovation centers, and policy-oriented organizations that share a common vision for advancing innovation and creativity.

Expanding Opportunities for Inventors and Startups

One of the primary objectives of the expanded network is to create more opportunities for innovators to access the tools and support necessary for sustainable growth.

Through these partnerships, inventors and startups may benefit from:

- Innovation mentoring and advisory services
- Technology development support
- Intellectual property guidance
- Business development and commercialization assistance
- International networking opportunities
- Access to innovation competitions and exhibitions

- Connections with investors and industry stakeholders

Such resources are essential for helping innovators transform promising concepts into successful products, services, and enterprises.

Enhancing International Collaboration

The expansion of IFIA's support network also reinforces the importance of international cooperation in addressing global challenges through innovation.

By working with organizations from different regions and sectors, IFIA continues to promote knowledge exchange, best practices, and collaborative innovation initiatives. These partnerships create opportunities for cross-border cooperation and help innovators gain exposure to global markets and emerging technologies.

The initiative aligns with IFIA's longstanding mission of fostering an international culture of invention and supporting innovators regardless of geographic location.

Supporting Innovation Beyond Competitions

While international exhibitions and competitions remain important components of the innovation ecosystem, IFIA recognizes that innovators require ongoing support beyond the presentation stage.

The expanded network is designed to provide longer-term pathways for innovation development by connecting inventors with organizations capable of supporting research, intellectual property protection, technology validation, entrepreneurship, and commercialization activities.

This approach helps ensure that innovative ideas have a greater chance of reaching society and generating meaningful economic and social impact.



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Supporting Innovation.
Transforming the World.**

A Strategic Vision for Future Growth

The development of a broader support network reflects IFIA's strategic vision of creating a more integrated global innovation community. By bringing together complementary organizations and expertise, IFIA is helping establish a collaborative framework that supports innovation at every stage of development.

As the federation continues to expand its international partnerships, it further strengthens its role as a global platform connecting inventors, researchers, entrepreneurs, universities, innovation centers, and industry leaders.

Driving Long-Term Innovation Impact

The expansion of IFIA's global support network represents an important step toward strengthening the international innovation ecosystem. Through new partnerships in technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property, IFIA is creating additional opportunities for inventors and innovators to develop their ideas, access valuable resources, and build meaningful collaborations.

By fostering stronger connections among innovation stakeholders worldwide, IFIA continues to advance its mission of empowering inventors and promoting innovation as a driving force for economic growth, technological progress, and sustainable development.



IFIA Strengthens the SVIIF 2026 International Judging Panel with Global Technology and Innovation Expertise



Advancing the Quality and International Reach of SVIIF 2026

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to strengthen the professional and international framework of the Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF) 2026 by expanding its judging panel with experienced experts from the global technology and innovation ecosystem.

As one of IFIA's flagship international invention events, SVIIF brings together inventors, startups, universities, research institutions, and innovation organizations from around the world. The festival provides a global platform for presenting new technologies, evaluating emerging inventions, and creating connections between innovators, industry, investors, and the wider innovation community.

The 2026 edition will once again place strong emphasis on a rigorous and multidisciplinary evaluation process designed to recognize inventions that combine originality, technical quality, practical relevance, and potential for real-world impact.

Saranya Vemuri Joins the International Judging Panel

As part of this continued effort to strengthen the SVIIF jury, Saranya Vemuri has joined the festival's international judging panel, bringing experience in technology product strategy, innovation, operations, and large-scale digital ecosystems.

Her professional background adds a valuable market-oriented and strategic perspective to the evaluation process, complementing the scientific, technical, entrepreneurial, and intellectual property expertise represented across the broader SVIIF jury.

By including judges with experience across different parts of the innovation lifecycle, IFIA and SVIIF aim to ensure that inventions are evaluated not only for technical novelty, but also for usability, scalability, commercialization potential, and broader societal value.

IFIA's Role in Strengthening Global Evaluation Standards

IFIA's involvement in SVIIF extends beyond event support and international promotion. One of its key roles is to help maintain a professional evaluation structure that reflects the diversity and complexity of contemporary innovation.

Through its international network, IFIA brings together experts from science, engi-

neering, entrepreneurship, intellectual property, industry, technology, and product development. This multidisciplinary approach allows inventions to be reviewed from several perspectives and helps ensure a fair, credible, and globally relevant assessment process.

The inclusion of experienced technology leaders such as Saranya Vemuri reflects IFIA's commitment to continuously improving the quality of the jury and aligning SVIIF with the evolving demands of the international innovation landscape.

SVIIF as a Global Platform for Invention and Commercialization

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, SVIIF occupies a unique position within the international invention ecosystem. The event connects inventors with one of the world's most influential environments for technology, entrepreneurship, investment, and commercialization.

For participants, SVIIF represents more than an exhibition or competition. It provides an opportunity to receive professional feedback, gain international visibility, explore partnerships, and better understand how innovations can move from prototype to market.

The judging process plays a central role in this mission. By evaluating projects according to technical, commercial, and impact-oriented criteria, SVIIF helps identify innovations with strong potential for further development and broader application.

Connecting Inventors with Global Technology Expertise

The addition of professionals from major technology and innovation environments further strengthens the bridge between inventors and industry.

Modern innovation increasingly requires a combination of scientific creativity, product thinking, digital capability, market un-

derstanding, and strategic execution. By bringing these perspectives into the judging process, IFIA and SVIIF help participating inventors evaluate their projects through a broader and more practical lens.

This approach is particularly important for innovations in rapidly developing fields such as artificial intelligence, digital technologies, healthcare, sustainability, advanced manufacturing, robotics, and smart systems.

Building a Stronger International Innovation Community

The expansion of the SVIIF international judging panel also reflects IFIA's broader objective of building stronger connections across the global innovation community. By bringing together inventors and experienced professionals from different sectors and countries, the festival creates opportunities for knowledge exchange, professional networking, mentorship, and future collaboration.

The jury therefore serves not only as an evaluation body, but also as an important part of the wider innovation ecosystem surrounding SVIIF.

Looking Ahead to SVIIF 2026

With the continued support of IFIA and the participation of a diverse international judging panel, SVIIF 2026 is set to provide inventors with an increasingly rigorous, professional, and globally connected platform.

The inclusion of Saranya Vemuri strengthens this international structure and reflects the festival's commitment to combining technical excellence with real-world innovation experience.

Through SVIIF, IFIA continues to advance its mission of supporting inventors, promoting international collaboration, and creating meaningful pathways between invention, technology, entrepreneurship, and global impact.

IFIA Supports Global Innovation Through the BRICS Inventions Event 2025

Strengthening International Recognition and Collaboration for Inventors

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continued its support for international innovation through the BRICS Inventions Event 2025, which brought together inventors, research institutions, universities, and technology organizations from different regions of the world.

The event recognized outstanding inventions through a program of cash prizes and special distinctions, highlighting projects with scientific, technological, industrial, and societal potential. IFIA participated as an international supporting organization, promoting recognition of inventors and opportunities for professional exchange and cross-border cooperation. The principal cash prizes were awarded through the BRICS event, while IFIA presented its IFIA Prize and IFIA Youth Prize as additional special recognitions.

Major BRICS Awards Recognize Outstanding Innovations

The highest distinction of the 2025 edition, the Grand Prize of CHF 15,000, was awarded to a Chinese innovation team representing State Grid Yili Yihe Power Supply Co., Ltd., State Grid Electric Power Research Institute, and Wuhan NARI Co., Ltd. for the invention "Flexible Damping Device for Preventing Wind-Induced Flashovers on Transmission Lines."

The Second Prize of CHF 7,500 was presented to a collaborative Chinese research team from the China Electric Power Research Institute, Beijing Soaring Electric Technology Co., Ltd., Hunan University, and Tsinghua University for the project



"Key Technologies and Equipment for Safety Early Warning and Grid-forming Control of Lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage Systems."

The BRICS Prize of CHF 5,000 was awarded to the Hong Kong Police Force and Rescue Reach Technologies Limited for the HKSOS Smart Rescue Ecosystem, while the Third Prize of CHF 3,500 went to Dr. Ali Haneef of Saudi Arabia for the Microneedle Balloon Catheter.

The Grand Prize, Second Prize, BRICS Prize, and Third Prize formed part of the BRICS Inventions Event's principal awards program. These distinctions were complemented by two special IFIA prizes recognizing an independent inventor and a young innovator.

IFIA Presents Two Special Innovation Prizes

Within the broader BRICS Inventions Event, IFIA contributed directly through its own special recognitions.

The IFIA Prize of CHF 1,000 was awarded to Alex Breton of Sweden for the invention "Personal Mobile ATM Device."

The IFIA Youth Prize of CHF 1,000 was awarded to Peter Liu of Chinese Taipei for the innovation "BreatheBack."

These distinctions reflect IFIA's role in identifying and recognizing promising innovators within major international invention platforms, while also supporting younger generations of inventors.

IFIA's Role as an International Supporter

IFIA supported the BRICS Inventions Event as an international organization dedicated to promoting invention and strengthening cooperation among inventors, research institutions, universities, and innovation organizations. Its involvement focused on increasing international visibility and encouraging engagement within the wider innovation community.

Through this support, IFIA helped promote opportunities for international recognition, professional networking, cross-border collaboration, greater exposure for commercialization, and connections with research and technology communities. The presentation of the IFIA Prize and IFIA Youth Prize complemented these activities by recognizing inventive achievement across different generations.

Promoting Innovation Across Borders

The diversity of the 2025 winners from China and Hong Kong to Saudi Arabia, Sweden, and Chinese Taipei demonstrates the international character of the BRICS Inventions Event and the importance of cross-border cooperation in modern innovation.

IFIA's support of such initiatives aligns with its long-standing objective of promoting international exchange and creating stronger links among inventors and innovation stakeholders worldwide.

By participating in platforms such as the BRICS Inventions Event, IFIA contributes to an environment where inventions can receive recognition, build international connections, and move toward further development and practical application.



Building Momentum Toward BRICS Inventions Event 2026

Following the success of the 2025 edition, preparations are already moving toward the BRICS Inventions Event 2026, which is expected to welcome another international group of inventors, researchers, entrepreneurs, startups, universities, and technology pioneers.

The upcoming edition will continue to provide opportunities for global exposure, strategic partnerships, technology exchange, investment connections, and international recognition.

Supporting Innovation Through Global Partnerships

The BRICS Inventions Event 2025 demonstrated the value of cooperation between international innovation organizations and invention platforms. Its awards program recognized achievements across several technological fields, while participation from different regions reinforced the event's international character.

The principal cash awards were presented through the BRICS event's prize structure, complemented by the IFIA Prize and IFIA Youth Prize. As an international supporter, IFIA contributed to the recognition of inventors and the promotion of connections within the global innovation community.

Through its support for events such as the BRICS Inventions Event, IFIA continues to encourage international exchange, strengthen professional networks, and help inventors gain greater visibility for their work.

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JOELLE FLYNN

Inventor | Entrepreneur | Innovator | Advocate



Founder of FIRE

(Female Inventors & Rising Entrepreneurs)



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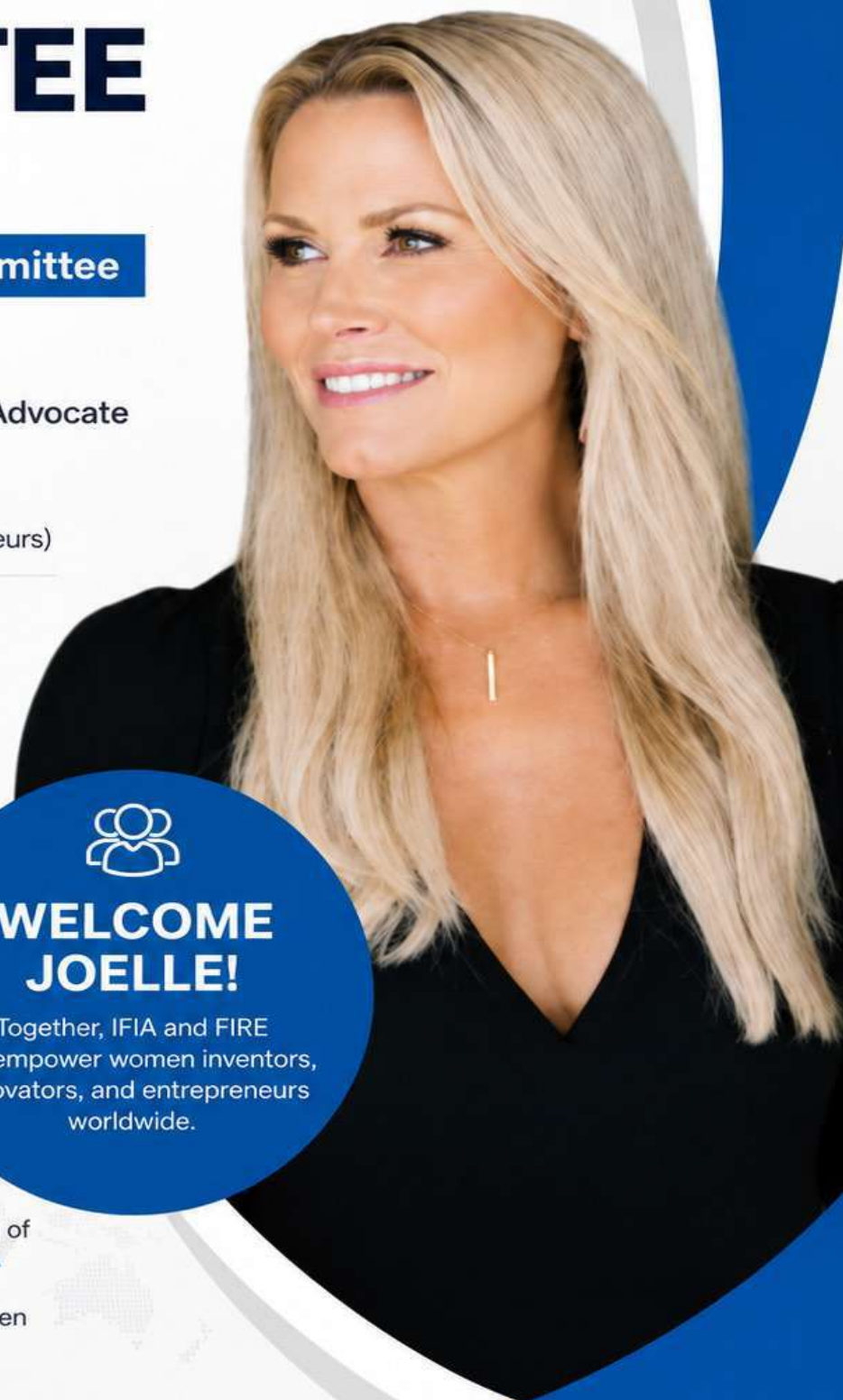
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will empower women inventors,
innovators, and entrepreneurs
worldwide.



This appointment marks the beginning of
a strategic collaboration between **IFIA**
and **FIRE**, creating new opportunities
to support women inventors, strengthen
international partnerships, and foster
innovation across borders.



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IFIA Strengthens Global Support for Women Inventors Through New Committee Appointment and Collaboration with FIRE

Joelle Flynn Joins the IFIA Women Inventors Committee, Opening New Opportunities for International Networking, Mentorship, Education, and Entrepreneurship

Strengthening IFIA's Global Commitment to Women in Innovation

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to expand its global efforts to support women inventors, innovators, and entrepreneurs through a new appointment to its Women Inventors Committee and the beginning of a strategic collaboration with FIRE (Female Inventors & Rising Entrepreneurs).

The appointment of Joelle Flynn to the IFIA Women Inventors Committee represents more than an individual recognition. It strengthens IFIA's broader strategy of building practical international networks that connect women innovators with mentorship, education, professional communities, entrepreneurship opportunities, and global innovation platforms.

