



Dear FFF Colleagues,

I am excited to announce that the 24th International Conference on Field- and Flow-Based Separations is online and accepting abstracts and registrations. The meeting will be in downtown Washington DC at the Herbert Hoover building from 17 May 2026 to 20 May 2026. This is a great venue- it is across the street (literally) from the Smithsonian Museums, the National Mall (a pedestrian promenade bordered by US government offices, monuments, and many museums with free admission to the public) making this a great conference to bring your family along. By leveraging the local organizing committee's access to meeting facilities, we can offer registration fees among the lowest anywhere and while providing access to all program activities to all registrants. Registration includes EVERYTHING (almost!!), it provides access to short courses, oral and poster presentations, lunches, breaks, welcome reception and FFF birthday party. Travel, hotel and incidental costs are NOT included.

The conference will focus on both traditional areas of FFF and newer analytical areas and technical approaches. We are accepting high quality abstracts for posters and oral presentations on:

- synthetic and natural polymers,
- biomacromolecules,
- colloids,
- micro- and nano-plastics,
- industrial, biotech, and pharmaceutical
- instrumentation, hyphenated techniques, machine learning
- standardization and regulatory developments

This list is not limiting: other areas where researchers have demonstrated advancement of FFF technology are also welcomed.

This year's meeting structure will be like previous years. Sunday afternoon will start with some informal short courses (exact subject matter is TBD, please tell us what you want when you register), then a welcome reception with light food and drink at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Headquarter. The following Monday to Wednesday will be oral sessions and poster presentations at main conference venue (lunch and coffee breaks included!!). This year marks the 60th anniversary of FFF's first description in the literature, so Tuesday night the conference will host FFF's official 60th birthday party and dinner reception (included in your registration fee)- stay tuned for the details!!!

The past year has seen unprecedented geopolitical affairs, many of which originate from the Washington DC area. This leads to numerous news reports that are sensational and dramatic, but in reality, are isolated events that do not impact people's daily lives. I have lived in downtown Washington DC for 24 years and daily work and life routines are normal- DC residents and visitors peacefully going about business as we always have. While Washington DC is the seat of the US government whose activities and priorities shift with different administrations, it is also major global city with large academic, cultural, economic, technology centers outside of the news headlines. These people work daily to make the world a better place for all people and welcome visitors to the DC capital area. I hope you will be able to attend this conference for the great science it will contain and I can share a little of my home city with you.

Cheers

Wyatt, on behalf of the organizing committee of iSFFF2026