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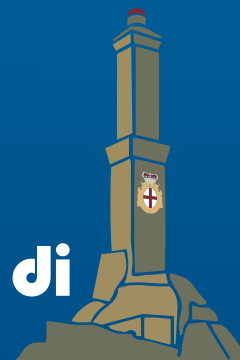
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Welcome Message

In June 2025 the IIW Annual Assembly and International Conference will be held in Genoa, Italy. The Italian Institute of Welding (IIS) will host this event of global importance in a wonderful atmosphere, giving a chance to meet the Italian industry and experiment the Italian culture, hospitality, arts and food as they merge in the city.

The history of Genoa is a mixture of democracy (it was one of the first Republics in the world), commerce (Genoese merchants sailed across the world) finance (the first bank was established in 1407) that has always been open to contamination from different cultures. In modern age, the city has been boosting the industrial culture in Italy, as it originated in the industrial triangle Milan – Turin – Genoa.

Nowadays Genoa is a dynamic city aspiring at becoming the cradle of new technologies, with the highest quality of life as a result of size, climate, environment and atmosphere.

IIS selected for the venue the old harbor district, renovated to create a unique working and leisure environment, just in front of the sea. IIS has also designed a set of wonderful events to accompany the IIW ceremonies, including concerts and a visit to the biggest aquarium in Europe.

Participants and accompanying persons will enjoy the city, where all the main attractions are walking distance: old palaces, small shops, attractions, fine arts and local food and wines. At short distance by train or bus, the most beautiful attractions of the "Riviera" can be easily reached, such as Portofino, "5 Terre" (five villages almost uncontaminated by modernity) as well as the many pleasant beaches and seaside villages.

Finally, the International Conference will be held in conjunction with the Italian national welding days (GNS), an amazing event that gathers every other year more than 1500 participants from all over the country. This is also a unique opportunity to get in contact with the Italian industry related to joining and to expand the perspectives for the world of welding.

In a few words, you cannot miss the opportunity to let your business and family meet the Italian hospitality in Genoa!



General Information

CONGRESS VENUE

Centro Congressi Porto Antico
Via Magazzini del Cotone, 59
16128 Genova – Italy

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress is English.

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

Porto Antico Area can be easily reached by public and private transport. On this page you will find all the information on how to reach the location based on the different means used.

By car: From the A12 and A7 we recommend the Genova Ovest exit: take the Sopraelevata and follow the directions for the Porto Antico area Porto Antico Area: exit at the first junction, continue past the pedestrian entrance to the Porto Antico area and then enter the avenue leading to the Porto Antico area located next to the barracks of the Guardia di Finanza. Directions for the area's parking spaces.

By Train: For the Porto Antico area it is recommended to get off at the Genoa Piazza Principe railway station. From there Porto Antico Area can be reached:

- On foot in 10/15 minutes
- By bus no. 35 directions Via Vannucci, get off at Gramsci 2 / subway Darsena
- Or bus n. 1, starting from the Marittima / Principe Fs, to Piazza Caricamento
- By underground directions Brignole, stop San Giorgio.

If you prefer the Genova Brignole train station, the Porto Antico Area can be reached:

- By bus no. 13, direction Turati / Metrò San Giorgio stop Piazza Caricamento
- By underground direction Brin, stop San Giorgio

By plane: From the Cristoforo Colombo airport can be reached:

- By taxi
- By bus with the Volabus – Piazza De Ferrari stop. The ticket costs € 6.00 and can be purchased on board.

PARKING

Attention: in conjunction with the first weekends of spring, scheduled events and public holidays, the Porto Antico area will be the subject of a large turnout of the public. This may cause traffic entering and exiting the Porto Antico car parks. To limit the problems, here are our tips:

- **download the Porto Antico app** to check the real time availability of our car parks (Calata Gadda, Cannoniere, Mercanzia, Porta Siberia and Autosilo)
- if all the car parks have a red sticker, do not enter the Porto Antico area but take public transport, busses, metro and even using the interchange car parks which are a little further away, but are very well served. You can find all the info on how to reach us [here](#)

Parking Porto Antico

Area Park 1 Calata Gadda (203 places)

Park 2 Autosilo (323 places)

Park 3 Porta Siberia: (80 places)

Park 4 Cannoniere: (43 places)

Park Mercanzia outside the Porto Antico area (77 places)

Attention: Parking in the Porto Antico area is only allowed



Porto Antico
App



Porto Antico Location
and Directions



General Information

TIME

All sessions in the Programme are in CEST- Central European Summer Time

VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR TRAVELING TO ITALY

1. Complete Your Registration

Finalize your registration on the official website:

www.iiw2025/registrations.

