



THE 52ND IAC CONGRESS & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

“INHERITANCE AND INNOVATION”

27TH JUNE TO 2ND JULY 2026 - JINGDEZHEN, CHINA

PROGRAMME

Saturday 27 June 2026 – DAY 1

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

09:00 CONGRESS REGISTRATION (Collection of accreditation and documentation), open from 9:00 until midnight. Attendees are strongly advised to collect their accreditation on this day if they are already in Jingdezhen.

LOCAL TOURS (free entrance to the sites but self-supported on transportation and meals):

Sanbao Lyu Pinchang Art Museum, Hutian Kiln Museum, Ceramic Art Avenue, Changnanli Grand Bowl, Sculpture Porcelain Factory, Taoxichuan

00:00 End of Day 1

Sunday 28 June 2026 – DAY 2

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

08:00 Welcome Coffee / Collection of accreditation and documentation (if not already collected on Saturday)

09:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY I
- IAC members only -

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 52ND IAC CONGRESS
Welcome speeches by the Jingdezhen Hosts (Jingdezhen Municipality and Jingdezhen Ceramic University), Honoured Citizen of Jingdezhen, Wayne Higby, and IAC President Oriol Calvo Vergés

12:00 GROUP PHOTO

Location: Participant's hotel

12:30 Lunch and free time

Location: Taoxichuan Art Museum

14:00 EXHIBITION OPENINGS
1. IAC International Members' Exhibition
2. IAC International Residencies' Exhibition
3. IAC New Members' Exhibition

- 16:00 AFTERNOON CIRCUITS (pick-up outside entrance of your designated Congress hotel)
1. Ancient Kiln Museum, Jingdezhen China Ceramics Museum, Changnali Art-Toy Town
2. Taoyangli Imperial Kiln Museum, Jingdezhen China Ceramics Museum

Location: Participant's hotel

- 18:30 Opening Dinner (buffet)

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 20:00 CEREMONIES
2025 IAC New Members' Ceremony
IAC Members of Distinction Award Ceremony
- 22:00 End of Day 2
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Monday 29 June 2026 – DAY 3

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE
- Introduction by Moderator Lyu Pinchang (China)
 - Keynote "*Shadows and Shards*" by Wayne Higby (United States)
 - Q&A
- 9:40 LECTURE: "*Jingdezhen Model: A New Development Model that Uses Art as an Endogenous Driving Force to Leverage Heritage Resources*" by Fang Lili (China)
- 10:00 LECTURE: "*Tradition & Jingdezhen*" by Takeshi Yasuda (Japan)
- 10:20 Coffee Break
- 10:50 LECTURE: "*A Study of Yuan Dynasty Official Kilns and Yuan Blue and White Porcelain Based on Archaeological Data and Related Literature*" by Jiang Jianxin (China)
- 11:10 LECTURE: "*Kogei Meets Contemporary Art: The History of Japanese Ceramics from Postmodernism to Today*" by Tetsuya Tanaka (Japan)
- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS
by Kay Aplin (United Kingdom), Tomás Carpio (Ecuador), Andile Dyalvane (South Africa), Cecil Kemperink (The Netherlands), Zhaojing Wang (China)

Location: Participant's hotel

- 12:30 Lunch and free time

Location: Jingdezhen Ceramic University (JCU), Xianghu campus

- 14:00 EXHIBITION OPENINGS
1. Jingdezhen International Ceramic Art Biennale 2026
2. National Exhibition
- 16:00 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
1. Roundtables (IAC members only) - JCU International Academic Report Hall
2. "Ceramic Road"- International Ceramic Education Alliance Symposium – JCU General Conference Hall
3. Free activities: intangible cultural heritage demonstrations on campus, ceramic film screenings, JINGDEZHEN INTERNATIONAL CERAMIC ART BIENNALE 2026, Guest-of-Honour Country Exhibition of the 52nd IAC Congress, and Jingdezhen Ceramic University Outstanding Graduates Exhibition

