

**Minutes of the
Virtual Meeting of the IFToMM TC for Tribology (TC-Trib)
Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, 2pm (Italian time, UTC/GMT+1)**

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Attendance list

Andreas ALMQVIST
Mihai ARGHIR
Jose Daniel BIASOLI DE MELLO
Giuseppe CARBONE
Steven CHATTERTON
Enrico CIULLI
Federico COLOMBO
Alexander FIDLIN
Andrei GRIGORIEV
Dae-Eun KIM

Silvia LOGOZZO
Lorenza MATTEI
Nikolai MYSHKIN
Terenziano RAPARELLI
Adrian RIENÄCKER
Alessandro RUGGIERO
Andrea TRIVELLA
Maria Cristina VALIGI
Noritsugu UMEHARA

Apologies

Henara COSTA, Mitjan KALIN, Hong LIANG, Remigiusz MICHALCZEWSKI, Vincenzo NIOLA

Agenda

- 1) Tribology Conferences and other TC-Trib activities
- 2) Application of new members
- 3) Any other business

1) Tribology Conferences and other TC-Trib activities

Members of the TC are directly involved in the organization of some conferences in 2026, as in particular:

IFIT 2026 – The Sixth International Conference of IFToMM ITALY, 9-11 September 2026, Foligno, Italy.

Lorenza Mattei furnishes some details about the Special Track on “*Tribology for Life and Sustainability: From Biotribology to Green Engineering*” organized inside IFIT 2026. Members of the TC are invited to participate sending an email to lorenza.mattei@unipi.it as soon as possible.

Maria Cristina Valigi mentions that the deadline for full paper submission will be probably extended to the end of the last week of this month.

Early registration deadline: 15/06/2026

Detailed information about the Conference at: <https://www.iftommitaly.it/ifit2026/>

WTC 2026 – 8th World Tribology Congress, 20-25 September 2026, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Jose Daniel BIASOLI DE MELLO furnishes some details (short presentation): about 870 registrations at the moment, 1350 participants expected, 945 abstracts (oral presentations and posters), 170 sessions expected.

Early registration deadline: May 31st 2026

Detailed information about the Congress at: <https://www.wtc2026.org/>

A meeting of TC-Trib should be organized during the WTC. Lunch breaks at 12.40, on 22, 23 or 24 September, or after closure of the afternoon sessions at 18.10, on 22 or 24 September, could be possible dates. The decision will be made in June or July.

IOCLTC 2026 – The 1st International Online Conference on Lubricants and Tribological Contacts, 16–17 November 2026

Abstract Submission Deadline: 19 July 2026

Abstract Acceptance Notification: 16 August 2026

Registration Deadline: 10 November 2026

<https://sciforum.net/event/IOCLTC2026>

Webinars organized jointly with the AIMETA Tribology Group (GAIT) in 2026

Two webinars already planned, to be organized in the first months of 2026:

3rd IFToMM-AIMETA webinar: Recent advancement in musculoskeletal multibody modelling and simulation of bio-tribological contacts - Alessandro Sicilia

4th IFToMM-AIMETA webinar: Gaseous flow between rough surfaces: from aerostatic regime to contact - Julian Le Rouzic, Oumaima Nakiri and Mihai Arghir

Alessandro Ruggiero and Mihai Arghir confirm the webinars.

Mihai specify that the presenter of the 4th webinar will be Julian Le Rouzic.

Dates to be decided. Alessandro will take care of the organization and will keep informed the members of TC-Trib.

2) Application of new members

C received since last meeting the candidatures of three potential new members:

- Auezhan Amanov (Tampere University, FINLAND)
- Yoshinori Sawae (Kyushu University, JAPAN)
- Takayuki Tokoroyama (Nagoya University, JAPAN)

CVs and letters of support of the Chairs of the relevant Member Organizations sent to all TC-Trib members by email.

The candidatures are approved unanimously.

3) Any other business

The proposal of MDPI Lubricants as affiliated journal of IFToMM sent on December 2023 is still pending. C has been in contact with the Chair of the Advisory Board for Publications: the organization of the Tiers has been not finalized yet.

Suggestion of Hong Liang: IFToMM TC-Trib could establish some awards to boost up our fields. Top researchers, midcareer, and young generations, should be awarded more to attract them to the society and the field. No money is needed, just an honor. It carries a long way. We could start to think at this.

Dae-Eun Kim warns about possible conflicts with the IFToMM rules. C is involved in the Constitution Committee and will check.

The meeting closes at 14.35

Enrico Ciulli