2. Request an Invitation Letter (if needed)

If you require a visa, you may request an official Letter of Invitation by contacting **registrations@iiw2025.com**. Please note that this letter is issued exclusively for visa application purposes and does not imply any financial support. The Letter of Invitation will only be provided once the registration and payment process has been completed.

3. Initiate the Visa Application Process

We recommend that you begin your visa application process as early as possible, ensuring compliance with the specific regulations and agreements between your Country and Italy. The responsibility for applying for and obtaining a visa rests solely with you. The event organizers cannot intervene in the application process, liaise with embassies or consulates, or guarantee visa approval. Upon your request and with your explicit consent, the President of the Organizing Committee from IIS, may provide a formal communication to the relevant embassy to support your application. Please note that this is not a substitute for your personal initiative in the visa process, nor does it imply any liability on the part of the organization. In the event of a visa denial, no refunds will be issued for registration or accommodation fees.

For official information on visa requirements and application procedures, please visit the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: **<https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>**

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates of attendance will be granted according to delegate attendance. In case of a no-show no certification of attendance will be produced. Certificates of attendance will be available for download on **<https://online.aristea.com>** after the congress.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Registration fees do not include participants' insurance against personal accidents, sickness and cancellations by any party, theft, loss, or damage to personal possessions. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance. It is highly recommended that all participants carry proper health and travel insurance. In the event that the Event cannot be held in whole or in part due to any event beyond the PCO control or force majeure (such as war, fire, explosion, flood, earthquake, sabotage, strikes, epidemic, health emergency and acts of any government) the PCO cannot be held liable for any damage, cost, or loss incurred, such as registration fee or any other direct or indirect loss or consequential damage.

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of Foreign Affairs**



Welcome to Genova



ABOUT GENOA

Genoa, often referred to as “La Superba” (The Superb), is a captivating Italian city located on the Ligurian coast. With a rich history dating back to ancient times, Genoa has played a pivotal role in maritime trade and cultural exchange, making it a city of great historical significance. The city boasts a charming blend of old-world charm and modern vibrancy. Its historic center is a maze of narrow streets and alleyways, lined with colorful buildings, ancient churches, and bustling piazzas. The impressive Palazzi dei Rolli, a UNESCO World Heritage site, showcases the city’s architectural splendor and offers a glimpse into its past grandeur.

Genoa’s maritime heritage is prominently displayed at the Old Port (Porto Antico), where visitors can explore attractions like the Galata Maritime Museum and the Aquarium of Genoa, one of the largest and most diverse aquariums in Europe. As a culinary hub, Genoa is celebrated for its gastronomic delights. The local cuisine features dishes like pesto sauce, focaccia bread, and fresh seafood that highlight the region’s Mediterranean flavors.

Surrounded by stunning coastal landscapes, Genoa also serves as a gateway to the picturesque Ligurian Riviera, with its charming coastal towns like Portofino and Cinque Terre easily accessible.

For more information: **Visit Genoa**

If you would like to find out about the activities, art galleries, and events available during this period in Genoa, check out at this link **<https://www.mentelocale.it/genova/eventi/>**

OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR VISITING THE CITY OF GENOA

- Welcome to the city that through its extraordinary artistic and cultural heritage enchants the senses while nourishing the soul. If you’re looking for an unforgettable journey through centuries of history and beauty, you’ve come to the right place. Genoa is a hidden gem where art and culture intertwine in a powerful embrace.
- By visiting the website **<https://www.visitgenoa.it/en>** it’s possible to find useful information for visiting the city and be updated on the main events and exhibitions in progress: **<https://www.visitgenoa.it/en/events>**
- From the historic centre to the fascinating villages overlooking the sea just a few steps from the centre, Genoa will surprise you! Here you find the ten must-see places in Genoa: **<https://www.visitgenoa.it/en/ten-things-plus-one-not-be-missed-genoa>**
- Collections, exhibitions and galleries. The museum offer in Genoa is absolutely varied and articulated. Learn more about: **<https://www.visitgenoa.it/en/musei>**
- From Villa Pallavicini to the Parks of Nervi, you can discover unforgettable green oases with amazing views of the sea, not far from the city centre: **<https://www.visitgenoa.it/en/parks-villas-and-botanical-gardens>**



Visit
Genoa



Events and Activities
in Genoa



International Institute of Welding (IIW)

The International Institute of Welding (IIW) was founded in 1948 by the welding institutes/societies of 13 countries who considered it crucial to make more rapid scientific and technical progress possible on a global level.



