



SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT

IASS 2025 SYMPOSIUM
THE LIVING PAST AS A SOURCE OF INNOVATION
27–31 Oct 2025, Mexico City.



INTRODUCTION

The International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) gathers worldwide architects, engineers, and practitioners interested in conceiving, designing, and constructing shells and spatial structures. The last IASS Symposia were held in Melbourne, Australia, in 2023 and in Zürich, Switzerland, in 2024.

Mexico has already held two previous editions of this symposium, the first time in 1967 in Mexico City and the second in 2008 in Acapulco, Guerrero. The third edition will be in the historic downtown of Mexico City, the capital and largest cultural city, where you can find around 170 museums, 100 galleries, and 30 concert halls. Besides, Mexico's gastronomy is worth trying.

Mexico City has plenty of examples of well-known reinforced concrete shells. Félix Candela, in collaboration with many other architects and engineers, constructed several hundreds of shells throughout the city and the country. All those interested in Candela's legacy can visit these remarkable lightweight structures.

THEME AND TOPICS

The theme of the IASS 2025 symposium is **the living past as a source of innovation**, which will offer an open space for dialoguing and facing these future architectural and engineering challenges of our society worldwide. All topics related to these aims are welcome to participate in this symposium.

DATES AND VENUE

The symposium will be held from 27 to 31 October 2025 at the *Palacio de Minería* in Mexico City.

Welcome to Mexico City: *¡Mi casa es tu casa!*

CALL FOR PAPERS

Architects, engineers, students, and all those interested in shells and spatial structures are invited to submit 300-word abstracts and participate in IASS 2025. If you are under the age of thirty at the end of the calendar year of the Annual Symposium, you are cordially invited to participate in the IASS [Hangai Prize](#).

DEADLINES

Abstract Submission: February 28, 2025
All other relevant deadlines will be announced later.

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SOCIAL PROGRAM

It will include a welcome reception, technical field trips, a gala dinner, and an accompanying persons program.

INFORMATION

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