Through this development, IFIA is reinforcing the role of its Women Inventors Committee as an active international mechanism for creating connections, supporting participation, and expanding opportunities for women across the invention and innovation ecosystem.

Joelle Flynn Joins the IFIA Women Inventors Committee

Joelle Flynn, inventor, entrepreneur, Founder of FIRE, and Board Member of the United Inventors Association (UIA), has joined the IFIA Women Inventors Committee, bringing practical experience in product development, entrepreneurship, commercialization, and inventor advocacy to IFIA's international network.

Flynn is the Founder of FunkkOFF!® and inventor of the award-winning Tee-thRefreshers® product line. Her entrepreneurial journey demonstrates the transition from invention to market, including product development, brand building, commercialization, and investment. Her appearance on ABC's Shark Tank, where she secured a \$250,000 investment from Robert Herjavec, further increased the visibility of her work and entrepreneurial experience. For IFIA, this combination of invention experience and entrepreneurial leadership is particularly relevant. Women inventors often require support beyond recognition alone, including access to business knowledge, mentoring, networks, investment opportunities, and pathways toward commercialization. Flynn's participation strengthens the Committee's ability to address these practical dimensions of innovation.

A New Strategic Collaboration Between IFIA and FIRE

Flynn's appointment also marks the beginning of a strategic international collaboration between IFIA and FIRE, the global platform she founded in 2026 to support and connect female inventors and rising entrepreneurs.

The collaboration is expected to focus on international networking, educational programs, mentorship activities, innovation initiatives, and partnerships designed to increase women's participation and success within global innovation ecosystems.

Through its worldwide network, IFIA will help facilitate connections between FIRE and women-focused innovation organizations, inventors, entrepreneurs, mentors, and institutional partners in different regions. This creates an opportunity to link local and national women-led innovation communities with a broader international support structure.

Expanding Access to Networks, Education, and Mentorship

One of the central objectives of the IFIA–FIRE collaboration is to create stronger pathways for women innovators to access the resources and professional relationships needed to advance their ideas.

Potential areas of cooperation include joint events, educational programs, international mentorship, innovation-focused workshops, networking initiatives, and partnerships that connect women inventors with experienced entrepreneurs, experts, and innovation organizations.

This approach reflects a wider shift in the global innovation landscape. Successful invention increasingly depends not only on creativity and technical capability, but also on access to intellectual property knowledge, commercialization expertise, business strategy, professional networks, and opportunities for collaboration.

By strengthening these connections, IFIA aims to help women innovators move more confidently from concept development and invention toward recognition, market readiness, entrepreneurship, and international growth.

IFIA's Role in Building an Inclusive Global Innovation Ecosystem

The appointment and collaboration are closely aligned with IFIA's broader mission of supporting inventors and strengthening international cooperation in innovation. Through its global network, IFIA connects inventors, innovation organizations, universities, research institutions, industry leaders, and professional communities across more than 100 countries.

Within this structure, the Women Inventors Committee plays an important role in ensuring

that women have greater access to international platforms, professional recognition, and meaningful opportunities to participate in innovation-driven development.

IFIA's support for women inventors is therefore not limited to representation. It focuses increasingly on building the conditions that allow women innovators to develop their ideas, establish professional connections, access mentorship, and participate more fully in international innovation ecosystems.

Connecting Invention with Entrepreneurship and Commercialization

The collaboration with FIRE also strengthens an important connection between invention and entrepreneurship. Many promising inventions face challenges after the technical development stage, particularly when inventors must navigate business development, investment, market entry, intellectual property strategy, and commercialization.

By combining IFIA's international invention network with FIRE's focus on female inventors and rising entrepreneurs, the collaboration creates potential for a more integrated support pathway. Women innovators can benefit not only from recognition of their inventive achievements, but also from increased exposure to the entrepreneurial skills and networks required to build sustainable ventures around those innovations.

This connection between invention, entrepreneurship, and market impact is increasingly central to IFIA's approach to supporting innovators worldwide.

Building a Stronger Global Future for Women Innovators

The appointment of Joelle Flynn to the IFIA Women Inventors Committee and the launch of collaboration with FIRE represent another step in IFIA's continuing effort to strengthen the global environment for women in invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

By connecting women innovators with international networks, mentorship, education, professional opportunities, and entrepreneurial support, IFIA is helping create a more inclusive innovation ecosystem in which talented inventors can move from ideas to meaningful impact.

The collaboration also reflects a shared vision between IFIA and FIRE: a future in which women inventors have stronger access to the resources, recognition, partnerships, and global platforms needed to transform innovative ideas into products, enterprises, and solutions with international reach.

Through initiatives of this kind, IFIA continues to expand its role not only as a global federation representing inventors, but also as a connector of people, institutions, and opportunities capable of strengthening the next generation of women innovators worldwide.

IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office Advances Sustainable Innovation and Regional Collaboration at InnovaCities 2026

Connecting Smart Cities, Entrepreneurship, and International Innovation

Strengthening the Global Innovation Ecosystem

The IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office played a central role in advancing sustainable innovation and cross-border cooperation during the first phase of InnovaCities 2026, held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil.

The event brought together representatives from Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay, creating a multidisciplinary platform for dialogue on smart cities, innovation ecosystems, entrepreneurship, and sustainable territorial development. Through forums, project exhibitions, and networking programs, InnovaCities strengthened cooperation among academic institutions, public authorities, businesses, and innovation organizations.

A Platform for Smart and Resilient Cities

A major highlight of the program was the Smart Cities and Innovation Ecosystems Forum, which explored how technology parks, entrepreneurship networks, and international partnerships can contribute to the development of smarter, more resilient, and sustainable cities.

Discussions addressed the integration of innovation hubs into urban development, the role of entrepreneurship in regional economic growth, and the importance of international cooperation in scaling technological solutions.

The forum demonstrated how local and regional innovation strategies can benefit from global expertise, creating stronger connections between academia, industry, policymakers, and international organizations.

IFIA's Role in Internationalizing Innovation Ecosystems

One of the key contributions to the forum came from Marcelo Vivacqua, IFIA Director for Latin America and President of ABIPIR, who addressed the challenges and opportunities associated with the internationalization of innovation ecosystems.

His session highlighted the importance of global cooperation, knowledge exchange, and international platforms in helping regional innovation ecosystems become more competitive and connected. The discussion also referenced initiatives linked to the IFIA BRICS Academy, reinforcing IFIA's role in building bridges between local innovators and international networks.

This approach reflects IFIA's broader mission of expanding access to international innovation opportunities and strengthening cooperation among inventors, startups, universities, and institutions worldwide.

Academic Innovation and Practical Solutions

The Academic Exhibition of Innovative Projects provided researchers, academic inventors, and startups with an opportunity to present practical solutions addressing real-world challenges.

The projects reflected the growing importance of applied science, technology, and entrepreneurship in developing sustainable solutions for urban and regional development. By creating direct interaction among innovators, academic institutions, and innovation stakeholders, the exhibition helped strengthen pathways from research to implementation.

Women's Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Innovation

Another important component of InnovaCities 2026 was the Women's Entrepreneurship Meeting, which created a dedicated environment for female entrepreneurs to exchange experiences, expand professional networks, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

This initiative emphasized the importance of inclusion and diversity within innovation ecosystems and reinforced the idea that sustainable innovation depends on broad participation from different communities and sectors.

The program aligned closely with IFIA's wider efforts to support women innovators and entrepreneurs through international networking, recognition, and capacity-building opportunities.



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Strengthening the Trinational Innovation Ecosystem

InnovaCities 2026 also reinforced cooperation across the Trinational Region of Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina.

The event welcomed municipal representatives, regional authorities, universities, development councils, students, and business leaders, providing a shared platform to discuss the future of cities and regional innovation.

This cross-border participation demonstrated the potential of collaborative innovation models in addressing shared urban, economic, and environmental challenges.

Celebrating 15 Years of ABIPIR

The 2026 edition also marked an important milestone for ABIPIR, celebrating 15 years of activity in the innovation ecosystem.

Over this period, ABIPIR has contributed to the promotion of inventors, startups, researchers, and entrepreneurs in Brazil and Latin America while strengthening its cooperation with IFIA and international innovation networks.

The anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on the organization's growing role in connecting regional innovation with international platforms and supporting sustainable and socially impactful solutions.



Looking Ahead to the Second Phase of InnovaCities 2026

The next phase of InnovaCities 2026 is expected to further expand the event's international dimension through the Regenerative and BRICS Technological Innovations Exhibition and the BRICS Video Competition. Organized by the IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office with institutional support from IFIA and regional partners, the second phase will continue to promote international collaboration, future-oriented technologies, and opportunities for innovators to gain broader visibility.

Building Sustainable Innovation Through Global Cooperation

The first phase of InnovaCities 2026 demonstrated how international collaboration, regional engagement, entrepreneurship, and innovation can work together to support more sustainable and resilient communities.

Through the activities of the IFIA-ABIPIR LATAM Office, IFIA continues to strengthen its presence in Latin America and contribute to building innovation ecosystems that connect local capabilities with global opportunities.

By supporting platforms such as InnovaCities, IFIA reinforces its mission of bringing together people, technologies, and institutions to transform innovative ideas into solutions with long-term social, economic, and environmental impact.



Palestine XI A Smarter Palestine

Shaping the Future in Times of Challenge

19 -20
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2026

Venue 
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About Higher Council for Innovation and Excellence

The Higher Council for Innovation and Excellence (HCIE) serves as the presidential body driving innovation, entrepreneurship, scientific research, and technology-enabled development in Palestine. A sustainable innovation ecosystem is fostered through collaboration with academia, industry, government, investors, and international partners. Seed-stage support is provided for early MVP development, alongside investment in startups through the Innovation Fund, enabling promising ideas to evolve into impactful, scalable ventures. Participation is welcomed from Palestinians and friends of Palestine who are committed to strengthening and advancing the national innovation ecosystem.

About A Smarter Palestine Forum

Now in its 11th edition Palestine XI, A Smarter Palestine Forum is one of Palestine's leading innovation events, bringing together innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, universities, schools, startups, companies, policymakers, investors, and international experts. The Palestine XI provides a platform to showcase groundbreaking ideas, exchange knowledge, build partnerships, and explore the future of smart technologies.

Forum Themes

Breaking Barriers, Building Growth

Digital ecosystems powered by AI, smart logistics & e-commerce to scale Palestinian innovation across health, education, ICT, energy & industry—beyond borders.

A Resilient, Sustainable Future—Financed

Enabling investment-ready policies, innovative financing (funds, banks & global partnerships), and resilient enterprise growth through strong local and strategic ecosystems.

Innovation Beyond Geopolitical Boundaries

Positioning Palestine in global value chains through agile digital-first models and expanded international collaboration in tech & services.

Policy Innovation for Entrepreneurial Growth

Policy dialogue with decision-makers to turn constraints into opportunities and strengthen global cooperation & knowledge exchange for entrepreneurship growth.

Who Should Participate?

- ✓ Researchers
- ✓ Universities
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Startups
- ✓ Technology Companies
- ✓ Government Institutions
- ✓ NGOs
- ✓ Entrepreneurs
- ✓ Students
- ✓ Investors
- ✓ Ecosystem Enablers

A Smarter Palestine Exhibition

Showcase your:

- Innovative Projects
- Research Outcomes
- Smart Products
- Prototypes
- Startups
- Emerging Technologies
- Digital Solutions
- Educational Innovations

Exhibition Categories

- 🏆 University Projects
- 🏆 School Innovations
- 🏆 Startups
- 🏆 Companies
- 🏆 Government Solutions
- 🏆 Ecosystem Enablers
- 🏆 Research Centers

Important Dates

- 📢 Call for Participation Opens
1 July 2026
- 📄 Submission Deadline
31 July 2026
- ✅ Acceptance Notification
15 August 2026
- ✈️ Coordination of international arrivals & travel facilitation
20 August 2026
- 🔥 Forum & Exhibition
20-19 October 2026

Showcase Your Innovation & Win Real Opportunities

- 🏆 Cash Awards
- ✈️ Sponsored International Conference Participation
- 👤 Mentorship by Industry Experts

How to Participate

- 1- Contact us by PalestineXI@hcie.ps
- 2- Complete the online application.
- 3- Projects will be evaluated by the Exhibition Committee.
- 4- Accepted participants will receive confirmation and exhibition guidelines.

Why Participate?

- 🌟 Showcase your innovation
- 🤝 Build strategic partnerships
- 🌍 Meet international experts
- 📊 Present your work
- 👤 Connect with investors
- 🏆 Gain national and international recognition

IFIA Strengthens Support for Innovation in Palestine Through the 11th National Innovation Forum

Global IFIA Network Invited to Join "Palestine XI: A Smarter Palestine," with Two Special IFIA Awards to Recognize Outstanding Innovations

IFIA's Commitment to Stronger Innovation Ecosystems

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continues to strengthen its support for national and regional innovation ecosystems by connecting its member organizations with international networks, recognition opportunities, and global innovation communities. In this context, IFIA has invited its members, inventors, universities, startups, researchers, technology companies, and innovation partners worldwide to participate in the 11th Palestine National Innovation Forum – Palestine XI: A Smarter Palestine.

The Forum is organized by the Higher Council for Innovation and Excellence (HCIE), an official member organization of IFIA, and will take place on 19 - 20 October 2026 in Ramallah, Palestine. Through its support, IFIA is helping extend the international reach of the Forum while creating new opportunities for Palestinian and international innovators to exchange knowledge, showcase solutions, and build professional partnerships.

A Smarter Palestine – Shaping the Future in Times of Challenge

Under the theme "A Smarter Palestine – Shaping the Future in Times of Challenge," the 2026 Forum will focus on the role of innovation, technology, research, entrepreneurship, and smart transformation in building more resilient and sustainable communities.

Now in its 11th edition, the Palestine National Innovation Forum has developed into one of the country's leading platforms for presenting breakthrough ideas, research achievements, startup solutions, university innovation projects, government initiatives, and technologies with potential for practical impact. The 2026 edition is designed to create an environment where local innovation can connect directly with international expertise and wider global networks.

IFIA and HCIE: Connecting Local Innovation with a Global Network

The collaboration between IFIA and HCIE reflects the value of IFIA's international membership network in linking national innovation ecosystems with broader global opportunities. HCIE serves as the organizer of the Forum, while IFIA contributes as an international supporter, mobilizing its worldwide network and reinforcing the event's international visibility. This distinction is important to the Forum's structure: HCIE leads the organization and implementation of the event, while IFIA's role is to support international participation, promote recognition of outstanding innovations, and encourage greater interaction between innovators, institutions, and innovation stakeholders from different countries.

By strengthening these connections, IFIA helps create pathways for knowledge exchange, professional networking, future collaboration, and access to international innovation communities.



Two Special IFIA Awards to Recognize Outstanding Innovation

As part of its official support for the Forum, IFIA will present two Special IFIA Awards to recognize outstanding innovations and exceptional contributions showcased during the event.

These awards represent IFIA's commitment to international recognition of inventors and innovators whose work demonstrates originality, relevance, and potential impact. The Special IFIA Awards will add an international dimension to the recognition framework of the Forum while highlighting projects that stand out within the broader innovation exhibition.

Through such distinctions, IFIA continues to use international recognition as a practical tool for increasing the visibility of promising innovators and encouraging continued development of their ideas.

Bringing Together the Innovation Ecosystem

The Forum is designed to bring together a broad cross-section of the innovation community, including researchers, universities, schools, startups, technology companies, government institutions, NGOs, entrepreneurs, students, investors, and ecosystem enablers.

Its program will feature an International Innovation Forum, Innovation Exhibition, Research and Startup Showcase, University Innovation Projects, Government Innovation Initiatives, international networking opportunities, keynote speakers, and the IFIA Special Awards.