The IIW's Mission is to operate as the global body for the science and application of joining technology, providing a forum for networking and knowledge exchange among scientists, researchers and industry. Through the work of its 23 Technical Working Units, the organization's technical focus encompassed the joining, cutting and surface treatment of metallic and nonmetallic materials by such processes as welding, brazing, soldering, additive manufacturing thermal cutting, thermal spraying, adhesive bonding and micro joining.

Istituto Italiano della Saldatura (IIS)

The IIS (Istituto Italiano della Saldatura - Italian Institute of Welding) is a non-profit private organization, founded in 1948 as an association.



It's a non-profit association with the mission to "promote and support the progress of welding in all its fields in Italy, including related and complementary techniques, and to contribute to its knowledge and dissemination."

The IIS Group includes two subsidiaries: IIS CERT and IIS SERVICE, each with the legal status of limited liability companies (srl) and wholly owned by IIS. Additionally, H2 IIS SIDER is 50% owned by IIS in partnership with Sider Test srl.

The IIS Group features a multidisciplinary and versatile structure, consisting of specialized operational divisions capable of offering comprehensive services in various industrial sectors such as oil & gas, civil and industrial infrastructure, energy, transportation, chemical, electromechanical, and manufacturing industries, both in Italy and abroad. Currently, the Group employs approximately 240 people.



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IIS



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Porto Antico

Local Organizing Committee



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Technical Program Chairman
of International Conference



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Exhibition & Sponsorship



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Onsite Support
Logistics & Registrations



Registration

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Full Registration Includes:

- Access to all session including the Annual Assembly, International Conference and Exhibition
- Access to the Symposium Intelligent Manufacturing
- Name badge, conference bag
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception
- One ticket to the National Evening
- One ticket to the Gala Banquet
- Conference Proceedings

Full Registration (Annual Assembly & International Conference) – Young Professionals and Students includes:

- Access to all session including the Annual Assembly, International Conference and Exhibition
- Access to the Symposium Intelligent Manufacturing
- Name badge, conference bag
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception
- Conference Proceedings
- One ticket to the Gala Banquet
- One ticket to the Young Professional Meeting
- One ticket to the National Evening

Accompanying Person includes:

- Name badge
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception
- One ticket to the National Evening
- One ticket to the Gala Banquet

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ONLY

Full Registration Includes:

- Access to International Conference and Exhibition
- Name badge, conference bag

Registration – Young Professionals Includes:

- Access to International Conference and Exhibition
- Name badge, conference bag

Registration – Students Includes:

- Access to International Conference and Exhibition
- Name badge, conference bag

NOTE

The registration fee will be invoiced within one week. Payments in other currencies other than EUR will not be accepted. For information please contact registrations@iiw2025.com

GROUP REGISTRATION

For group registrations (10 or more people), please contact the Organizing Secretariat at registrations@iiw2025.com

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration cancellations are subject to the following conditions:

- Until April 30, 2025: full refund (all refunds will be processed within 1 month from cancellation, bank charges will be deducted)
- From May 1, 2025: no refund

NO name changes will be accepted. Any request to change your billing information (VAT number, address, etc.) submitted after the registration will result in a 50 EUR administrative fee. Any cancellation or modification of your registration, must be notified by e-mail at: registrations@iiw2025.com

The cost for reprinting the badge onsite during the event is 25 EUR.



Registration

TYPES OF REGISTRATION

It's possible to register to both events (Annual Assembly & International Conference) or even just to the International Conference (& GNS 13) only. Categories to be registered include professionals, young professionals, students and accompanying persons.

Registrations can be made in two ways:

- **Individual Registration:** for single participants.
- **Group Registration:** allows registration for groups of participants (10 or more).

HOW TO REGISTER

To complete individual registration, we invite you to use the official link <https://iiw2025.com/registrations/>. By accessing the platform, you can choose the type and mode of registration that best suits your needs and complete payment in just a few steps. For group registrations or whether you are an IIS Associate, you can write to the address registrations@iiw2025.com.

