30th Annual Science and Technology Indicators Conference

Call for Papers
Indicators for a Responsible Research Future
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We are excited to invite submissions for the **30th Annual Conference on Science and Technology Indicators**, centered on the theme **"Indicators for a Responsible Research Future"**. This year's conference will explore how STI indicators can better reflect and promote diversity, inclusivity, openness, and sustainability in research assessment and policy. Participants will examine how indicators can align with societal values and long-term goals, while addressing the challenges posed by rapid technological change and an increasingly uncertain global landscape.

The program will also consider how STI indicators capture evolving patterns of collaboration, competition, and knowledge exchange, and how they might support more equitable international cooperation in times of rising geopolitical tension.

Bringing together leading scholars, policymakers, and practitioners, the conference offers a platform to discuss the latest developments in research metrics, evaluation practices, and their broader policy implications. As **one of Europe's oldest communities dedicated to research measurement and policy**, the STI-ENID network is proud to celebrate its 30th conference this year.

We welcome contributions that engage with this year's theme and advance the dialogue on building a responsible research future.

Specifically, we invite submissions addressing the following topics:

- Responsible research assessment: frameworks, reforms, and future pathways
- Meta-research on global cooperation and competition, impact of (geo)political tensions, research security, collaboration and knowledge flows in a changing research landscape
- Assessing societal responsibility and transparency, including open science, reproducibility, sustainability, equity, inclusivity and research integrity
- Developing next-generation indicators for responsible innovation, societal value and the long-term impact of research.
- New analytical approaches: AI-assisted metric development, automation and responsible use of data
- Bibliodiversity: the role of books, multilingual scholarly communication, and diverse research outputs
- Historical perspectives on Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators in celebration of the conference's 30th anniversary

We encourage a variety of methodological and epistemological approaches, including high-quality work employing quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods. Contributions from all perspectives are welcome to ensure a vibrant and inclusive dialogue.

Additional Topics of Interest

Beyond the central theme, we welcome submissions on a broad range of topics in science and technology studies, including:

- Academic careers and research culture
- Reproducibility and replicability
- Research practice and evaluation in the Global South
- Open science practices and open research information
- Non-traditional research dissemination and valuation
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion in research and careers
- Collaboration, interdisciplinarity, and transdisciplinarity
- Funding impact assessment and innovation policy
- Societal impact of research and behavioural effects of indicators
- Scholarly communication and systemic impacts of evaluations
- Theoretical foundations, meta-research, and university rankings
- Higher education studies related to research practices and careers

Types of Contributions

We invite submissions of:

- Full Papers or Papers-in-progress presenting rigorous and original research
- Special Sessions fostering (inter)disciplinary and critical dialogue
- Posters that engagingly present research or interventions relevant to the conference. The poster exhibition will be held in the entrance hall of the Aula Rector Dhanis (Building K) and in the adjacent Building R

Submission Guidelines

Submissions should be made via www.stienid2026.org, following the guidelines provided on the conference website. We would also like to inform you that the Conference Proceedings will be made available online.

Key Deadlines

- Submission Deadlines: 20th February, 2026 (Special Sessions) and 15th March, 2026 (Papers, Papers-in-progress and Posters)
- Notification of Acceptance: 29th May, 2026
- Registration opens: 4th May, 2026

For additional information, visit www.stienid2026.org or stienid2026@uantwerpen.be.

We look forward to your submissions and to welcoming you to Antwerp in 2026!