This multidisciplinary structure allows participants to move beyond simple project presentation. It creates opportunities for innovators to receive exposure, establish professional relationships, explore partnership possibilities, and engage with institutions capable of supporting future development, investment, or implementation.



Innovation as a Pathway to Resilience and Sustainable Development

In challenging environments, innovation can play a particularly important role in creating new opportunities, improving resilience, strengthening education and entrepreneurship, and supporting long-term economic and social development. The theme of the 11th Forum reflects this perspective by positioning creativity, science, technology, and entrepreneurship as practical tools for shaping the future.

The Forum's focus on smart transformation and sustainable development also creates space for young innovators, researchers, academic institutions, and startups to contribute solutions to real-world challenges while gaining experience within a broader innovation ecosystem.

Building International Opportunities Through IFIA's Global Network

Through its support for the 11th Palestine National Innovation Forum and its collaboration with HCIE, IFIA continues to demonstrate how its global network can help connect national innovation communities with international opportunities, recognition, knowledge exchange, and collaboration.

By inviting its worldwide membership and innovation partners to participate, supporting international engagement, and presenting two Special IFIA Awards, IFIA reinforces a model built around four core principles: supporting inventors, connecting innovation communities, recognizing excellence, and creating pathways toward greater international visibility.

The 2026 Forum therefore represents more than a national gathering. It is an opportunity to strengthen links between Palestinian innovation and the wider international ecosystem while encouraging ideas and partnerships capable of contributing to a smarter, more connected, and more sustainable future.

Results Announced for the 6th International Competition for IFIA INV Title Holders

Six Years of Excellence in Recognizing the World's Most Distinguished Inventors

The 6th International Invention and Innovation Competition for IFIA INV Title Holders marks another important milestone in the continued evolution of one of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations' (IFIA) most prestigious global programs. Established exclusively for recipients of the IFIA INV Title, the annual competition has, over the past six years, become an internationally respected platform dedicated to recognizing outstanding inventions, technological excellence, and innovation leadership.

Since its inception, the competition has steadily expanded in both scale and international participation, reflecting the growing reputation of the IFIA INV Title as one of the highest professional distinctions awarded to inventors worldwide. Today, the competition serves not only as an arena for presenting breakthrough innovations but also as a global meeting point where distinguished inventors exchange knowledge, build collaborations, and contribute to shaping the future of technology.

A Truly Global Innovation Community

Following five successful editions, the 2026 competition achieved its highest level of international participation to date, bringing together more than 1,000 invention submissions from IFIA INV Title Holders representing 51 countries across all five continents.

This remarkable achievement reflects the continuous growth of the competition and demonstrates the expanding international influence of IFIA within the global innovation ecosystem.

The participating countries include:

Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, France, Georgia, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Macau SAR, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela.

The diversity of participating countries highlights IFIA's commitment to creating an inclusive international platform where innovation transcends geographical boundaries, cultural differences, and scientific disciplines.

Artificial Intelligence Leads the New Wave of Innovation

One of the most remarkable characteristics of the 6th International Competition for IFIA INV Title Holders was the significant increase in innovations powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and advanced digital technologies.

Reflecting today's global technological transformation, a considerable number of submitted inventions incorporated AI-driven solutions designed to improve efficiency, automation, decision-making, healthcare, education, industrial productivity, and quality of life. Projects featuring machine learning, computer vision, intelligent robotics, generative AI,



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predictive analytics, smart healthcare systems, digital education platforms, autonomous technologies, and AI-assisted manufacturing represented one of the strongest categories throughout the competition.

The growing presence of AI-based innovations mirrors current international trends, where artificial intelligence has become one of the primary drivers of scientific research, industrial transformation, and economic development. The competition clearly demonstrated that inventors worldwide are embracing these emerging technologies to develop smarter, faster, and more sustainable solutions for real-world challenges.

Alongside AI, participants also presented remarkable innovations in green technologies, renewable energy, biotechnology, environmental sustainability, smart agriculture, advanced materials, healthcare technologies, digital transformation, and intelligent manufacturing, illustrating the multidisciplinary strength of today's global innovation landscape.

Recognizing Excellence Across Every Field of Innovation

The competition continues to attract IFIA INV Title Holders representing a wide spectrum of scientific, technological, industrial, and commercial disciplines.

The submitted inventions demonstrated innovative approaches to solving challenges in:

- Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies
- Medical and Healthcare Innovation
- Environmental and Green Technologies
- Smart Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering
- Agriculture and Food Technologies
- Education Technologies
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Renewable Energy and Sustainability
- Consumer Products and Industrial Design

The exceptional quality and diversity of the projects reaffirmed the important role played by IFIA INV Title Holders in advancing innovation and contributing to scientific, technological, and economic progress around the world.

The IFIA INV Title: A Global Symbol of Innovation Excellence

The IFIA INV Title represents one of the most prestigious international recognitions awarded by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations.

Reserved for inventors who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in invention, innovation, and intellectual property, the title has become an internationally respected symbol of professional excellence, credibility, and innovation leadership.

The annual competition provides IFIA INV Title Holders with a unique opportunity to present their latest achievements before an international evaluation process while strengthening cooperation among leading innovators from different countries and technological sectors. More importantly, the competition creates an environment where knowledge sharing, networking, and international collaboration become as valuable as the awards themselves.

Strengthening International Collaboration Through Innovation

Innovation today thrives on collaboration, and the 6th International Competition for IFIA

INV Title Holders once again demonstrated the power of bringing together inventors from every corner of the world.

The participation of innovators representing 51 countries across five continents reflects the increasingly global nature of technological development and highlights IFIA's role in connecting inventors beyond national borders.

By creating opportunities for international dialogue, technology exchange, and professional networking, the competition contributes to building stronger partnerships that can accelerate research, commercialization, and sustainable technological development worldwide. Looking Ahead

As the competition enters its sixth edition, it continues to strengthen its position as one of IFIA's flagship international programs dedicated exclusively to IFIA INV Title Holders.

The steady growth in participation over the past six years demonstrates not only the increasing prestige of the competition itself but also the expanding global recognition of the IFIA INV Title as a hallmark of innovation excellence.

With more than 1,000 inventions, participation from 51 countries, and a growing emphasis on Artificial Intelligence, digital transformation, and sustainable technologies, the 2026 edition represents a new chapter in the evolution of this international competition.

Through initiatives such as the International Competition for IFIA INV Title Holders, IFIA continues to recognize outstanding inventors, encourage international cooperation, promote technological excellence, and support innovations that contribute to a smarter, healthier, more sustainable, and innovation-driven future for humanity.





IFIA Welcomes Continued Leadership at WIPO and Reaffirms Commitment to Global Innovation and Intellectual Property

Reappointments of Daren Tang and Marco Alemán signal continuity in WIPO leadership and new opportunities for deeper IFIA–WIPO cooperation

Mr. Daren Tang, Reappointed WIPO Director General for a second six-year term, 1 October 2026–30 September 2032

Mr. Marco Alemán, Reappointed Assistant Director General and Head of WIPO's IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector for the 2026–2032 leadership cycle

IFIA and WIPO: Advancing a Shared Vision for Innovation

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) welcomes the continuation of experienced leadership at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) following the 2026 reappointments of Director General Mr. Daren Tang and Mr. Marco Alemán, Assistant Director General and Head of WIPO's IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector. For IFIA, these appointments carry significance beyond institutional continuity: they reinforce an international framework in which intellectual property is increasingly connected to innovation, entrepreneurship, technology transfer, commercialization, and sustainable development.

As a global federation representing inventors and inventors' associations, IFIA has maintained a longstanding relationship with WIPO and has participated for decades in WIPO Assemblies, standing committees, expert meetings, and international initiatives. The renewed leadership period therefore provides an important opportunity to deepen cooperation around the practical needs of inventors and innovation organizations worldwide.

Daren Tang Begins a Second Term as WIPO Director General

WIPO Member States appointed Mr. Daren Tang to a second six-year term as Director General on 21 April 2026. His new mandate will run from 1 October 2026 through 30 September 2032, following his nomination by the WIPO Coordination Committee earlier in the year.

During his first term, WIPO placed growing emphasis on intellectual property as a business, economic, and financial asset that can support innovation, creativity, investment, employment, and development. Looking ahead, the Organi-

zation has also identified the need to ensure that international IP systems and standards remain responsive to a rapidly changing technological environment, including the accelerating influence of artificial intelligence.

From IFIA's perspective, this direction is closely aligned with the realities facing modern inventors. Today's innovators need more than legal protection alone; they require accessible IP systems, commercialization pathways, international visibility, dispute-resolution mechanisms, and stronger links with industry, investors, universities, and innovation agencies.

Marco Alemán's Renewed Leadership in IP and Innovation Ecosystems

IFIA also congratulates Mr. Marco Alemán on his reappointment as Assistant Director General and Head of WIPO's IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector for the new 2026–2032 leadership cycle. His sector plays a particularly relevant role for the global inventor community because it focuses on strengthening the connection between intellectual property and the wider innovation ecosystem.

Under this area of WIPO's work, governments, universities, research institutions, startups, SMEs, innovation agencies, and inventors are supported in transforming intellectual property into practical economic and societal value. Priorities include innovation ecosystem development, technology transfer, commercialization of research outcomes, IP management, institutional capacity building, and stronger cooperation among public and private innovation stakeholders.

For IFIA, the continuation of this leadership offers an important basis for expanding practical cooperation with WIPO and ensuring that inventors remain visible within international discussions on innovation policy, commercialization, and intellectual property strategy.

A Strong Foundation for IFIA–WIPO Cooperation

The IFIA–WIPO relationship is built on long-term institutional engagement rather than ceremonial interaction alone. As one of WIPO's longstanding observer organizations, IFIA has consistently represented the interests of inventors and innovation organizations within the international intellectual property community.

This cooperation has included IFIA's support for the WIPO Inventor Assistance Program (IAP), engagement in promoting the WIPO Global Awards, and continued collaboration around intellectual property commercialization, technology transfer, and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as mediation and arbitration. These initiatives help inventors and innovative businesses protect, manage, develop, and commercialize their intellectual property more effectively.

Together, these areas reflect a shared objective: creating an environment in which inventors can move more successfully from creative ideas and protected intellectual property toward market-ready technologies, partnerships, investment, and sustainable impact.

Intellectual Property as a Bridge Between Invention and Impact

For the global inventor community, intellectual property is most powerful when it functions as a bridge rather than an endpoint. Protection is essential, but the broader innovation journey also requires development, validation, licensing, technology transfer, financing, commercialization, and access to markets.

This perspective is becoming increasingly important as emerging technologies including artificial intelligence, digital platforms, biotechnology, clean technologies, advanced manufacturing, and smart systems reshape both the pace and the complexity of innovation. Inventors must navigate new questions about ownership, collaboration, commercialization, and cross-border protection while continuing to respond to urgent social, environmental, and economic challenges. Through its cooperation with WIPO, IFIA seeks to help ensure that inventors are not only recognized for creativity, but are also better connected to the intellectual property knowledge, services, and international networks needed to turn innovation into meaningful real-world outcomes.

Looking Ahead: Strengthening IFIA-WIPO Engagement Through 2032

The renewed mandates of Mr. Daren Tang and Mr. Marco Alemán provide continuity at a time when the global innovation landscape is undergoing profound technological and economic change. For IFIA, the 2026–2032 period represents an opportunity to further strengthen cooperation with WIPO in areas directly relevant to inventors, including IP education, commercialization, capacity building, technology transfer, dispute resolution, entrepreneurship, and inclusive innovation ecosystems.



IFIA looks forward to continuing its engagement with WIPO and contributing the perspective of inventors and innovation organizations to international discussions on the future of intellectual property. By combining WIPO's global leadership in IP with IFIA's worldwide network of inventors, associations, innovators, and innovation institutions, both organizations can continue helping ideas move from invention to protection, from protection to opportunity, and from opportunity to lasting economic and societal impact.

IFIA Expands Global Opportunities for Inventors Through Support for Alibaba.com CoCreate Pitch 2026

Connecting the Global IFIA Community with Entrepreneurship, International Markets, and New Pathways to Commercialization

IFIA's Commitment to Moving Inventions Toward the Market

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) is expanding its efforts to connect inventors and innovators with practical opportunities beyond recognition and awards by supporting Alibaba.com's CoCreate Pitch 2026, a global entrepreneurship competition offering more than US\$1 million in prizes.

According to IFIA's official announcement, this cooperation marks the beginning of a strategic relationship between IFIA and Alibaba.com focused on strengthening global innovation, supporting entrepreneurship, and creating new opportunities for inventors to connect with international markets, manufacturers, investors, and business ecosystems.

For IFIA, this direction reflects an increasingly important part of its international mission: helping inventors move from innovative ideas and prototypes toward product development, commercialization, market access, and sustainable business growth.

A Global Opportunity Through Alibaba.com CoCreate Pitch 2026

Organized by Alibaba.com, CoCreate Pitch 2026 provides an international platform where inventors, startups, entrepreneurs, students, researchers, and technology developers can present innovative products and solutions before manufacturers, investors, business executives, and industry experts.

With more than US\$1 million in prizes, the competition is designed not only to reward promising ideas but also to expose participants to commercialization pathways, strategic partnerships, and Alibaba.com's global business ecosystem.

For innovators seeking to transform a technical concept into a viable product or business, access to manufacturing networks, market intelligence, investment connections, and international exposure can be as important as the invention itself. This is where IFIA's support for CoCreate Pitch 2026 becomes especially relevant to the global inventor community.

IFIA Mobilizes Its Global Network

As part of the cooperation, IFIA has announced that it will mobilize its international network to promote CoCreate Pitch 2026 across the global innovation ecosystem.

Through its member organizations, communication platforms, international events, strategic relationships, the IFIA Magazine, the IFIA website, and the official catalog of the Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF 2026), the Federation will help introduce the opportunity to inventors, universities, research institutions, technology parks, startups, and entrepreneurship communities worldwide.

By using its network across more than 185 member countries and territories, IFIA aims to broaden awareness of the competition and encourage strong innovators from different regions to participate.

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From Invention to Commercialization

One of the central challenges facing inventors worldwide is the transition from invention to market. A technically strong innovation may still struggle to achieve impact without access to product development expertise, manufacturing capacity, business strategy, investment, distribution channels, and market validation.

IFIA's support for CoCreate Pitch 2026 reflects a broader approach in which the innovation journey does not end with a medal, certificate, patent, or exhibition. Instead, inventors are encouraged to consider the complete pathway from idea and intellectual property to product development, entrepreneurship, manufacturing, commercialization, and global market entry.

This expanded perspective is particularly important for startups and independent inventors who may have strong technologies but limited access to international business networks.

Artificial Intelligence and the New Entrepreneurship Landscape

The 2026 innovation environment is also being reshaped by the rapid adoption of artificial intelligence and digital tools. AI is reducing many traditional barriers to entrepreneurship by helping founders conduct market research, develop product strategies, analyze customer needs, prepare business materials, and accelerate decision-making.

For the global inventor community, this transformation creates new possibilities. Individual inventors and small teams can increasingly access capabilities that were once available mainly to larger companies, making it easier to evaluate markets, refine concepts, identify manufacturing options, and prepare for commercialization.

By connecting its network with international entrepreneurship platforms such as CoCreate Pitch, IFIA is helping inventors participate more effectively in this rapidly evolving innovation economy.

Connecting Inventors with Industry and Global Markets

The cooperation also highlights the importance of building stronger bridges between in-

vention communities and global industry.

Inventors frequently need access to manufacturers, suppliers, investors, commercialization experts, and international customers in order to scale their ideas. Alibaba.com's global B2B ecosystem offers a business-oriented environment in which product-focused innovators can explore these connections.