Important Note: Participation does not require the obligation to present a technical contribution. If, however, for your own/internal reasons, your participation is conditioned by the presentation of a technical contribution, we invite you to send it as soon as possible for review, see <https://iiw2025.com/technical-contributions/>.

FEES

Individual Registration

Registration Category	Early Bird [€] By March 31, 2025	Late Registration [€] After March 31, 2025
Full Registration (Annual Assembly & International Conference)	1245	1430
Full Registration (Annual Assembly & International Conference) – Young Professionals/Students	620	720
Accompanying Person (IIW)	440	490
International Conference & Giornate Nazionali di Saldatura GNS 13	685	780
International Conference & Giornate Nazionali di Saldatura GNS 13 – Young Professionals (under 36)	340	390
International Conference & Giornate Nazionali di Saldatura GNS 13 – Students (under 36)	270	305

All prices are VAT included.

YP and Students Fees are eligible only to participants under 36.

In order to benefit from the special fee for under 36, a copy of your ID or Passport must be sent via e-mail to registrations@iiw2025.com upon registration.



Registrations



Technical Contributions



Hotels

HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THE 78th IIW ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

To ensure all participants and faculty members enjoy a comfortable stay, we have partnered with some nearby hotels, offering a wide range of accommodation options near the event venue.

Participants can book their stay independently and directly through the dedicated portal. We invite you to visit the following link to view available accommodation options and complete your booking:

BOOK YOUR STAY HERE >

We recommend booking as early as possible to secure the best rates and availability.

We look forward to welcoming you to Genoa for this unmissable opportunity to connect and engage in the field of welding and allied technologies!

Program Overview

22 JUNE 2025

- Registration, IIW General Assembly, Stakeholders Meeting
- Symposium on AI
- Opening ceremony and welcome reception at Opera Theater "Carlo Felice" - h. 19:00

23 JUNE 2025

- Meeting of IIW Commissions and IAB Groups
- National Evening at "Palazzo Ducale" - h. 19:30

24 JUNE 2025

- Meeting of IIW Commissions and IAB Groups
- YP event - h. 20:00

25 JUNE 2025

- Meeting of IIW Commissions and IAB Groups
- Gala Banquet at Genoa Acquarium - h. 20:00

26 JUNE 2025

- International Conference, GNS 13 (National Welding days)
- Welcome Lunch and Reception

27 JUNE 2025

- International Conference, GNS 13 (National Welding days)
- Farewell Lunch



[Book Your Stay](#)



Technical Working Units and Administrative Working Units

TECHNICAL WORKING UNITS

- C-I** Additive Manufacturing, Surfacing, and Thermal Cutting
- C-II** Arc Welding and Filler Metals
- C-III** Resistance Welding, Solid State Welding and Allied Joining Process
- C-IV** Power Beam Processes
- C-V** NDT and Quality Assurance of Welded Products
- C-VI** Terminology
- C-VII** Microjoining and Nanojoining
- C-VIII** Health, Safety and Environment
- C-IXa** Behaviour of Metals Subjected to Welding
- C-X** Structural Performances of Welded Joints – Fracture Avoidance
- C-XI** Pressure Vessels, Boilers and Pipelines
- C-XII** Arc Welding Processes and Production Systems
- C-XIII** Fatigue of Welded Components and Structures
- C-XIV** Education and Training
- C-XV** Design, Analysis, and Fabrication of Welded Structures
- C-XVI** Polymer Joining and Adhesive Technology
- C-XVII** Brazing, Soldering and Diffusion Bonding
- C-XVIII** Quality Management
- C-XIX** Physics of welding

INTERNATIONAL AUTHORIZATION BOARD

- IAB-GA** IAB-GA Education Training and Qualification
- IAB-GB** IAB-GB Implementation Authorization and Certification
- IAB MM IAB** IAB MM IAB Members Meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE WORKING UNITS

- IIW BoD** Board of Directors
- TMB** Technical Management Board
- WG-TCOM** Technical Commissions
- WitW** Welding in the World Editorial Team
- WG-STAND** Standardisation
- WG-YP** Young Professionals
- Advisory** Advisory Council
- IAB Board** IAB Board



Technical Events

IIW INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & GNS 13 Applications and Energy Transition

The **transition to a sustainable energy future** relies heavily on the development and deployment of innovative materials and technologies. Hydrogen, as a clean and versatile energy carrier, plays a pivotal role in this transition. This conference will explore the latest advancements for hydrogen production, storage, and utilization with a focus on materials, welding and joining technologies. The conference will also address the integration of hydrogen into existing energy systems, regulatory and economic challenges, and future research directions. By bringing together leading experts, researchers, and industry professionals, this conference aims to foster collaboration and accelerate the adoption of hydrogen as a key component of the global energy transition.

