

# 63rd General Assembly

## AGM & technical conference

October 16th to 19th 2022, Geneva, Switzerland



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#### BOOKINGS

The special 'early bird' booking rate closes on **Wednesday August 31st 2022**. The final booking deadline is **Friday October 7th 2022**.

It will not be possible to attend the event without booking in advance. Tickets will not be available on the door. A booking form is sent with this notice: please use one form per delegate.

Delegates from non-member companies will only be confirmed after payment or receipt of credit card details.

#### REGISTRATION DESK

The T.I.C. **registration desk** will be open from **15:00 to 18:00 on Sunday October 16th**. Please come to the desk as early as you can to collect your papers and your badge.

Please wear your badge at all times during any conference event.

#### PROGRAMME

The 63rd General Assembly of the T.I.C. is generously sponsored by our silver sponsors: **A&R Merchants Inc.** and **Materion**.

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Association will be held at 8:30 on Monday October 17th.

**Technical presentations** will be given on Monday (morning and afternoon) and Tuesday morning. Please do not schedule your side meetings during the technical sessions.

On Monday afternoon, there will be a **workshop** around the **Tarantula project**, of which the T.I.C. is a partner.

On Wednesday, delegates will be given the opportunity to join a **private tour of CERN**, followed by lunch.

The T.I.C. invites all delegates and accompanying persons to a **Welcome Reception** on Sunday evening, from 18:00 to 20:00.

On Monday evening, all participants are invited to a **Gala Dinner** at the Château des Bois, a 20-minute drive away from the Fairmont Hotel (transport by bus).

#### DELEGATES (TECHNICAL MEETING)

##### Delegates of member companies:

The AGM at 8:30 on Monday is restricted to delegates from member companies. All the delegates from a member company may attend, but only one delegate may vote. He or she will be required to sign in on arrival

at the AGM so please arrive in time. If you have a vote, it is important that you attend.

#### Delegates of non-member companies:

People from companies which are not T.I.C. members may attend a maximum of two annual conferences as an observer/potential applicant. If non-members are interested in attending more conferences they should apply for membership.

#### ACCOMPANYING PERSONS (SIGHTSEEING)

**Afternoon tea** will be offered on Sunday from 14:30 to 16:30, for accompanying persons to greet old friends and make new ones.

People accompanying the delegates are invited to the **Welcome Reception** on Sunday evening and the **Gala Dinner** on Monday evening.

**Sightseeing tours** for accompanying persons are being arranged for Monday and Tuesday. Full details will be provided to those who have booked. For any questions about these tours, please contact [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org). Accompanying persons are asked to book in advance (via the booking form) so that a place can be reserved for them.

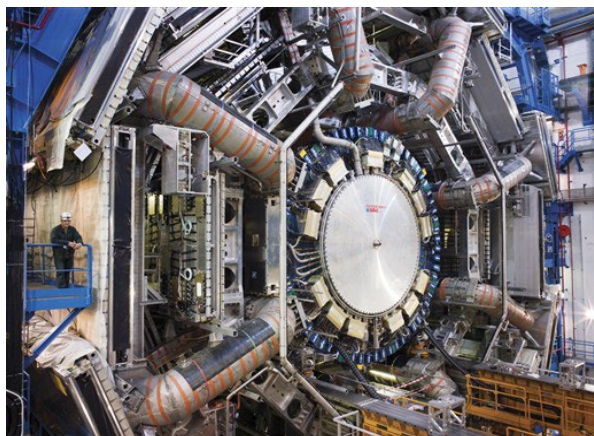
On Wednesday, accompanying persons are invited to join delegates for the **trip to CERN followed by lunch**.

**This is a special programme and fee for accompanying persons - persons who are in Geneva for tourism only. If you are in Geneva for business purposes, you must book as a 'delegate'.**

#### FIELD TRIP TO CERN

On Wednesday, delegates are offered the opportunity to take a **private tour of CERN**, one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research. The tour will focus on the use of niobium in CERN's superconducting magnets.

Busses will leave the hotel at 8:30 to take the group to CERN. After the visit, lunch will be taken at "Le Chef" restaurant. This restaurant is located within Geneva airport so delegates may stay on site to catch their flight if they wish. When planning a flight, please take into account that lunch will end around 14:30. Other delegates will return to the hotel around 15:00.



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Space on the tour is limited and will be allocated to confirmed delegates on a first-come, first-booked basis (kindly advise your choice on the booking form).

For security reasons, CERN requests some personal details (see booking form). Booking this trip to CERN implies agreement for T.I.C. to share the requested personal details with CERN. Delegates wishing to join the trip do so at their own risk and the T.I.C. takes no responsibility whatsoever.

#### TARANTULA PROJECT WORKSHOP

The T.I.C. is part of a consortium of 16 organisations to be awarded funding to study innovative new ways to recover niobium (Nb), tantalum (Ta) and tungsten (W) from mine by-products and processing waste streams, materials which are currently considered to be uneconomical.

The Tarantula project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No.821159.

The workshop held on Monday afternoon will present and discuss this project.

#### FAIRMONT GRAND HOTEL GENEVA

All events of the T.I.C. General Assembly except the gala dinner on Monday and the field trip on Wednesday will be held at the Fairmont Grand Hotel Geneva, where a block booking of bedrooms has also been secured at a special rate for delegates.