IFIA's role is therefore not to organize the competition itself, but to support the initiative, mobilize its international network, and help create greater visibility for an opportunity that can connect inventors with the wider business and manufacturing ecosystem.

A Shared Vision for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Commenting on the cooperation, IFIA President Dr. Alireza Rastegar emphasized that the objectives of CoCreate Pitch 2026 align closely with IFIA's mission of supporting entrepreneurs, innovators, and the international inventor community.

The cooperation also signals the potential for broader engagement between IFIA and Alibaba.com around innovation, entrepreneurship, commercialization, and global opportunities for inventors.

For IFIA, partnerships and support initiatives of this kind can help complement its traditional work in invention recognition, education, intellectual property awareness, international exhibitions, and professional networking.

Building New Pathways from Innovation to Global Impact

Through its support for Alibaba.com CoCreate Pitch 2026, IFIA continues to expand the range of opportunities available to inventors and innovators worldwide moving beyond recognition alone and helping connect the invention community with entrepreneurship, manufacturing, international markets, investment, and commercialization pathways.

As new technologies, including artificial intelligence, continue to transform the way products are conceived, developed, and brought to market, inventors increasingly need access to both innovation networks and business ecosystems.

By supporting major international opportunities such as CoCreate Pitch 2026 and encouraging participation across its global membership, IFIA reinforces its role as a bridge between invention and opportunity—helping innovators move closer to real-world impact, sustainable growth, and international success.



IFIA Expands Its Global Innovation Mission Through Social Innovation and Community Development

A New Department and Public Platform Connect Innovation with Social Impact, Inclusive Development, and Community-Based Opportunities

Expanding IFIA's Innovation Mission

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) is expanding the scope of its global innovation mission through the establishment of the IFIA Social Innovation & Community Development Department, creating a dedicated framework for connecting invention and innovation with social impact, inclusive development, and stronger communities.

The new department reflects a broader understanding of innovation: one in which technological advancement is not viewed only through the creation of new products or patents, but also through the capacity of ideas, knowledge, and entrepreneurship to respond to real community needs and generate meaningful social value.

Through this initiative, IFIA is strengthening the link between inventors, innovation stakeholders, educational institutions, community organizations, government partners, and entrepreneurs, while creating new pathways for collaboration across sectors and regions.



From Invention to Social Impact

For IFIA, the creation of the Social Innovation & Community Development Department represents an important extension of its long-standing work in supporting inventors, innovation organizations, education, intellectual property, entrepreneurship, and international cooperation.

The department introduces an additional dimension to this mission by focusing on how innovation can contribute directly to the development of communities. This approach places greater emphasis on solutions that respond to social, educational, economic, and community challenges while encouraging innovators to consider the broader impact of their work. In this context, innovation becomes more than the development of a new technology. It becomes a practical mechanism for inclusion, participation, capacity building, and sustainable community progress.

Connecting Innovators with Community Needs

The department is designed to encourage stronger connections between innovators and the communities their ideas are intended to serve. By bringing together different stakeholders, IFIA aims to support an environment in which challenges can be better understood, solutions can be developed collaboratively, and innovation can be translated into practical outcomes.

This community-oriented approach can help strengthen the pathway from identifying a social or local need to designing, testing, and implementing an innovative response. It also reinforces the importance of collaboration between technical expertise and lived community experience.

By supporting this model, IFIA is expanding the role of the inventor from a creator of technologies to an active participant in wider social and economic development.

Official Public Platform: Inclusive Innovators

The department's official public platform operates through Inclusive Innovators, a Canadian initiative dedicated to advancing inclusive innovation, entrepreneurship, and community development by connecting innovators with educational resources, collaborative programs, and international opportunities.

Inclusive Innovators serves as a public gateway for innovators, community organizations, government partners, educational institutions, and entrepreneurs seeking to participate in programs and initiatives aligned with the mission of the IFIA Social Innovation & Community Development Department.

Through this public platform, the department gains a practical channel for outreach, participation, knowledge exchange, and collaboration, helping extend its activities beyond institutional structures and into a broader community of innovation stakeholders.

Official Website: <https://inclusiveinnovators.ca>

Strengthening IFIA's Presence in North America

The department was presented by the First Institute of Canadian Inventors (FICI), Canada's Official Representative to IFIA. This involvement creates an important connection between IFIA's global mission and the Canadian innovation ecosystem while further strengthening IFIA's presence in North America.

Through FICI and the Inclusive Innovators platform, the department can help expand opportunities for inventors and innovation stakeholders to connect with educational initiatives, community-based programs,



international networks, and collaborative opportunities.

The initiative also demonstrates how IFIA's national representatives can contribute to the development of new international programs that respond to emerging priorities within the global innovation community.

Building Cross-Sector Collaboration

Social and community challenges rarely belong to a single discipline or institution. Effective solutions often require cooperation among inventors, universities, educators, public institutions, community organizations, entrepreneurs, and other innovation stakeholders.

The IFIA Social Innovation & Community Development Department provides a framework for encouraging these connections. By bringing together stakeholders with different capabilities and perspectives, the department

can support more inclusive approaches to problem-solving and help innovations move closer to practical implementation.

This collaborative model is particularly important for initiatives whose success depends not only on technical performance, but also on accessibility, local relevance, community participation, and long-term sustainability.

Inclusive Innovation as a Global Priority

The establishment of the department also reinforces the importance of inclusive innovation within IFIA's broader international activities. Innovation ecosystems become stronger when opportunities to create, participate, and benefit from innovation are accessible to a wider range of people and communities.

By encouraging participation from diverse backgrounds and connecting innovators with educational and collaborative opportunities, the department can contribute to a more inclusive innovation environment in which creativity is linked to social responsibility and community development.

This direction complements IFIA's wider efforts to create international opportunities for inventors while ensuring that innovation remains connected to the needs and aspirations of society.

A New Chapter for IFIA

The establishment of the IFIA Social Innovation & Community Development Department reflects IFIA's long-term vision of creating an innovation ecosystem where technological advancement and social progress go hand in hand.

By fostering collaboration across sectors and empowering innovators from diverse backgrounds, the department will contribute to building stronger communities, sustainable economies, and greater international cooperation through innovation.

With the department presented by FICI and its official public platform operating through Inclusive Innovators, IFIA is creating a clearer bridge between its international network and community-focused innovation initiatives. The result is a new avenue through which inventors, institutions, entrepreneurs, and community stakeholders can engage with innovation not only as a technological process, but also as a tool for positive and lasting social impact.

Through this new chapter, IFIA continues to broaden the pathways through which innovation can serve society connecting creativity, entrepreneurship, education, collaboration, and community development within a stronger global innovation ecosystem.

IFIA's 52nd Executive Committee Meeting Sets Strategic Priorities for Global Growth, Innovation Support, and International Cooperation

Executive Committee Reviews Major Institutional, Membership, Partnership, and Innovation Initiatives for 2026

The 52nd Executive Committee Meeting of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) was held in June 2026 under the chairmanship of Alireza Rastegar, President of IFIA, with the participation of members of the Federation's Executive Committee.

The meeting represented an important governance milestone for IFIA, bringing together a broad range of strategic agenda items focused on strengthening the Federation's global institutional presence, expanding support for inventors and innovation organizations, developing new international partnerships, and advancing IFIA's role within the global innovation and intellectual property ecosystem.

At the opening of the meeting, President Rastegar emphasized that IFIA's future growth depends on a combination of international cooperation, institutional development, commercialization support, knowledge exchange, and stronger regional representation. He noted that the agenda had been structured to support sustainable organizational growth while creating new opportunities for inventors, researchers, innovation institutions, and IFIA members worldwide.

Expanding IFIA's Institutional Presence in Canada

One of the first major decisions concerned the proposed establishment of an IFIA Focal Point Office in Canada.

The Executive Committee reviewed the proposal as part of IFIA's broader effort to strengthen its institutional presence in North America, increase cooperation with innovation organizations, expand regional activities, and support international collaboration among inventors and innovators.

Following discussion, the Committee recognized the strategic value of establishing a stronger IFIA presence in Canada and unanimously approved the proposal through the votes of the 20 participating Executive Committee members.

The decision reflects IFIA's continued effort to reinforce regional engagement and create stronger connections between national innovation ecosystems and the Federation's global network.

Membership Expansion: Sultanate of Oman

The Committee also reviewed a new membership application from the Sultanate of Oman. Members assessed the applicant's activities, alignment with IFIA's objectives, and potential contribution to inventor support and innovation development within the region.

The Executive Committee concluded that the application met IFIA's membership objectives and could contribute to the continued expansion of the Federation's international network. The application was unanimously approved by the 20 participating members.

FIRE Joins IFIA as a Corresponding Member

Another important membership decision concerned Female Inventors & Rising Entrepreneurs (FIRE), USA.

The Executive Committee reviewed FIRE's activities in supporting women inventors and entrepreneurs and considered the organiza-

tion's potential role in strengthening IFIA's international cooperation in the fields of inclusive entrepreneurship and women-led innovation.

Recognizing FIRE's commitment to supporting women in the innovation ecosystem, the Committee unanimously approved its Corresponding Membership application.

This decision also complements IFIA's wider activities through its Women Inventors Committee and international initiatives designed to create greater visibility, networking, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities for women innovators.

Expansion of the IFIA Global Technology & Innovation Support Network

The Executive Committee reviewed the expansion of the IFIA Global Technology & Innovation Support Network, an initiative designed to connect inventors and innovation stakeholders with a broader range of professional resources and international expertise.

The network is intended to strengthen links among:

- Inventors
- Researchers
- Universities
- Innovation centers
- Industry partners
- Intellectual property professionals
- Commercialization and technology-transfer experts

The objective is to provide stronger pathways for innovators to access expertise, intellectual property resources, technology transfer opportunities, and commercialization support.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the expansion of the initiative, reinforcing IFIA's role not only as a recognition platform for inventors but also as an organization increasingly focused on the full innovation lifecycle.

Strategic Collaboration with the Bayh-Dole Coalition

The meeting also considered a proposal for strategic collaboration between IFIA and the Bayh-Dole Coalition in the United States.

The proposed cooperation focuses on areas of particular importance to inventors and research organizations, including:

- Technology transfer
- Commercialization of research outcomes
- Innovation policy
- Intellectual property management
- University-industry cooperation

Executive Committee members recognized the potential value of this collaboration for IFIA members and for the wider international innovation ecosystem.

The initiative represents another step in IFIA's efforts to strengthen the pathway from invention and research to commercialization and societal impact.

Establishment of the IFIA Social Innovation & Community Development Department

The establishment of the IFIA Social Innovation & Community Development Department

was also included among the strategic items on the 52nd Executive Committee agenda.

The initiative reflects IFIA's growing emphasis on innovation that contributes not only to technological development, but also to social progress, inclusive development, stronger communities, entrepreneurship, and practical responses to community needs.

This development broadens IFIA's organizational scope and creates a new framework for connecting innovation with community development and social impact.

IFIA Participation in the WIPO General Assembly 2026

The Executive Committee was informed about IFIA's planned participation in the WIPO General Assembly 2026 in Geneva.

President Rastegar emphasized the importance of maintaining IFIA's active presence within the world's leading international intellectual property forum and encouraged Executive Committee members planning to attend the General Assembly or related meetings to coordinate their participation with the IFIA Secretariat.

The Committee highlighted the value of WIPO engagement for:

- Strengthening IFIA's international relations
- Engaging with global intellectual property stakeholders
- Promoting the interests of inventors
- Expanding cooperation in innovation and IP policy

The item was unanimously approved by the 20 participating members.

Green Product Awards 2026: Expanding Cooperation in Sustainable Innovation

The Committee received a report on the successful cooperation between IFIA and the Green Product Awards.

The discussion highlighted the international visibility generated for inventors and sustainable technologies through the collaboration, while also examining opportunities to expand joint activities during 2026 and beyond.

Members acknowledged the partnership's contribution to promoting:

- Sustainable innovation
- Environmentally responsible technologies
- Green products
- International visibility for inventors

The continuation and future development of the cooperation received unanimous support.

Saranya Vemuri Introduced to the IFIA Executive Committee

The Executive Committee was formally introduced to Saranya Vemuri, who had joined the IFIA–SVIIF International Judging Panel.

The official meeting report highlights her professional experience in leadership roles at Amazon, Meta, and Google, as well as her expertise in product innovation, emerging technologies, and digital transformation.

Committee members welcomed her appointment and recognized that her experience could strengthen IFIA's international judging system, improve evaluation quality, and expand the Federation's global network of technology and innovation experts.

The appointment received unanimous approval.

CHF 34,000 in Cash Awards Reported for 2025

A detailed report was presented regarding international inventor-support initiatives connected with IFIA-supported invention competitions during 2025.

The Executive Committee was informed that CHF 34,000 in cash awards had been distributed through international invention competitions supported by IFIA.

Importantly, this should be understood as cash awards distributed through IFIA-supported competitions, rather than as a claim that IFIA itself directly funded every prize.

President Rastegar also presented plans to continue and expand the award program during 2026, as part of IFIA's wider commitment to recognizing outstanding innovations and encouraging excellence among inventors worldwide. The agenda item was unanimously approved.

Joelle Flynn Joins the IFIA Women Inventors Committee

The Executive Committee was also introduced to Joelle Flynn as a new member of the IFIA Women Inventors Committee.

Her appointment is intended to strengthen IFIA's initiatives supporting:

- Women inventors
- Innovators
- Researchers
- Entrepreneurs
- International networking
- Inclusive innovation

Members welcomed Flynn's participation and expressed confidence that her international perspective and professional experience would contribute to the continued development of the Women Inventors Committee and to greater inclusion within the global innovation community. The appointment was unanimously approved.



A Meeting Focused on Institutional Growth and Global Impact

Taken together, the agenda and resolutions of the 52nd Executive Committee Meeting demonstrate a clear strategic direction for IFIA in 2026.

Rather than focusing on a single organizational priority, the meeting addressed several interconnected dimensions of IFIA's development:

- Geographic expansion, through the Canadian focal point and new membership
- Inclusive innovation, through FIRE, the Women Inventors Committee, and the Social Innovation Department
- Commercialization and technology transfer, through the Global Technology & Innovation Support Network and Bayh-Dole cooperation
- Intellectual property diplomacy, through WIPO General Assembly participation
- Sustainability, through cooperation with the Green Product Awards
- Evaluation excellence, through the expansion of international judging expertise
- Recognition and inventor support, through cash-award programs and international invention competitions

This breadth of activity reflects IFIA's evolution into a more interconnected international innovation organization, combining recognition, policy engagement, commercialization support, education, inclusion, sustainability, and global networking.

Executive Committee Participation

The 52nd IFIA Executive Committee Meeting was attended by Avdo Halilovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Dr. Marcelo Vivacqua (Brazil), Guo Yan (China), Leo Pincan (Croatia), Dr. Mahmoud Hafez (Egypt), Winfried Sturm (Germany), Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir (Iceland), Hossein Vaezi Ashtiani (Iran), Traiza Jasim Ridha (Iraq), Dr. Yahya Abdal (Kuwait), Prof. Kareem Tahboub (Palestine), Agnieszka Mikołajska (Poland), Dr. Adnan Al Naimi (Qatar), Dr. Andrei Victor Sandu (Romania), Prof. Dr. Unchalee Sanguanpong (Thailand), Matt Nuccio (USA), Caroline Simonet (Switzerland), Dr. Mehdi Korki (Australia), Babak Khodaparast (Canada), and Dr. Željko Zdravković (Serbia). Radwan Chouaib (Lebanon), Lukas Zmeskal (Czech Republic), and Anand Kannan (India) were absent from the meeting.

