

Code of Conduct

42nd International Conference on Thermoelectrics (ICT2026)

It is the policy of the **42nd International Conference on Thermoelectrics (ICT2026)**, in keeping with APS and like conferences, that all participants, including attendees, exhibitors, staff, volunteers, officers, and all other stakeholders involved in **ICT2026** will conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner that is welcoming to all participants and free from inappropriate behavior, including any form of discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence or retaliation. Participants will treat each other with respect and consideration to create a collegial, inclusive, and professional environment at **ICT2026** and activities related to the meetings.

Creating a supportive environment to enable scientific discourse is the responsibility of all attendees. Participants will not exhibit any inappropriate actions or statements based on individual characteristics such as age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, religion, marital status, nationality, political affiliation, ability status, educational background, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Actions inconsistent with this code of conduct, including disruptive or harassing behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Harassment includes but is not limited to inappropriate or intimidating behavior and language, unwelcome jokes or comments, unwanted touching or attention, offensive images, and stalking. Violations of this code of conduct policy should be reported to the conference organizers as soon as possible, and confidentiality will be protected. Identities of organizers are on the **ICT2026** website. If a participant observes inappropriate comments or actions and personal intervention seems appropriate and safe to correct the problem, they should use their best judgment in determining appropriate intervention. In the case of any threat of violence, venue security personnel or appropriate law enforcement authorities should be contacted. Sanctions for violations may include, but are not limited to, verbal or written warning, ejection from a meeting without refund, and/or action by security personnel or appropriate authorities. Retaliation for complaints of inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated.