

Call for Proposals for the Organization of International Meetings of the European Calcium Society in 2026 and 2028

The European Calcium Society organizes its International Meeting every two years with the next meeting planned in Cambridge, UK between 31st August and September 4th, 2024. All ECS members are welcomed to submit proposals to organize.

Therefore, the ECS is now launching a **joint call for proposals for the 2026 and 2028 main ECS meetings**. The proposals should be sent to (secretarygeneral@calciumsociety.eu) before **February 14th 2024**. This would allow the Board sufficient time for an initial assessment and a provisional decision to be announced at the ECS2024 meeting in Cambridge.

Whilst there is flexibility in considering the following points, we expect proposals to come from established ECS members with experience in conference organization and have already attended previous ECS Meetings. Furthermore, the final decision by the ECS Board involves a thorough review that may include a site visit.

Moreover, it is important to consider that the ECS meeting is preceded by a 1-day junior ECS symposium directed at early-career researchers.

Proposals should therefore contain the following information:

- **Local organizer(s)**
- **Location** (*including international access, short description of the venue facilities, etc.*)
- **Existing accommodation near the congress venue, including the availability of cheap accommodation for early career researchers**
- **Duration of the meeting and possible/suggested dates** (*recent meetings lasted 4 days, e.g. from Sunday late afternoon till Thursday at lunch and contained a break of half a day; meetings are usually scheduled in late August/September*)
→ **please consider 1 day preceding the main meeting for the junior ECS symposium**
- **Budget** (*please include as much detail as possible, particularly about the major costs such as venue hire, catering and expenses for speakers, and likely income from registrations and sponsorship. Note that the ECS will provide travel fellowships, award 2 poster prizes (Roland Pochet & Annette Draeger awards) and sponsor the Berridge lecture and contribute to sponsoring the Claude Klee lecture. Discounted registration fees are expected for ECS members and students. Policy concerning Session Chairs, Speakers, Board members and Honorary ECS Members will be further discussed.*)
- **Scientific program** (*the majority of the sessions are selected from proposals made by individual ECS members, but the Local organizers can freely organize 2 sessions on topics they deem interesting and selection of the Plenary lectures is done by the ECS in close contact with the Local Organizers*)
- **Attention to facilitate attendance/participation of early career researchers (PhDs/postdocs/junior PI's) and researchers from developing countries**
- **Attention towards equity, diversity, inclusivity & sustainability**
- **Any other information, any specific assets for your venue or any other ideas that could improve the (scientific) quality of the meeting.**