Shaping IFIA's Strategic Direction for 2026 and Beyond

The 52nd Executive Committee Meeting demonstrates how IFIA's governance structure is being used to translate the Federation's global mission into concrete institutional decisions. From expanding regional representation and welcoming new members to strengthening technology-transfer partnerships, sustainable innovation, women's participation, social innovation, WIPO engagement, and international judging systems, the meeting established a broad framework for IFIA's activities during 2026.

The decisions adopted during the meeting reinforce a central strategic message: IFIA is expanding its role from recognizing invention to building a more comprehensive international ecosystem in which inventors can access networks, expertise, commercialization pathways, institutional support, and global opportunities.

Through the implementation of these resolutions, IFIA aims to strengthen its international presence while creating more effective mechanisms to support inventors and innovation organizations worldwide.

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KIWIE 2026 Celebrates Women-Led Innovation as IFIA Honors Four Outstanding Inventions

Inventions and Global Participation Highlight a New Chapter for Women Inventors in Seoul

The Korea International Women's Invention Exposition 2026 (KIWIE 2026) brought together women inventors, entrepreneurs, researchers, and innovation leaders from around the world for three days dedicated to creativity, intellectual property, technological advancement, and international cooperation.

Held from July 16 to 18, 2026, at The Platz Hall, COEX, Seoul, Republic of Korea, this year's event demonstrated the continued expansion of KIWIE as an international platform for recognizing and empowering women whose inventions are contributing to technological, economic, and social progress.

The event was hosted by the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) and organized by the Korea Women Inventors Association (KWIA), with the support of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).



A Growing International Platform for Women Inventors

KIWIE 2026 recorded a significant level of international participation. The Korea International Women's Invention Competition featured 591 inventions, including 137 inventions from Korea and 454 inventions from 20 countries, while the exhibition brought together 53 Korean companies.

The international participation reflected a broad geographical reach, with innovators represented from Azerbaijan, China, Croatia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Kuwait, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, and Yemen.

The scale of the 2026 competition represents substantial growth compared with the previous edition. KIWIE 2025 featured 445 inventions from 16 countries, including 133 Korean and 312 international inventions. In 2026, the competition reached 591 inventions, with particularly strong international participation.

This continued expansion underscores the growing importance of women inventors within the global innovation ecosystem and KIWIE's role in providing them with a dedicated inter-



national platform to present their technologies, exchange expertise, and establish new professional connections. From Exhibition to Intellectual Property Education

KIWIE 2026 extended beyond the presentation and evaluation of inventions. Its three-day program combined the exhibition with an opening ceremony, evaluation activities, welcome dinner, intellectual property education, and the final awards ceremony.

A notable component of the program was the IP Leadership Academy for Global Women, held on July 17 at COEX, providing an educational dimension alongside the competition and exhibition. The official report's event photographs also document the opening ceremony, international gathering, academy sessions, and exhibition activities, illustrating the event's combination of recognition, education, and professional exchange.

By integrating intellectual property education with invention presentation, KIWIE provides women innovators with more than a showcase. It contributes to building the knowledge and networks required to protect inventions, strengthen their innovation capacity, and pursue opportunities beyond the exhibition itself.

IFIA Strengthens Its Commitment to Women in Innovation

As an international supporter of KIWIE 2026, the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) continued its commitment to promoting greater participation and recognition of women across the international invention and innovation community.

IFIA's involvement reflects its broader mission to create an innovation ecosystem in which talented inventors can gain international visibility and recognition regardless of geography or background. Within KIWIE, this commitment takes on particular significance. Women inventors are contributing increasingly sophisticated solutions across science, engineering, sustainability, energy, healthcare, education, digital technology, and everyday life. International platforms capable of recognizing these achievements help ensure that their contributions receive the visibility they deserve.

In 2026, IFIA reinforced this commitment by recognizing four outstanding inventions with the IFIA Best Invention Medal, highlighting projects distinguished by their innovative character and potential impact.

Four Outstanding Innovations Receive IFIA Best Invention Medals

The KIWIE 2026 Awards Ceremony, held on July 18 at Studio 159, COEX, marked one of the major highlights of the event. During the ceremony, four innovators from the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia received the IFIA Best Invention Medal. The 2026 IFIA award recipi-

ents were:

- Lee Hyun Jin – ANYLOCK Co., Ltd., Republic of Korea
Push-pull Door Lock with a Clutch Mechanism
- Hwang Choon Hong – Dowgene Co., Ltd., Republic of Korea
Forensic Science Experience DNA Electrophoresis Kit
- Shaden N. Albalawi – King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia
Adaptive Hybrid Photonic Layer for Enhanced Solar Energy Harvesting
- Jenan Alshehab – ELECTRODIS TECH, Kuwait

Wireless Power Transmission System

The four award-winning inventions illustrate the diversity of contemporary women-led innovation from practical mechanical engineering and science education to advanced solar-energy technologies and wireless power systems.

The official KIWIE report also documents the presentation of the IFIA awards and the four recipients during the awards ceremony, highlighting IFIA's direct contribution to recognizing exceptional achievements at the 2026 event.

Innovation Across Borders and Disciplines

The international composition of KIWIE 2026 demonstrated an important characteristic



of today's innovation landscape: meaningful invention is increasingly developed through a global community that transcends national and disciplinary boundaries.

The 454 international inventions presented in the competition represented a substantial majority of the 591 entries, reinforcing KIWIE's international character.

At the same time, the range represented by the IFIA-awarded inventions demonstrates how women innovators are contributing to very different technological challenges. A new door-lock mechanism addresses practical engineering and usability; a DNA electrophoresis kit creates opportunities for experiential forensic-science learning; an adaptive photonic layer explores enhanced solar-energy harvesting; and a wireless power transmission system addresses a rapidly developing area of electrical and energy technology. Together, these projects demonstrate that women's innovation is not concentrated in a single field. It is contributing across multiple areas of technological development and responding to both immediate practical needs and longer-term global challenges.

Advancing the Global Role of Women Inventors

KIWIE 2026 once again demonstrated that supporting women inventors is not simply a question of representation; it is an essential part of strengthening the global capacity for innovation.

From 591 inventions and broad international participation to dedicated intellectual property education, the 2026 edition provided a powerful illustration of the creativity, technical capability, and ambition of women innovators worldwide. Through its continued support of KIWIE and its recognition of outstanding women-led inventions, IFIA reinforces its



commitment to ensuring that women inventors have access to international platforms where their achievements can be recognized, connected, and advanced.

As women continue to play an increasingly influential role in science, technology, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development, international initiatives such as KIWIIE will remain important in creating opportunities for their ideas to move from invention to broader impact.

KIWIIE 2026 therefore stands not only as a celebration of successful inventions, but as a reflection of a larger global movement one in which women are increasingly shaping the technologies, solutions, and innovation ecosystems of the future.

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IFIA EVENT REPORT SVIIF 2026

*Three Extraordinary Days of Global Innovation in the Heart of Silicon Valley
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A global platform for invention, science, entrepreneurship and international cooperation SVIIF 2026 brought together inventors, researchers, academics, young innovators, international delegations, consular representatives, innovation leaders and thousands of visitors for three days of exhibitions, professional evaluation, networking and recognition. SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA - Silicon Valley became a meeting point for the international invention community as the Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF 2026) returned to the Santa Clara Convention Center from August 14 to 16, 2026. Across three intensive days, the festival combined international exhibition, professional judging, official visits, medal presentations and a culminating Special Awards and Grand Prix Ceremony. With more than 4,000 registered visitors, the participation of 31 countries, and the presentation of more than 400 inventions and innovative projects, SVIIF 2026 created a truly international platform for innovation in the heart of Silicon Valley. Visitors had the oppor-

tunity to explore technologies and creative solutions presented by participants from Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Hong Kong SAR, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, South Korea, Mexico, Palestine, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam, while engaging directly with inventors, researchers, experts, and potential partners from around the world.

3 Days | 31 countries | +400 Inventions & Innovations | +4000 Registered Visitors | 22 Jury Members | 2 Days of Evaluation

August 14: The World of Innovation Arrives in Santa Clara

The opening day began with the international jury's pre-evaluation meeting at 8:30 a.m. The session reviewed judging standards, procedures, scoring methods, project assignments and coordination. At 9:00 a.m., the official evaluation process started, with jurors visiting exhibition booths in their respective fields of expertise.

Inventors presented the scientific and technical foundations of their work, prototypes, practical applications, development status and commercialization potential. The professional evaluation continued throughout August 14 and 15, allowing projects to be assessed through direct presentation and expert discussion.

A 22-Member International Jury

The SVIIF 2026 evaluation was conducted by a 22-member international jury representing expertise across academia, engineering, invention, intellectual property, industry, entrepreneurship, research, technology development and commercialization. The jury worked

under the leadership of John Calvert, Jury President, with Dr. Amin Ghafooripour serving as Chair of the Jury Committee and coordinating the professional evaluation process.

Projects were assessed on originality and innovation, scientific and technical merit, practical application, stage of development, problem-solving capacity, potential impact, economic value and commercialization potential. The evaluation framework emphasized not only the novelty of an idea, but also its relevance, technical substance and prospects for real-world implementation.

The Official Opening Ceremony

At 10:30 a.m. on August 14, SVIIF 2026 officially opened with a ceremony welcoming inventors and international delegations to Santa Clara. The program brought together the Mayor of Santa Clara, festival leadership, members of the international jury, VIP guests, national delegation leaders, and consular and diplomatic representatives connected with participating countries and regions.

The opening remarks highlighted the importance of research, fair and professional evaluation, international cooperation and the role of invention exhibitions in helping strong ideas move toward meaningful scientific, social and commercial impact.

Official Exhibition Tour

Following the opening ceremony, the Mayor of Santa Clara, accompanied by VIP guests and international representatives, toured the exhibition and met directly with inventors and national teams. The visit provided participants with an opportunity to demonstrate their technologies and explain their work to city officials, innovation leaders and representatives of international organizations.





Two Days of Intensive Professional Evaluation

Throughout August 14 and 15, jurors continued their assessment of participating inventions. Inventors were expected to explain the problem addressed by their work, the genuine point of innovation, the maturity of the technology, prospective users, scalability and the pathway from exhibition-stage presentation to practical scientific, social, industrial or commercial application.

More Than 4,000 Visitors Experience Innovation Firsthand

More than 4,000 visitors registered to attend the festival, including students, researchers, families, technology enthusiasts, entrepreneurs, business professionals, academics, investors and members of the broader innovation community. Visitors met inventors directly, examined prototypes, asked questions and discovered technologies presented by participants from around the world.

This public engagement gave the festival an important market-facing dimension and reinforced SVIIF's role not only as an international invention competition, but also as a platform for technology discovery, networking and future collaboration.

August 15: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal Results

Following two days of professional evaluation, the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal results were announced at 4:00 p.m. on August 15. The distinctions reflected the scores and assessments of the international jury and recognized projects demonstrating notable levels of innovation, technical merit and development potential.

August 16: Special Awards and Grand Prix Ceremony

On the final day, the exhibition remained open until 5:00 p.m., giving visitors and delegations one more opportunity to explore the projects and meet participants. From 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., attention shifted to the SVIIF 2026 Special Awards and Grand Prix Ceremony, celebrating outstanding achievements among inventors, researchers, youth teams, universities, companies and international delegations.

Selected SVIIF 2026 Special Awards

The Special Awards section highlights the SVIIF Grand Prix and Semi-Grand Prix distinctions, together with awards presented by the City of Santa Clara, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), and the United Inventors Association of America (UIA).

Grand Prix - Silicon Valley International Invention Festival 2026

The festival's highest honor was presented by Alireza Rastegar, President of IFIA and Founder of the Festival; Lisa Gillmor, Mayor of the City of Santa Clara; and John Calvert, Jury President.

- Dr. Simson Wu / Amonova Limited - United Kingdom / Regenerative Solar-Driven Air-to-Fertilizer Production Platform

Grand Prix - Silicon Valley International Youth Innovation Olympiad

- Yu-Sheng Huang, Chin-Yu Yang, Chin-Siang Yang, Kenneth Hsu, Jayden Weichieh Chen, Chen-Hsiang Ko, Yin-Hsi Liang, Calvin Yokuan Creekmore - Chinese Taipei / AllerDetect GO: An AI-Powered Comprehensive Allergen Detection and Analysis System





Semi-Grand Prix - Silicon Valley International Invention Festival

- Meiyun Wang, Dinggang Shen, Yaping Wu, Yan Bai, Wei Wei, Lingzhi Hu, Tuoyu Cao, Jianmin Yuan / Henan Provincial People's Hospital - China / Systems and Methods for Correlating Medical Images with Medical Reports
 - Jehaad Aljohani, Duaa Mufarreh, Alanoud Alqarzaie, Hassan Alzahrani, Abdulrahman Al-duraibi, Madaa Mufarreh / King Abdulaziz University & Tuwaiq Academy - Saudi Arabia / Solara
 - Safarali Safarli, Laman Safarli, Malak Baghirova, Sevinj Aliyeva, Arzu Ibrahimova, Anar Mammadov, Togrul Guluzade, Tunjay Isgandarli, Kamran Mahmudov, Nurlan Abdullayev, Javid Jalilov, Ilham Suleymanov, Jahid Jabizada - Azerbaijan / M.R.S - Mercy Rescue Snake
 - Keawaram, T. Boonprakob, J. Sittiyoth, W. Sawasdee, T. Sankumlue and C. Saengchan / Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) - Thailand / Smart Data Fusion: Enhancing UAV Photogrammetric Point Clouds with Terrestrial Laser Scanning
 - KOEN, Electreko - South Korea / Sponge Ball Degassing Saturation Device
- Semi-Grand Prix - Silicon Valley International Youth Innovation Olympiad
- An-Yun Liu, Yu-Chieh Hsiao, Phoebe Lee, Yu-Kai Lin, Chia-Hsun Yao, Tsung-Yu Tsai, Allen Pin-Kuan Yeh, Pin-Yi Yeh, Pin-Wei Yeh - Chinese Taipei / Rhythm Racer
 - Amir Hashem Mohammad Alkhalaileh / Al-Amad Technology School - Jordan / Clean Plant Energy System for Future Aviation
 - Zirui Wu, Zaiyao Liu / Guangzhou True Light Middle School, Tianjin Eco-City Affiliated to Beijing Normal University - China / An Energy-Saving Lighting Control Scheme Controlled by Low-Power IoT Technology

City of Santa Clara / Mayor's Awards

- ICTK Co., Ltd. - South Korea - Best International Innovator - Apparatus and Method for Generating Physical Unclonable Function by Modifying Photo Mask of Semiconductor Process
- Seikun Design - Huan Hsiung Tseng and Kuo-Hung Tseng - USA - Best American Innovator - Original Shift System (O.S.S.)