**Exclusive room rates for delegates at the Fairmont Grand Hotel** (subject to change of tax rate):

- **Fairmont Room for single occupancy: CHF 290 per night**
- **Fairmont Room for double occupancy: CHF 330 per night**

These bedroom rates include breakfast and VAT (3.7%). They do not include the city tax (CHF 3.75 per person, per night). Further information about the Fairmont Grand hotel can be found [here](#).

**The link to book bedrooms online at the special T.I.C. rate is available [here](#).**

Bedrooms may be cancelled without charge until 7 days prior to arrival. After this time, the full amount of the stay will be charged to the credit card provided when booking.

**Check-in** time is 15:00, **Check-out** time is 12:00.

The hotel accommodation is not included in the meeting fee. The bill for your room, together with meals and other services outside the conference programme, must be paid to the hotel on departure.

**Note: reserving a bedroom does not imply booking for the T.I.C. meeting. It is mandatory to also complete the meeting booking form and return it to [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org).**

There are some **private meeting rooms** available. Please contact the T.I.C. for further information.

## ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

Travel time from Geneva International Airport (GVA) to the Fairmont Grand hotel is around 15 minutes by taxi and costs around EUR 35.

The train from Geneva Airport to Cornavin station (the city's main station) takes 6 minutes. The hotel is a 10-minute walk from the station.

## VISAS

Switzerland is part of the Schengen Area. Further information about visa requirements and application procedures can be found [here](#) (see under 'Entry').

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Dietary requirements:** please inform the T.I.C. at the time of booking if you have special dietary requirements and we will endeavour to accommodate them.

**Currency:** the currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). For reference, CHF 100 are currently worth around USD 105 or EUR 102.

**Weather:** daytime temperatures in October are around 10-15°C (50-60°F). Some rain can be expected so bring your umbrella.

**Internet:** complimentary high speed WiFi access in all guestrooms, function spaces and public areas.

**Power supply:** in Switzerland, the standard power supply is 230V, 50 Hz. European plugs with 2 round prongs (type C) can be used in Swiss sockets (of type J). But European plugs of type E or F (earthed) will not fit in Swiss type J sockets and will require an adapter.

**Insurance:** please arrange your own insurance, including travel insurance. The T.I.C. cannot be held responsible for accidents or mishaps.

**Clothes:** for the Gala Dinner the dress code is 'business suit with tie' for men and 'cocktail-style outfits' for ladies.

For the sightseeing tours for accompanying persons, please wear practical clothes and comfortable shoes and bring your umbrella.

Those attending the visit to CERN on Wednesday are requested to wear practical clothes and closed shoes.

## PARTICIPATION FEES

**Technical meeting:** AGM (members only), technical presentations, lunch on Monday/Tuesday, CERN visit with lunch, Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner:

**Delegate of a member or applicant company:**

- Book by August 31st 'early bird': EUR 1300 + VAT
- Book by October 7th 'standard': EUR 1500 + VAT

**Delegate of a non-member company:**

- Book by August 31st 'early bird': EUR 1450 + VAT
  - Book by October 7th 'standard': EUR 1650 + VAT
- (Note: non-members must pay to confirm their place)

**Delegates of non-commercial entities** (NGO, Government, academia, associations...):

- Book by October 7th: EUR 850 + VAT

**Accompanying person:** afternoon tea, Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, two sightseeing tours, CERN visit with lunch:

- Book by October 7th: EUR 600 + VAT

**SWISS VAT OF 7.7% WILL BE ADDED TO ALL FEES.**

**The T.I.C. will issue an invoice with payment details.**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are obliged to cancel your meeting booking, please contact [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org) immediately.

Delegates that cancel by September 15th will receive a full refund of the registration fee, less a processing and administration fee of EUR 50. Delegates that cancel between September 16th and September 30th will receive a 50% refund of the registration fee, less a processing and administration fee of EUR 50. After that date, no refunds will be made, although a colleague can be named to take the place. Delegates are responsible for cancelling their travel and hotel bookings.



**We look forward to seeing you at GA63!**

## TIMETABLE

Please note that the technical programme will be provided separately.

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### Sunday October 16th 2022

15:00 – 18:00	Registration desk open (all participants must have booked in advance)
14:30 – 16:30	<i>Tea for accompanying persons</i>
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Reception

### Monday October 17th 2022

8:30	2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Tantalum-Niobium International Study Center restricted to delegates of member organisations, voting and non-voting Voting delegates: please come in time to sign in
9:30	Coffee break Delegates of applicant and non-member organisations join the group
10:00 – 12:15	Technical session
12:15 – 13:15	Buffet lunch
13:15 – 15:15	Technical session
15:15	Tarantula project workshop
<i>Full day</i>	<i>Sightseeing tour for accompanying persons</i>
18:30	Departure by bus for the Château des Bois
19:00	Cocktails and Gala Dinner at the Château des Bois

### Tuesday October 18th 2022

9:00 – 12:45	Technical session, with coffee break
12:45 – 13:45	Buffet lunch
<i>Full day</i>	<i>Sightseeing tour for accompanying persons</i>

### Wednesday October 19th 2022

8:30 – 15:00	Visit to CERN, followed by lunch at 'Le Chef' restaurant (in Geneva airport) Open to delegates and <i>accompanying persons</i> . Possibility to stay at Geneva airport after lunch (end at 14:30) to catch a flight.
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If you have any questions about the programme or the meeting, please do contact us, and we shall do our best to help. [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org), Tel: +32 2 649 51 58