



Global collaborative programme and the Paris Session



Knowledge programme – events

On a two yearly cycle, CIGRE operates the world's foremost collaborative knowledge development and sharing programme. Featuring extensive remote collaboration, coupled with periodic face to face events, in many cases including the participation of the world's leading experts.

The events comprise globally orientated Symposia, Colloquia, and Study Group meetings, as well as macro-regionally and locally focused conferences and panels. Some 250 Working Groups produce around 40 Technical Brochures per year. Every two years this programme culminates in the world's number one global power system event in France, known as the Paris Session.

The CIGRE Biennial Paris Session

The CIGRE Biennial Session is held in Paris, France in even number years. It is the number one global power system event in the world, bringing together some 8000 power industry participants from over 90 countries, including 3500 international experts and other decision-makers. This is a unique week long interactive opportunity. Over 160 working meetings, over 30 Study Committee sessions and around 400 papers focus on and discuss the association's 16 fields of activities.



Paris Session much more than a traditional conference

At the Paris Session, unlike at most conferences, Authors do not present their papers. Their papers are circulated to delegates and carefully analysed in advance by the Study Committee 'Special Reporters'. Before the Paris Session, these Special Reporters prepare a series of questions addressed to the community in order to stimulate contributions. The 'Group Discussion Meeting' of each Study Committee, managed by the Special Reporter, allows the selected 'Contributors' to present their point of view and experience, before an audience of experts. This way the collective expertise of the Contributors is harnessed to create new ideas that build on what the author presented in their paper under discussion. New ideas and knowledge are synthesised the

Unique thought leadership event

Special Reporters critically explore 400+ Technical Papers with delegates

Culmination of two year work programme

The Paris Session stands alone for its unique role in the CIGRE knowledge programme

Deliberation, collaboration, goal setting across 16 domains

- 160 Working Group meetings
- 30+ Study Committee sessions

Defining the next two year work programme

Technical Council reviews Session findings to define topic focus for the next two years

New ideas and knowledge are synthesised

Two year work programme

The Paris Session – the world's leading global event for sharing power system expertise

following day in what are called 'Daily Reports'. These, along with other Group Discussion Meeting inputs, form the basis of what the CIGRE Study Committees and their 'Working Groups' will focus on in the following two years. Following the 5 day Paris Session, the CIGRE Technical Council also meets to gather feedback and lessons learned, to define what preferential topics should be addressed in the same two year time frame.

The Paris Session is extensively supported by the industry. The Technical Exhibition held in the same premises allows visitors to discover new services, tools, equipment and materials as well as the most advanced technologies in the field of power systems.

CIGRE's Paris Session is the place to be! Big names of the Industry choose the Paris Session to launch key products and journalists from 15 or more countries come to cover this unique event.

How to participate

The Paris Session is open to all, though CIGRE members enjoy reduced registration fees and have access to a wider range of Session meetings.

Registrations occur on line. CIGRE's Central Office in Paris takes registrations directly from all countries where a NC does not. Where a NC does take registrations, delegates should make their registration via their local NC website. If a delegate is unsure about who to register with they can contact the Paris Office to initiate their registration.

To attend tutorials, working meetings, and Study Committee sessions delegates must register in advance. This allows them to receive papers and special reports in the lead up to the Session.

Symposia

Normally two Symposia are held in odd number years, in various countries where CIGRE is present. Symposia are coordinated by CIGRE's Central Office, examining broad Reference Papers by international experts. They are normally based upon collaboration of 4 to 6 Study Committees.

Like the Paris Session, Symposia focus on specific subjects of topical interest. Papers are peer reviewed in advance by Study Committee international experts. Wrap up discussions are also held following presentations. However, Symposia are run more like an industry conference, with authors making 15 to 20 minute presentations of their papers to delegates.

Symposia typically are two day events attracting 500 to 800 delegates. The next Symposium, titled 'Going off shore', will be held in Denmark in 2019.

Colloquia

Colloquia are one day, topic specific conferences organised normally by a Study Committee in connection with a host

NC, attracting 100 to 150 delegates. Although more focused, Colloquia also present only papers peer reviewed by Study Committee international experts.

There are potentially 16 Colloquia per year, but sometimes two or occasionally three Study Committees join to organise a Colloquium. The Colloquia are generally associated with the meeting of the Study Committees.

Macro-region and national events

Macro-regional groups organise regional events in a similar way to NCs. NCs and Working Groups in specific countries run local events such as conferences, workshops and tutorials. Unlike the Paris Session, Symposia and Colloquia, local events are driven mostly by topics of local concern, but papers presented are still peer reviewed by local experts and tutorials are normally presented by internationally recognised experts.

Registrations for national events are handled by the local National Committee or Working Group[s].