The Silicon Valley International Invention Festival Audience Choice Award

- Best Inventor To: Chen Yongbing, Li Sidan, Zhang Qian, Zhang Bingdong, Xing Guirong /

Beijing Shijitan Hospital, Capital Medical University, China Science Huachen Innovatech Co., Ltd. - China / Laparoscopic Surgical Robot with Microwave Scalpel and Embodied Intelligent

- Best Young Innovator To: Yu-Cheng Lin, Yi-Li Chen, Kuan-Chen Kuo, Yu-Che Chiang, Jui-Tse Sun, Chien-Hung Tien, Tzu-Hsun Kuang, Hsin-Tung Liu - Chinese Taipei / Visible Knowledge: An Interdisciplinary Marble-Run STEM Learning Platform

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Awards

- WIPO National Award for Inventor to Dr. Fu Hong, Prof. Chan Che Hin Chetwyn, Hou Beibei, Prof. Xu Yanwen, Prof. Wang Jun, Wang Ying, Li Xiao, Qiu Minyu, He Ziyu, Wang Yanyue, Han Lin - Hong Kong SAR / RoMetric: Intelligent Hand Function ROM Assessment System
 - WIPO National Award for Creativity to FIREBUSTER INC. - South Korea / Fire Extinguisher Having Convenience to Manage and Use
 - WIPO National Award for Enterprises to Sungrai, M. Utsintong, P. Kookasamkij, T. Thaneerat / Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine - Thailand / DTAM AlcoDelta-Block Effervescent Tablets: An Innovative Public Health Solution for Alcohol Use Disorder Management
 - WIPO National Award for WIPO Users to Chui-Ping Hu, Jung-Hui Yen, Chen-Ying Chiang, Robert David Suhr, Chun-Tai Yen - Chinese Taipei / LSF Intelligent Cross-Domain Pre-Test System
 - WIPO National Award for Schoolchildren to Liu Haolin, Ming Junyi, Xuan Xiwen, Ye Chun Yuk, Yan Zihan, Zhang Haoxuan / Shenzhen RDF International School - China / Underwater Garbage Cleaning Robot
- IFIA Best Invention Awards
- Ting-Wei Hsu - Chinese Taipei / Novel Artificial Electronic Nose
 - Sengnongban, S. Thammasirikul, P. Rittarwet, A. Khantachawana / Smart MED Group 2019 Co., Ltd. with Thai Biomedical Engineering Association - Thailand / PEAK: A Daily Bone-Support for Targeted Preventive Bone Care
 - Le Minh Ngoc, Nguyen Hoang Tung Lam, Nguyen Hoang Ngan Linh - Vietnam / An Explainable CT-Based AI Radiomics Model for Noninvasive EGFR Mutation Prediction in Vietnamese Lung Cancer Patients
 - Si-Zhao J. QIN, Lisha YU, Weijian ZHANG, Haochen HOU - Hong Kong SAR / GaitGPT: Bridging Clinical Reporting and Quantitative Gait Metrics for Accurate and Traceable Gait Analysis
 - Kimblade Co., Ltd. - South Korea / Wiper Blade Strip

United Inventors Association of America (UIA) Awards

- Most Innovative Award to Domagoj Orec / IZO-DOM Thermal Insulation Made from Recycled Textiles
- Pinnacle Award to K-DEFENSE CO., LTD. / KOREA FIRE INSTITUTE / One Touch Type Air Tank Connecting Assembly
- UIA Best Marketing Award to FIREBUSTER INC. / Fire Extinguisher Having Convenience to Manage and Use
- Rising Star Youth Award to Hui-Han Cheng, Kaijing Hsu / Intelligent Hazard Alarm Safety Helmet Management System

The complete list of SVIIF 2026 Special Awards and winners is available on the official festival website: <https://sviif.com/winners>

A Global Celebration of Excellence

The SVIIF 2026 awards reflected the international character of the festival itself. Participants arrived in Silicon Valley with different technologies, backgrounds and challenges to solve, yet shared a common purpose: to bring ideas to an international stage, receive professional evaluation and create meaningful impact.

From the Grand Prix and Semi-Grand Prix distinctions to awards presented by the City of Santa Clara, WIPO, IFIA and UIA, the final ceremony recognized both individual achievement and the broader international community working to transform ideas into practical solutions.

The Festival Ends. New Journeys Begin.

As the awards ceremony concluded on the evening of August 16, SVIIF 2026 officially came to a close. For many participants, however, the end of the festival marked the beginning of a new stage: further development, new partnerships, international visibility and opportunities for future cooperation.

The booths would be dismantled and delegations would return home, but the relationships established in Santa Clara, the feedback received from international experts and the conversations initiated with researchers, organizations and industry professionals could continue well beyond the exhibition floor.



IMAGINE INVENT TRANSFORM

The distance between imagination and innovation is where invention begins. Ideas become solutions, and solutions shape the future.



WHAT COMES NEXT

CURIOSITY • CREATION • CHANGE

Global Innovation Takes Center Stage at IEI 2026 in Guangzhou, China

The 12th International Exhibition of Inventions brought together more than 3,700 inventions and innovation achievements, participants from 35 countries and international organizations, and a strong international program connecting invention, intellectual property, skills development and technology commercialization.

The 12th International Exhibition of Inventions (IEI 2026) and the "Belt & Road" and BRICS Competition of Skills Development and Technology Innovation (BRBC 2026)

Introduction

Event Date: August 21–23, 2026

Venue: China Import and Export Fair Complex, Guangzhou, China

Organizers: China Association of Inventions (CAI), Chinese Council of BRICS Business Council, and Guangzhou Domestic Cooperation Service Center

International Support: World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA)

The 12th International Exhibition of Inventions (IEI 2026), held concurrently with the 34th Guangzhou Fair and alongside BRBC 2026, concluded successfully in Guangzhou after three days of exhibitions, competitions, international exchange and technology cooperation. Under the theme "Invention and Innovation for High-Quality Development," the event strengthened its role as an international platform where inventors, universities, research institutions, enterprises, industry organizations and innovation stakeholders could meet, present new technologies and explore pathways toward practical implementation. According to the organizers and official Guangzhou media, IEI 2026 occupied more than 20,000 square meters, showcased more than 3,700 Chinese and international frontier innovation achievements, and brought together innovation resources from 35 countries and international organizations. More than 600 international science and technology professionals participated in the broader international program, demonstrating the expanding global reach of the exhibition.

Opening Ceremony and Distinguished Participation

The opening program brought together senior government, scientific, intellectual property and innovation representatives. Among the distinguished speakers and participants reported at the opening were:

- Zhao Guosheng, Vice Mayor of Guangzhou
- Yu Huarong, Party Secretary of the China Association of Inventions
- Zhang Yong, Mayor of Haikou, the Guest City of the 34th Guangzhou Fair

- Xue Qikun, President of Southern University of Science and Technology, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and recipient of China's Highest Science and Technology Award
- Hu Wenhui, Deputy Commissioner of the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

Alireza Rastegar, President of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) In the opening remarks, speakers emphasized the importance of connecting scientific discovery and invention with industrial application, intellectual property protection and international cooperation. The program highlighted Guangzhou and the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area as a major environment for translating technological achievements into economic and societal value.

International Participation and Seven Specialized Exhibition Areas

IEI 2026 significantly expanded its international dimension. The International Inventions area gathered inventors and projects from multiple countries, with the event as a whole bringing together participants from 35 countries and international organizations. The exhibition was organized around seven specialized areas designed to improve visibility, technical exchange and resource matching:

- International Inventions
- New Quality Productivity Development
- Defence Technology
- Research Achievements of Higher Education Institutions
- Invention Achievements of Innovative Craftsmen
- Green Production and New Material Innovations





• Youth Talent Invention and Innovation
These exhibition areas presented achievements across strategic and emerging fields including artificial intelligence, digital technologies, advanced manufacturing, new energy storage, biomedicine, environmental technologies, new materials and youth innovation. By combining technical diversity with specialized zones, the exhibition enabled visitors and professional stakeholders to identify relevant technologies and engage more directly with their creators.

Innovation for New Quality Productive Forces

A central feature of IEI 2026 was its focus on innovation that can contribute directly to industrial upgrading and the development of new quality productive forces. Technologies with practical application potential were given strong visibility, reflecting an increasing emphasis on inventions that can move beyond laboratory or prototype stages toward manufacturing, deployment and market adoption. The program encouraged interaction among research institutions, universities,

technology enterprises and industry specialists, supporting a broader innovation chain in which invention, intellectual property, technical validation, industrial demand and commercialization are considered together.

BRBC 2026: Skills Development and Technology Innovation

The "Belt & Road" and BRICS Competition of Skills Development and Technology Innovation (BRBC 2026) was held concurrently with IEI 2026. The competition created an international environment for skills exchange, technical problem-solving and the development of applied innovation capabilities among participants from Belt and Road and BRICS-related networks.

Together with the invention exhibition, BRBC 2026 strengthened the connection between technical skills, invention and workforce development, while providing participants with opportunities to exchange methods, compare solutions and engage with international innovation resources.

Intellectual Property Roadshows and Technology Transfer

IEI 2026 also placed strong emphasis on the

transformation and commercialization of innovative achievements. Two-way intellectual property project roadshows and matchmaking meetings were organized during the event to connect technology owners with potential partners, enterprises, institutions and commercialization resources.

The organizers introduced a more structured project-matching approach, including the selection of projects with potential relevance to industries in Guangzhou and the Greater Bay Area, followed by project presentations, dedicated roadshows and one-to-one discussions. This model supported technology cooperation, intellectual property transfer, investment dialogue and potential industrial implementation.

Awards and International Recognition

The closing program on August 23 recognized outstanding inventions and innovation achievements presented during the exhibition. International distinctions formed an important part of the awards program, reinforcing the global profile of participating inventors, research teams and technologies.



A highlight of the closing ceremony was the presentation of the IFIA Best Invention Award 2026. The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) recognized three outstanding inventions for their inventive merit, technical significance and potential for real-world impact:

1. Name of Invention: Wondaleaf® Afresh
Name of Inventor: Dr. John Tang Ing Ching
Organization: Twin Catalyst Sdn Bhd - MINDS
2. Name of Invention: Key Components, Integration and Applications of High-Performance Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Stacks
Name of Inventor: Minfang Han
Organization: Tsinghua University / Xuzhou Huatsing Jingkun Energy Co., Ltd.
3. Name of Invention: High-Resolution, Fast-Response Multi-Parameter Plasma Diagnostic Technology and Applications for Space Electric Propulsion
Name of Inventor: Weizong Wang
Organization: Beihang University

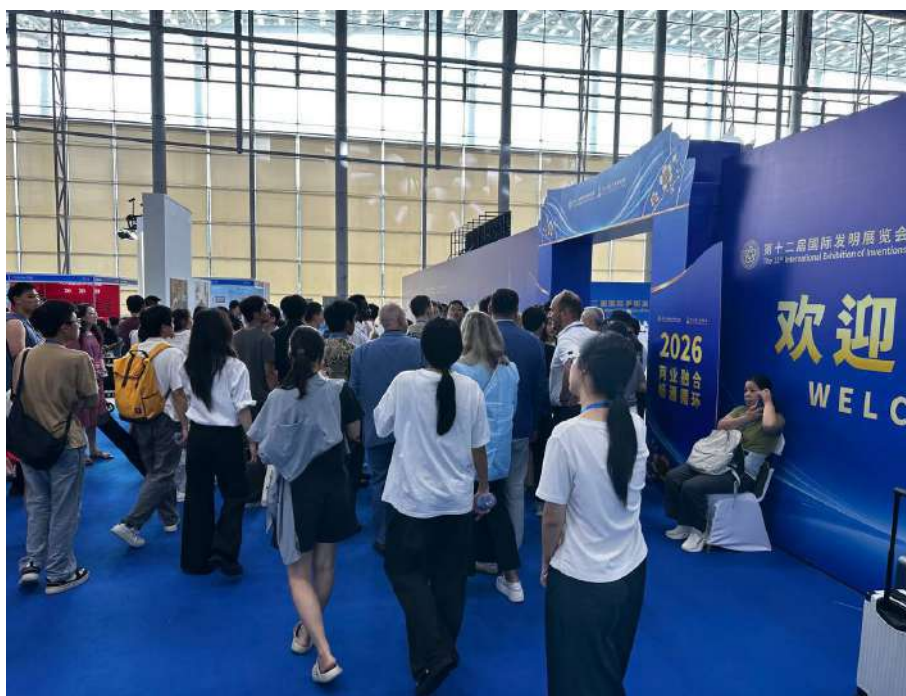
Wondaleaf® Afresh is a moving-water evaporative cooling headband developed by the Malaysian team led by Dr. John Tang Ing Ching. The invention was developed over approximately 18 months through more than 100 prototypes and was also reported to have received a Gold Medal at IEI 2026.

Together, the three IFIA Best Invention Award 2026 recipients reflected the breadth of innovation represented at IEI 2026, spanning user-centered product development, high-performance clean-energy systems and advanced diagnostic technology for space electric propulsion. The recognitions underscored IFIA's commitment to identifying inventions that combine technical excellence with strong potential for scientific, industrial and societal value.

IEI 2026 and the 34th Guangzhou Fair

The concurrent organization of IEI 2026 and the 34th Guangzhou Fair created a broader environment for connecting invention with industry and markets. While IEI focused on inventions, technology and innovation achievements, the Guangzhou Fair brought together a much larger commercial and industrial community, including thousands of exhibiting enterprises and professional buyers.

This parallel format helped bridge the gap between technological creativity and market demand. For participating inventors, researchers and technology organizations, it provided access to a wider network of potential industrial partners, procurement channels, enterprises and regional cooperation opportunities.



International Engagement and IFIA Support

IFIA's support for IEI 2026 reflects the Federation's continuing commitment to strengthening international cooperation among inventors, invention associations and innovation organizations. By supporting major international platforms such as IEI, IFIA contributes to greater visibility for inventors and encourages stronger links between invention, intellectual property, scientific collaboration and commercialization.

The participation of international inventors, universities, enterprises and innovation institutions also reinforced the role of IEI as a meeting point between China's innovation ecosystem and the wider global invention community. This international exchange is increasingly important as emerging technologies require cross-border cooperation, multidisciplinary expertise and access to diverse markets.

Impact and a Growing Global Innovation Platform

With more than 3,700 inventions and innovation achievements, participation from 35 countries and international organizations, seven specialized exhibition areas, BRBC 2026, intellectual property matchmaking activities and a strong connection with the 34th Guangzhou Fair, IEI 2026 represented one of the major international invention gatherings held in China this year.

The event demonstrated how international invention exhibitions are evolving beyond traditional display and competition formats. Increasingly, they serve as platforms for technology transfer, international networking, skills development, intellectual property utilization, industry engagement and market-oriented cooperation.





IFIA's 53rd Executive Committee Meeting Report

The 53rd Executive Committee Meeting of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) was held in September 2026, bringing together Executive Committee members to review membership applications and the continued development of the Federation's international departments and strategic initiatives.

The meeting focused on expanding IFIA's global network, strengthening institutional cooperation, supporting youth innovation, and developing its presence within emerging international innovation ecosystems. Members reviewed the agenda and submitted their votes, comments, and feedback to the IFIA Secretariat in accordance with the established voting procedure.

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Corresponding Membership Application – SALGA, South Africa
3. Full Membership Application – Applitent Tech, Spain
4. Collaborative Membership Application – The Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT) / Invent-Future.Global
5. Collaborative Membership Application – Innovation World™ / Innovation World Alliance
6. Collaborative Membership Application – New England Inventors (NEI), USA
7. Establishment of the IFIA BRICS Department
8. Enhancement and Development of the IFIA Youth Department and Appointment of Two Representatives
9. Closing Remarks

Meeting Report and Decisions

1. Opening Remarks

At the opening of the meeting, Executive Committee members were invited to examine proposals aimed at strengthening IFIA's international network, expanding institutional cooperation, and developing activities in support of inventors and innovators worldwide.

The opening discussion highlighted applications from organizations in South Africa, Spain, and the United States, alongside international initiatives dedicated to youth invention and innovation. The continued development of the IFIA BRICS Department and the strengthening of the IFIA Youth Department were also presented as part of the Federation's efforts to expand international cooperation and create opportunities for young inventors.

2. Corresponding Membership Application – SALGA, South Africa

The Executive Committee reviewed the application of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) for admission as a Corresponding Member of IFIA.



Established in 1996, SALGA represents all 257 municipalities in South Africa through its national office and nine provincial offices. The activities presented to the Committee included capacity building, training, research, policy support, knowledge sharing, advocacy, and cooperation with national and international partners. The meeting report also noted SALGA's participation in international networks concerned with local governance and sustainable development, including engagement through United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Its application was considered in light of its national reach and the opportunity to strengthen connections between IFIA and South Africa's local-government and innovation networks. Voting result: Unanimously approved with 21 votes from Executive Committee members.