Intelligent Manufacturing Symposium

The Symposium, themed “Intelligent Manufacturing,” will focus on key topics such as the digitalization of manufacturing processes, Additive Manufacturing, advanced inspection techniques, and other digital enabling technologies.

Technical Commission

During the event, the work of each Technical Commission will take place. Visit the website to view the detailed program.

Thematic Workshops

These are the thematic workshops of the GNS 13:

- Metallurgy of welded joints
- Quality control and inspection of welded joints
- Artificial Intelligence and Digitalization
- Welding technology and related processes
- Fabrication of welded structures and equipment
- Design and in-service behaviour of welded structures
- Bonding and adhesive technologies
- Hydrogen Applications and Energy Transition

Permanent Exhibition of Technical Sponsors

The **Technical Sponsors** of the GNS represent a real added value of the event, in which they actively collaborate with their exhibition spaces and the appreciated presentations, an important moment of updating for all participants.

Networking

The National Welding Days are not just a series of technical events, but are intended to represent a moment of professional **meeting** and **comparison** for the varied world of welding. The inaugural buffet (Thursday 26 June) and lunch (Friday 27 June) will be prepared, according to tradition, by one of the most prestigious brands in Ligurian catering.



Social Program

22 JUNE 2025

Opening ceremony and welcome reception at Opera Theater "Carlo Felice"

Experience Genoa's premier opera house, Teatro Carlo Felice, an iconic venue in the heart of the city. With its stunning acoustics, elegant design, and rich cultural heritage, this historic theater sets the perfect stage for our Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. Join us for an unforgettable evening in one of Italy's most prestigious performing arts venues.



23 JUNE 2025

National Evening at "Palazzo Ducale"

Step into history at Palazzo Ducale, a majestic palace that once served as the seat of Genoa's government. This breathtaking venue, with its magnificent frescoed halls and grand architecture, provides the perfect setting for an authentic Italian dinner. Indulge in exquisite cuisine while immersing yourself in the charm and elegance of this historic landmark.



24 JUNE 2025

Young Professional Event at "La Rosa dei Venti"

Join us for a lively and exclusive evening dedicated to Young Professionals at "La Rosa dei Venti" in the heart of the Genoa Waterfront. This dynamic setting is perfect for networking, socializing, and enjoying traditional Neapolitan pizza in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. A night of great food, connections, and entertainment awaits!
Dress code: Casual Business
CONGRESS BADGE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY



25 JUNE 2025



Gala Banquet at "Tolda Nave Blu"

Enjoy a spectacular evening aboard the **Tolda Nave Blu**, an exclusive open-air venue connected to the Genoa Aquarium. With breathtaking views of the city and the sea, this unique setting offers the perfect atmosphere for an elegant Gala Banquet under the stars. Indulge in fine dining and a refined ambiance, making this a truly unforgettable night on Genoa's



Submissions and Deadlines

CALL FOR TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Submissions are invited in the following categories:

- Contributions to one of the technical commissions within the Annual Assembly.
- Contributions for the International Conference on Welding and Joining, themed "Hydrogen Applications and Energy Transition"
- Contributions for the Symposium, themed "Intelligent Manufacturing" (including digitalization of manufacturing processes, Additive Manufacturing, advanced inspection techniques, and all digital enabling technologies)

Submission Procedure:

- **New users**

Register here: <https://iiwelding.org/registration/>

After registration, submit your work by clicking

<https://iiwelding.org/about-iiw/submit-your-work-to-iiw-aa-and-ic/>

- **Registered users**

Log in here: <https://iiwelding.org/login/>, then proceed to submit your work by clicking <https://iiwelding.org/about-iiw/submit-your-work-to-iiw-aa-and-ic/>

Alternatively, once you logged in on the Homepage <https://iiwelding.org/>, go to the "Join IIW" menu, select "Submit your work to IIW" and then click the "Submit your work to IIW Annual Assembly and International Conference" button at the bottom of the page.

Session	Deadline
Abstract for Annual Assembly Technical Commission	March 31, 2025
Abstract for Symposium	March 31, 2025
Abstract for International Conference	March 31, 2025



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