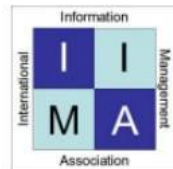




Call for Papers

37th Annual Conference of the International Information Management Association (IIMA)



International Burch University
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Sunday, September 6 - Thursday, September 10, 2026

Rebuilding Bridges: Sustainable Cyber-Physical Integration in the AI Era

In a time where generative AI, cyber-physical systems, and rapid digital transformation reshape economies and societies, IIMA 2026 invites scholars and practitioners to explore how technology can rebuild bridges between people, institutions, sectors, and regions. The 2026 theme emphasizes sustainable integration: how intelligent systems, data-driven processes, and human-centred design can jointly support ethical, secure, and future-oriented information management.

The International Information Management Association (IIMA) was founded in 1989, with the mission of providing a unique blend of high-quality academic research and social interaction. The 37th annual meeting aims to promote the dynamic exchange of ideas among researchers, educators, developers and practitioners who share their research and disseminate innovations in education, business, government, and public and social arenas.

Sarajevo is a lively, welcoming city where history, culture and innovation meet. Set in a mountain valley, it blends Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian and modern architecture within walking distance of each other. Its old bazaars, cafés and riverfront bridges create a warm atmosphere that reflects the city's multicultural character. Sarajevo is affordable, safe and easily accessible, with a growing tech and start-up scene supported by international universities and research centres. As a place where East and West intersect, it offers an inspiring setting for global dialogue, collaboration and forward-looking ideas.

Venue: International Burch University, Sarajevo

International Burch University (IBU) is a leading private university in Bosnia and Herzegovina, known for its international orientation, strong research culture, and modern infrastructure. With contemporary facilities, innovation-driven programs, and close ties to regional industry, IBU provides an ideal setting for a global conference focused on cybersecurity, AI, digital transformation, and sustainable information systems.

Conference Topics

We invite original and high-quality submissions from researchers and practitioners, including but not limited to emerging ideas and trends in the following areas:

- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning:** Advancements, applications, and ethical considerations.
- **Cybersecurity and Privacy:** Protecting information in the age of cyber threats.
- **Sustainable Technology Solutions:** Greening IT and technology for a sustainable, equitable or inclusive future.
- **Digital Transformation:** Case studies and models for managing change in digital systems.
- **Data Governance and Compliance:** Managing data responsibly with respect to global regulations.
- **Ethics in Information Management:** Balancing innovation with ethical responsibility.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Innovations in data analytics, big data, and predictive modeling.
- **Cloud Computing and Virtualization:** Trends in infrastructure management and cloud services.
- **Human-Computer Interaction:** Designing intuitive and inclusive systems.
- **Blockchain in Information Management:** Transformative applications beyond cryptocurrencies.
- **Education and Training in Information Management:** Preparing the workforce for evolving demands.

If you have any queries about potential submissions, please contact the programme chair.

Important Dates and Guidelines for Submission of Papers:

Submissions for this conference must not have already been published in a journal, presented at another conference, or be currently under consideration for publication or presentation elsewhere. See the guidelines and information on how to submit to www.iima.org or submit directly via

[Communications of the IIMA](#)

Full and short paper submission deadline:	July 17, 2026, midnight Anywhere on Earth (AoE) - new due date!
Extended abstract, panel and workshop submission:	July 17, 2026 midnight AoE. - new due date!
Latest conference acceptance notification:	not later than August 1, 2026
Final version and conference fee payment by presenters due:	August 14, 2026

Full papers are up to 25 pages, including references and all appendices.

Short papers are up to 8 pages, including references and all appendices.

The (extended) abstract can range between 400 and a maximum of 1500 words.

Review Process: All papers will be peer-reviewed to ensure academic integrity and relevance to the conference theme.

Panel or Workshop Proposal:

To propose a panel or a workshop on any of the conference themes, contact the program chair member Nerko Hadziarapovic (nerko.hadziarapovic@hu.nl). For a panel, provide the session topic and a list of 3-5 potential panellists. For a workshop, provide a short description and outline (max 450 words) of the proposed workshop.

Registration:

Registration for the conference is per the schedule of fees below:

Standard Fee	Student Fee
Early Registration (before August 14, 2025): €300	Early Student (before August , 2025): €120
Regular Registration: €350	Regular Student: €130
One Day Registration: €150	Retired/Emeriti: €200

For presenters, registration and fees are due by August 14, 2026. Hotel near venue:

Hotel Hills Sarajevo Congress & Thermal Spa Resort

A 5★ luxury resort set in the green oasis of Ilidža, just minutes from Sarajevo Airport and near the Thermal Riviera Ilidža area. This hotel combines wellness, spa & thermal facilities with restaurants, indoor & outdoor pools, and modern rooms — ideal for relaxation or business stays. There will be a shuttle bus from Hotel Hills to the conference venue.

Official website: <https://www.hotelhills.ba/>

Very close to Ilidža attractions and natural spa facilities; a premium choice for comfort and leisure.

Tip: While this hotel offers excellent quality and facilities, you may find more affordable options in the city centre or through private rentals (Airbnb, local apartments, guesthouses) if budget is a priority.

New for 2026:

A limited number of scholarships and fee waivers will be available for participants who wish to attend but require financial support. Information will be published on the conference website.

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Papers

Papers must follow the guidelines in the current Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA). The language of the conference and related publications is English. Each submitted paper must include an abstract and must conform to the following format: First page: title, author(s), email address, institution, abstract. Second and subsequent pages: title, full manuscript (limited to 25 double-spaced pages). Each accepted paper must be presented at the conference and be accompanied by paid registration before being included and published in the IIMA 2026 Conference Proceedings. To ensure you follow these guidelines, [please use the IIMA Conference Paper Template](#). If you do not use the template, you may risk a desk rejection of your submitted paper.

Collaboration with IIMA Journals:

The best papers of the conference will be sent to the Communications of the IIMA (CIIMA), a double blind, peer-reviewed publication (ISSN: 1543-5970 print & ISSN: 1941-6687 online) (<http://scholarworks.lib.csusb.edu/ciima/>)

Submitted abstracts and short papers can later be expanded to full papers and submitted to one of the two following journals: Communications of the IIMA (CIIMA) 1941-6687-on-line, or the Journal of International Technology and Information Management (JITIM) 1941-6679-online: <https://scholarworks.lib.csusb.edu/jitim/> or <https://scholarworks.lib.csusb.edu/ciima/>.



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