3. Candidate Membership Application – Applitent Tech, Spain

The Executive Committee considered Applitent Tech, Spain, for admission as a Candidate Member of IFIA.

Based in Madrid and established in 2026, Applitent Tech focuses on supporting inventors, innovators, students, researchers, and startups in Spain. Its planned activities include educational guidance, workshops and seminars, support for young inventors and students, networking programs, and participation in international invention exhibitions.

The organization also plans to cooperate with IFIA members and other innova-

tion-related institutions. The application was presented as an opportunity to strengthen IFIA's active presence in Spain and broaden engagement with the Spanish invention and innovation community.

Voting result: Unanimously approved with 21 votes from Executive Committee members.

4. Collaborative Membership Application – The Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT) / InventFuture.Global

The Committee reviewed the Collaborative Membership application of The Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT) / InventFuture.Global, an international initiative supporting young inventors and innovators.

GIFT provides an online platform through which young people can present inventions, innovative ideas, and creative solutions to a global audience. According to the information presented to the Committee, the initiative had involved more than 1,800 presenters from 74 countries across 17 GIFT celebrations, while approximately 2,500 innovation stories had been collected in its Library of Innovation.

InventFuture.Global also operates international programs for young innovators, including the InventFuture.Global Innovation Challenge, which enables students to develop and present ideas, applications, prototypes, and solutions internationally.

The application was considered in view of the alignment between these activities and IFIA's objectives in invention, youth innovation, international cooperation, and knowledge exchange.

Voting result: Unanimously approved with 21 votes from Executive Committee members.

5. Collaborative Membership Application – Innovation World™ / Innovation World Alliance

The Executive Committee considered the Collaborative Membership application of Innovation World™ / Innovation World Alliance.

The initiative operates within an international ecosystem that encourages creativity, invention, and innovation among young people while connecting students, educators, mentors, innovators, and innovation organizations across countries.

Innovation World was also identified as the organizer of the Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT). Through its international activities and cooperation with InventFuture.Global, it seeks to help young innovators present their projects internationally, exchange experiences, develop ideas, and engage with the wider innovation community.

The application reflected shared objectives with IFIA in inventor support, innovation education, youth empowerment, and international cooperation.

Voting result: Unanimously approved with 21 votes from Executive Committee members.

6. Collaborative Membership Application – New England Invents (NEI), USA

The Executive Committee reviewed the application of New England Invents (NEI), USA, for admission as a Collaborative Member of IFIA.

NEI was presented as a U.S.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to educating, promoting, and supporting independent inventors. Its activities help innovators advance ideas toward products that are patentable, manufacturable, and commercially viable.

Its programs include educational seminars, networking events, individual consulting and



mentoring, product-pitch sessions, and guidance on intellectual property protection, prototyping, funding, manufacturing, licensing, marketing, and commercialization.

The Committee also reviewed NEI's educational and mentorship initiatives for K-12 young innovators, together with programs supporting military veterans and their families in independent invention and innovation.

The application was presented as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation between NEI's independent-inventor community and IFIA's international network. Voting result: Unanimously approved with 21 votes from Executive Committee members.

7. Establishment and Further Development of the IFIA BRICS Department

The Executive Committee received an update on the IFIA BRICS Department, established within IFIA in October 2025 to strengthen cooperation between the Fed-

eration's global innovation network and the innovation ecosystems of BRICS and BRICS+ countries.

As part of its continued development, the IFIA-BRICS/BRICS+ Committee is being formed to bring together representatives and experts from BRICS countries while enabling participation and cooperation with other IFIA members worldwide.

The Department and its Committee are intended to facilitate cooperation in innovation and technology, intellectual property, technology transfer, research, education, skills development, international programs, competitions, and knowledge exchange.

As part of this development, Liu Zhenying will serve as Head of the IFIA BRICS Department, supporting the coordination and expansion of its international activities and cooperation. Voting result: Unanimously approved by the 20 participating Executive Committee members.

8. Enhancement and Development of the IFIA Youth Department and Appointment of Two

Representatives

The Executive Committee reviewed the continued development and strengthening of the IFIA Youth Department, which encourages creativity, invention, and innovation among young people and expands opportunities for participation in national and international innovation activities.

The meeting recalled that IFIA's Youth Network has been active since 1995. The next stage of development places greater emphasis on engagement with young innovators, educational initiatives, international youth programs, and global innovation networks.

This development also follows the renewal of IFIA's International Youth Invention Olympiad, reflecting a wider focus on international activities designed for young inventors.

To support these efforts, Juli Shively and Jake Mendelsohn were proposed as representatives of the IFIA Youth Department, contributing to the coordination and expansion of its international youth activities.

Voting result: The initiative and proposed appointments were unanimously approved by

the 20 participating Executive Committee members.

9. Closing Remarks

The 53rd IFIA Executive Committee Meeting concluded following the presentation and consideration of all agenda items. The closing remarks emphasized the Federation's continuing efforts to strengthen its institutional network, expand cooperation with organizations supporting inventors and innovators, develop international partnerships, and enhance youth innovation activities.

The IFIA Secretariat expressed its appreciation to Executive Committee members for their participation, cooperation, and contributions to the Federation's activities and international development.

The official meeting communication stated that the Secretariat would compile the votes, comments, and feedback received from members and subsequently communicate the final decisions concerning the relevant agenda items.

InnovaCities 2026 Connects Innovators from 13 Countries to Address Global Challenges

IFIA-endorsed international innovation platform brings together more than 70 projects in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil

The second stage of the 15th InnovaCities - International Fair of Smart, Happy, Human and Resilient Cities concluded in Foz do Iguacu, Parana, Brazil, after four days of international competition, project evaluation, public exhibition, institutional cooperation, and recognition of innovative achievement. The 2026 edition brought together inventors, researchers, academics, entrepreneurs, students, and innovation professionals from around the world, reinforcing the event as a platform for connecting ideas, institutions, and international innovation networks.

Four Days of International Innovation

Held from September 15 to 18, 2026, the program opened with project pitch presentations before an international jury at Faculdade Uniguacu on September 15 and 16. The public exhibition and awards ceremony followed on September 17 and 18, with the final two days taking place alongside the 4th Iguassu Valley Summit. This combination created a broader environment for innovation, entrepreneurship, technology exchange, and regional development.

The 2026 edition demonstrated the growing international reach of InnovaCities. The two competitions attracted more than 70 innovative projects from 13 countries: Brazil, Canada, China, Congo, Egypt, Ghana, India, Iran, Jordan, Paraguay, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The participating projects represented a wide range of scientific disciplines and sectors, addressing contemporary technological, environmental, social, and economic challenges.

Two Competitions, One International Platform

Two international competitions were conducted simultaneously during the event. The 2nd LATAM BRICS Technological Innovation and Talent Development Competition was held in cooperation with the BRICS Academy in Xiamen, China, and Faculdade Uniguacu. Alongside it, the 2nd InnovaCities Regenerative Innovation Competition was organized in partner-

ship with UNILA - Federal University for Latin American Integration.

Together, the competitions provided innovators with opportunities to present their projects to evaluators, gain international exposure, exchange knowledge, and establish connections with institutions involved in research, technology, education, and entrepreneurship.

IFIA Support for Innovation in Latin America

InnovaCities is organized by ABIPIR - Brazil International Association of Innovative Inventors, Scientists and Entrepreneurs - and endorsed by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), under the support of IFIA President Alireza Rastegar. The event forms part of the wider activities of the ABIPIR-IFIA LATAM Office, strengthening IFIA's engagement with inventors, universities, innovation organizations, and entrepreneurship ecosystems throughout Latin America. The overall coordination of the 2026 event was led by Mariangela Luckmann, Director of Education and Events at ABIPIR and the ABIPIR-IFIA LATAM Office. Through its endorsement of initiatives such as InnovaCities, IFIA continues



to support international platforms that connect inventors with wider networks, encourage cross-border cooperation, and increase the visibility of innovative solutions.

Four MoUs Expand Institutional Cooperation

One of the significant institutional outcomes of the closing and awards ceremony was the signing of four Memoranda of Understanding aimed at expanding cooperation across the innovation ecosystem. The agreements involved the BRICS Academy, represented by Lu Simon on behalf of BRICS Academy President Liu Zhenying, and ABIPIR, represented by its Founder and President Marcelo Vivacqua, with four institutions:

- UNILA - Federal University for Latin American Integration, represented by Rector Professor Diana Araujo Pereira
- IDESTUR - Institute for Tourism Development, represented by Founder Newton Paulo de Abreu Angeli
- UNIOESTE, represented by Sergio Moacir Fabriz, General Director of the Foz do

Iguacu Campus

- Faculdade Uniguacu, represented by Fabio Corbari, Director of Expansion and Development and Coordinator of Research and Extension

These agreements represent an important step toward strengthening connections among academic institutions, innovation organizations, entrepreneurship networks, and international partners, while creating a foundation for future cooperation in education, research, technology, and innovation.

Recognizing Innovation and International Achievement

The closing ceremony recognized outstanding projects through medals and certificates and also provided a setting for acknowledging achievements connected to other international invention platforms.

Medals previously won by Brazilian innova-

tors at the Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF) in Santa Clara, California, were formally presented during the program. The recognized Brazilian innovators were Sol Andrea Gonzalez Tapia, Vitor Gabriel Cagol Escobar, Irene Cecilia Cagol, and Anatalicio dos Reis Silva.

The connection between InnovaCities and other international innovation platforms illustrates the expanding opportunities available to Latin American innovators to present their work within global invention networks and gain wider international visibility.

Connecting Education, Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship

The 2026 program also highlighted the growing international activities of UNIGUACU, which participated actively in InnovaCities and contributed to stages of the international innovation competitions in partnership with ABIPIR and the BRICS Academy, with IFIA endorsement.

The initiative brought together researchers, inventors, students, entrepreneurs, and specialists from different countries, while activities continued during the Iguassu Valley Summit 2026. This model strengthened the integration of education, science, technology, entrepreneurship, and regional development, creating new opportunities for students, researchers, companies, and innovation stakeholders.

Strengthening an International Innovation Hub

Through InnovaCities 2026, Foz do Iguacu further strengthened its position as a meeting point for regional and international innovation. Cooperation among universities, innovation organizations, businesses, entrepreneurs, researchers, and international networks demonstrated how regional ecosystems can become increasingly connected to global knowledge and technology communities.

For IFIA, supporting initiatives of this kind aligns with its mission of encouraging international cooperation, strengthening innovation ecosystems, and creating greater opportunities for inventors to connect their ideas with wider networks and practical applications.

Building Momentum Toward InnovaCities 2027

Following the conclusion of the 2026 edition, organizers are already looking ahead to InnovaCities 2027. The continued international growth of the event, together with new institutional agreements and the expanding involvement of universities and innovation organizations, provides a strong foundation for further collaboration.

Through its continued endorsement of InnovaCities and the activities of the ABIPIR-IFIA LATAM Office, IFIA will continue supporting opportunities that connect inventors, researchers, entrepreneurs, and institutions across borders and contribute to innovation with meaningful social, technological, and economic impact.

iCAN 2026 Brings Together 763 Entries from 55 Countries and Regions

iCAN 2026, the 11th Annual Edition, Held Online, Combines International Competition, Invention Recognition, and Expert Perspectives on Business Development and Innovation

The 11th International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada (iCAN 2026) was held online, bringing together 763 entries from 55 countries and regions and concluding with its online Finals on August 29, 2026. Organized by the Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TI-SIAS) and based in Toronto, Canada, the competition marked its seventh year of online delivery.

The program progressed from a six-month application period through preliminary screening and assessment to video-based Finals evaluation. Alongside the competition, the Finals program featured an official presentation movie, two keynote presentations, a catalogue, and the award winners list, bringing together project evaluation, recognition, and knowledge sharing.

Six Months of Applications and Preliminary Assessment

Registration opened on January 15, 2026, and continued until July 15, following an extension of the original June 15 deadline. Applicants submitted a separate entry form for each invention or project, including written descriptions and supporting visuals to explain their work.

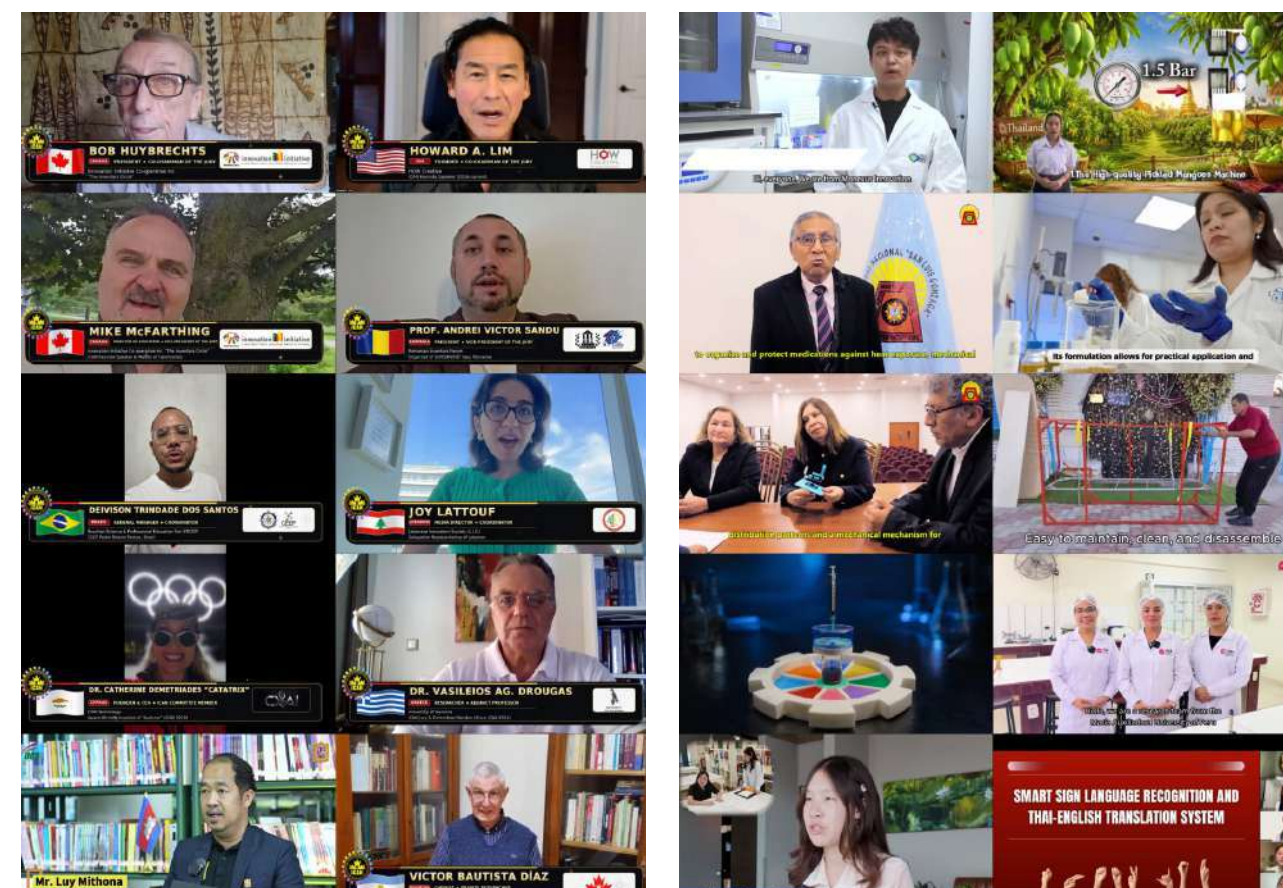
The competition received 816 applications before initial screening. The Organizing Committee and Jury reviewed submissions for completeness, eligibility, and appropriate content, resulting in 763 entries participating in the Preliminaries. These entries were then assessed for Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal Awards. Following the preliminary stage, 652 entries qualified to proceed to the Finals. The process provided a clear progression from application and screening to medal assessment and eligibility for further evaluation.

445 Entries Compete in the Online Finals

Entrants who qualified for the Finals could choose to submit a video presentation for additional assessment. A total of 445 entries participated in this stage, presenting their inventions through video submissions reviewed by the Organizing Committee, Jury Members, and international delegation leaders. Selected footage was also incorporated into the iCAN 2026 Finals Movie.

The video-based stage complemented the written descriptions and supporting visuals submitted during registration. It gave qualifying participants a further opportunity to present their projects while providing the material used for Finals evaluation and the event's collective presentation of inventions.

The distinction between the two stages is important to the competition's results: 652 entries



qualified for the Finals, while 445 proceeded to compete through video submissions. Together with the 763 preliminary entries, these figures document the different levels of participation across the 2026 program.

Recognizing Achievement through Multiple Award Categories

The Finals recognized inventions through several distinctions, including the Grand Prize, Semi-Grand Prize, Best Invention Awards, Canadian Special Awards, and International Special Awards sponsored by participating delegations. These complemented the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal Awards assessed during the Preliminaries.

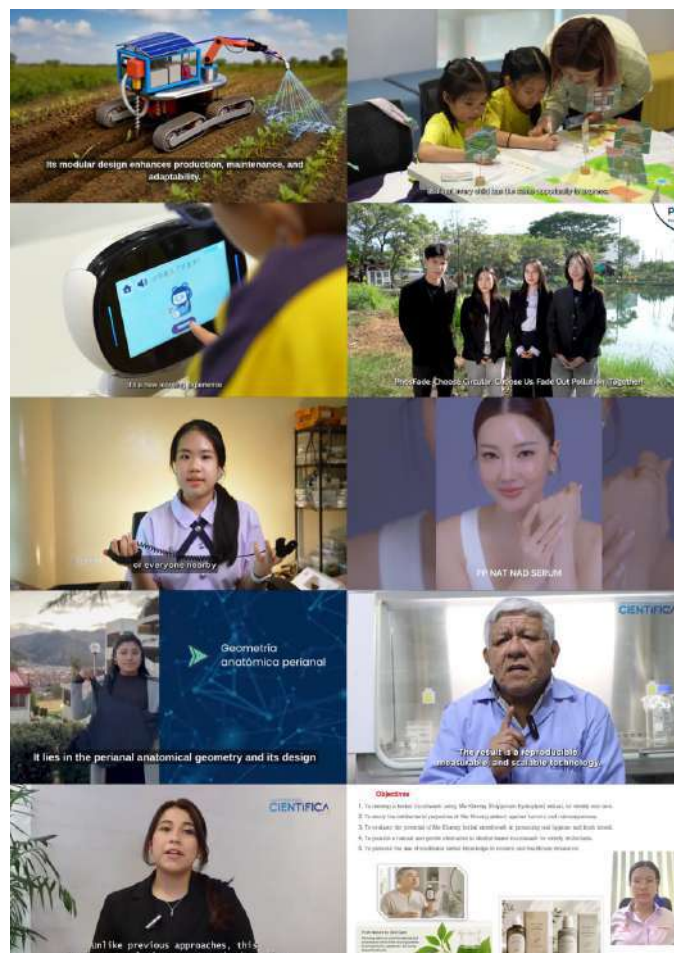
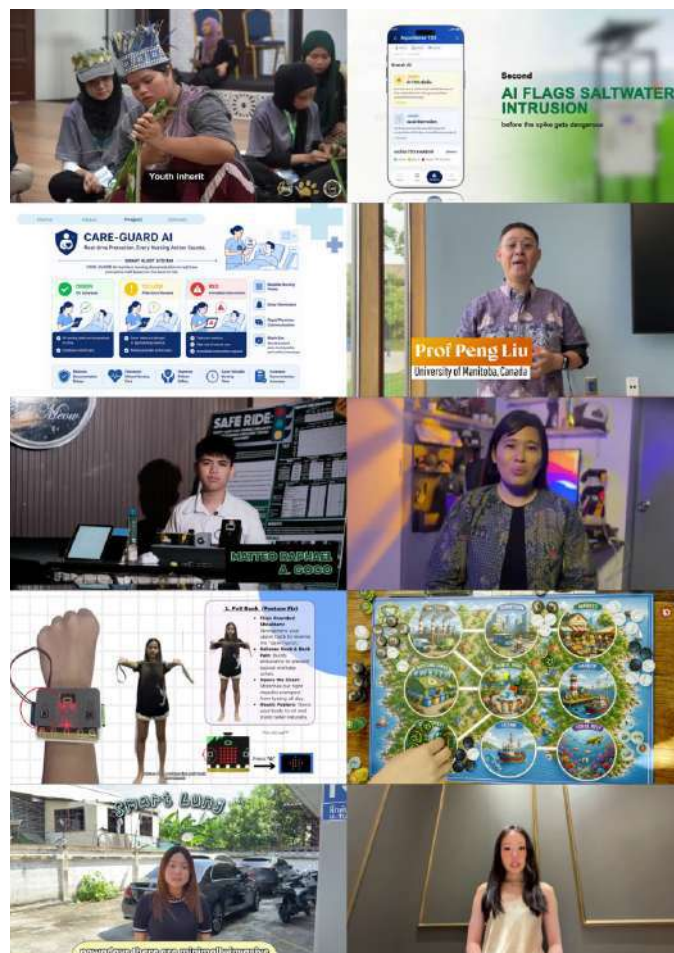
The Finals Award Winners List and official catalogue formed part of the August 29 program, alongside the Finals Movie. These resources documented the competition's outcomes and provided a lasting presentation of the participating inventions and recognized achievements. Rather than limiting the program to an announcement of awards, the Finals brought together evaluation results, project presentations, and educational content within a shared online format.

International Participation across 55 Countries and Regions

The 2026 competition welcomed entries from 55 countries and regions, reflecting participation from invention communities across the world. The official participation poster records the geographical breadth of the edition, with representation extending across the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The participation chart on page 4 of the official show report gives a more detailed breakdown of the 652 entries qualified to proceed to the Finals. Peru accounted for 24.23%, followed by Thailand with 13.04% and China with 9.05%. Hong Kong, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia each accounted for 6.60%. Malaysia, Vietnam, Poland, and Romania were also among the ten largest groups shown individually, while the remaining entries were grouped together.

These figures describe the entries eligible to advance, rather than the smaller group that ultimately competed through Finals video submissions. They offer a detailed picture of the international composition of the competition at the qualification stage.



IFIA Support within a Wider Collaborative Network

TISIAS organized iCAN 2026, with national support from Innovation Initiative Co-operative Inc. "The Inventors' Circle" and international support from the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and WIIPA. Patent Invention Magazine was also listed among the competition's supporting organizations. IFIA's involvement was that of an international supporting organization within this TISIAS-led event.

The wider network comprised 81 collaborating units and organizations worldwide, including invention associations, universities, research institutes, inventor clubs, and individual collaborators. This cooperation brought together a broad range of participants in the invention community around the competition and its international program.

An Eleventh Edition Built on Participation, Evaluation, and Recognition

The online edition of iCAN 2026 combined 763 preliminary entries, 652 Finals-qualified entries, and 445 video-based Finals submissions within a competition representing 55 countries and regions. Its program brought together staged evaluation, multiple award categories, expert presentations, and a collaborative network of 81 units and organizations.

With the August Finals completed, award-package distribution underway, and a year-end participant tribute planned, the eleventh edition continued beyond the evaluation process into documentation and celebration of its participants' achievements. The resulting program offers a record not only of awards, but also of the international participation and cooperation that shaped iCAN 2026.

IFIA Best Invention Award

is presented to the most outstanding invention at an invention festival, competition, or exhibition, based on the IFIA jury's assessment of its novelty, inventive step, patent status, commercialization potential, and benefits to humanity, among other criteria.

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.





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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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Asst. Prof. Dr. Arsanchai Sukkuea, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pensiri Akkajit, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wattanapong Kurdthongmee, Thanaphat Chainarong, Danich Khawngam, Phichaipusit Thirakun from Walailak University of Thailand, for the Outstanding Invention "Life Buoy Launching Device for Drowning Rescue"



16th International Invention Fair in the Middle East (IIFME 2026)

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Duaa Nezar Khedary from Saudi Arabia, for the Outstanding Invention "Materials Filtration Device and Recycling Used Liquids"



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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Kai Yu Tong, Disheng Xie, Shu Jing, and Wang Jun-ming from China, for the Outstanding Invention "Bionic Artificial Muscle for Robotic Systems: XoMuscle and XoBrace"



X-thon Innovation Exhibition 2026 in Saudi Arabia

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Ziad Mohammed Alghamdi, Hassan Salim Al Aidaroos, Fahad Abdullah Al-Maliki, Malik Abdulhamid Alrefai, Abdullah Abdulqadir Atoudi from Technical and Vocational Training Corporation, for the Outstanding Invention "Clay Air Conditioner (CAC)" in the Engineering Track Section

X-thon Innovation Exhibition 2026 in Saudi Arabia

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Rouba Alfurshuti & Mansor Aldosri from Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University, for the Outstanding Invention "Passive Thermal Cooling Rack for Blood Tubes" in the Health Section



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Korea International Women's Invention Exposition 2026 (KIWIE 2026)

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Lee Hyun Jin from ANYLOCK Co.,LTD, Republic of Korea, for the Outstanding Innovation "Push-pull door lock with a clutch mechanism"



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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Hwang Choon Hong from Dowgene Co.,LTD, Republic of Korea, for the Outstanding Innovation "Forensic Science Experience DNA Electrophoresis Kit"



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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Shaden N.Albalawi from King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia for the Outstanding Innovation "Adaptive Hybrid Photonic Layer for Enhanced Solar Energy Harvesting"





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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Jenan Alshehab from ELECTRODIS TECH, Kuwait for the Outstanding Innovation "Wireless Power Transmission System"

International Exhibition of Inventions (IEI 2026)

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Minfang Han from Tsinghua University, Xuzhou Huatsing Jingkun Energy Co., Ltd., China for the Outstanding Innovation "Key Components, Integration and Applications of High-Performance Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Stacks"



International Exhibition of Inventions (IEI 2026)

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Weizong Wang from Beihang University, China for the Outstanding Innovation "High-Resolution, Fast-Response Multi-Parameter Plasma Diagnostic Technology and Applications for Space Electric Propulsion"



International Exhibition of Inventions (IEI 2026)

IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Dr. John Tang Ing Ching from Twin Catalyst Sdn Bhd - MINDS, Malaysia for the Outstanding Innovation "Wondaleaf® Afresh"



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IFIA Best Invention Medal in Youth Section is Awarded to Ting-Wei Hsu from Chinese Taipei for the Outstanding Innovation "Novel Artificial Electronic Nose"

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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to J. Sengnongban, S. Thammasirikul, P. Rittarwet, A. Khantachawana / Smart MED Group 2019 Co., Ltd with Thai Biomedical Engineering Association from Thailand for the Outstanding Innovation "PEAK: A Daily Bone-Support for Targeted Preventive Bone Care"



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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Le Minh Ngoc, Nguyen Hoang Tung Lam, Nguyen Hoang Ngan Linh from Vietnam for the Outstanding Innovation "An Explainable CT-Based AI Radiomics Model for Noninvasive EGFR Mutation Prediction in Vietnamese Lung Cancer Patients"



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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Kimblade Co., Ltd., South Korea for the Outstanding Innovation "Wiper Blade Strip"



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IFIA Best Invention Medal is Awarded to Si-Zhao J. QIN, Lisha YU, Weijian ZHANG, Ha-ochen HOU from Hong Kong SAR for the Outstanding Innovation "GaitGPT: Bridging Clinical Reporting and Quantitative Gait Metrics for Accurate and Traceable Gait Analysis"

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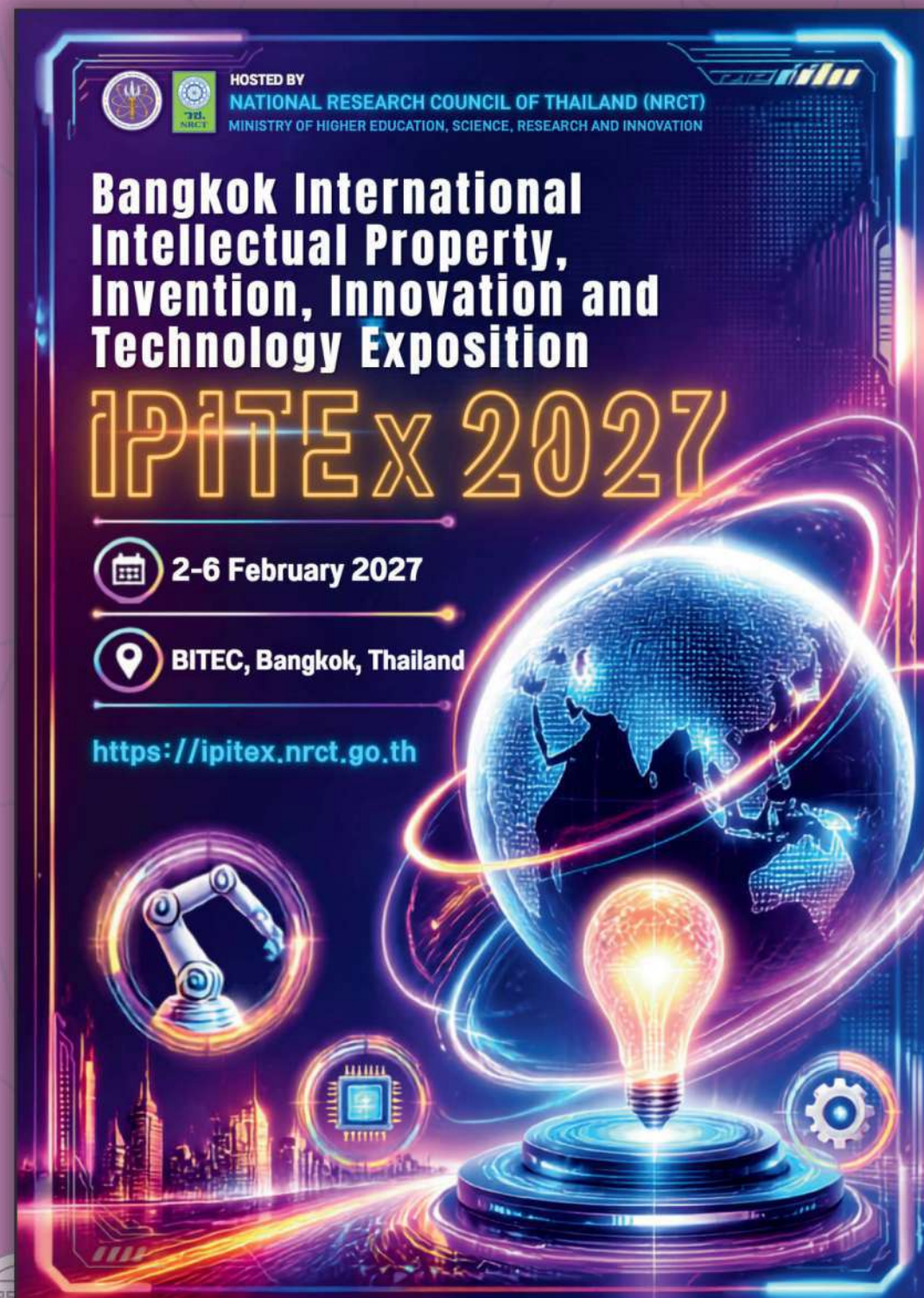
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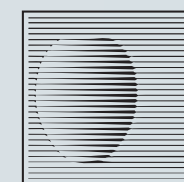
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