- 18:30 Dinner Buffet at JCU Canteen
- 19:30 Transfer from JCU to Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 20:00 IAC/UNESCO EVENING
- Opening words by the President of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, Svetlomira Stoyanova, UNESCO Ceramic Chair and President of Jingdezhen University Mr Zhenyu Xiong, and the IAC Representative to UNESCO, Patty Wouters.
 - PRESENTATIONS:
 1. "Memories of the World" by Guangzhen Zhou, Phyllis Kudder-Sullivan & Patty Wouters
 2. "The History and Current State of Tibetan Pottery" by Lu Bin and Xu Ying
 3. "Lumu Golden Brick" by Tan Hongyu
- 22:00 End of Day 3
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Tuesday 30 June 2026 – DAY 4

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE
- Introduction by Moderator Wang Luxiang (China)
 - Keynote "The Development of Contemporary Chinese Ceramic Art: Perspectives from Domestic and International Exhibitions and Studio Residency Program Models" by Bai Ming (China)
 - Q&A
- 9:40 LECTURE: "Be Yourself" by Piet Stockmans (Belgium)
- 10:00 LECTURE: "Joint presentation on Residency Programmes" by Li Chao (China), Rebecca Harvey (United States), Ranti Tjan (The Netherlands)
- 10:40 Coffee Break
- 11:10 LECTURE: "Research on the International Ceramic Artist Residency Program in China" by Jun Wang (China)
- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS
by Karina Garrett (Argentina), Sin-ying Ho (United States), Nurdian Ichsan (Indonesia), Jason Lim (Singapore), Huang Weihong (China)

Location: Participant's hotel

- 12:30 Lunch and free time

Location: Taoxichuan Art Museum

- 14:00 EXHIBITION VISITS
1. IAC International Members' Exhibition
 2. IAC International Residencies' Exhibition
 3. IAC New Members' Exhibition
- 16:00 AFTERNOON CIRCUITS
1. Ancient Kiln Museum, Jingdezhen China Ceramics Museum, Changnali Art-Toy Town
 2. Imperial Kiln Museum, Mingfang Ceramic Park

Location: Participant's hotel

- 18:30 Dinner Buffet

Location: Taoxichuan District

- 20:00 FREE EVENING to visit exhibitions, including “Clay and Fire Visions” at the CAFA Taoxichuan Art Museum
- 22:00 End of Day 4
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Wednesday 1 July 2026 – DAY 5

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE
- Introduction by Moderator Benjamin Evans (United States)
 - Keynote “From History to the Future: Ceramic Heritage Conservation and Cultural Renaissance in Jingdezhen” by Zhang Jie (China)
 - Q&A
- 9:40 LECTURE: “The Narrative of Time – Nirvana of Clay” by Xu Cheng (China)
- 10:00 LECTURE: “Carbon Footprint of Handmade Ceramics” by Yuliya Makliuk (Ukraine)
- 10:20 Coffee Break
- 10:50 LECTURE: “Recycling Glaze-Fired Ceramic Waste: Doing More and Better with Less” by Shashank Nimkar (India)
- 11:10 LECTURE: “Sustainability and Circular Economy in Ceramics” by Sarban Chowdhury (India)
- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS
by Roxana Cervantes (Mexico), Shayonti Salvi (India), Hitomi & Takuro Shibata (United States), Giorgos Vavatsis (Greece)

Location: Participant's hotel

- 12:30 Lunch and free time
- 13:45 AFTERNOON TRIP (*departure from the three Congress hotels*)
Yaoli Raonan Ancient Porcelain-making site, Tianbao Dragon Kiln, Hanxi Village (Light of the Earth)

Location: Participant's hotel

- 19:00 Buffet Dinner

Location: Jingdezhen Grand Bowl – Global Contemporary Art Center in Changnali Art-Toy Town

- 20:00 EXHIBITION VISITS
Group Exhibitions of the Satellite Programme:
1. ‘Ontologies of Touch’ – Oceania IAC members
 2. ‘Postcards from the Monsoon Belt’ – Southeast Asia & India IAC members
 3. ‘Throw Out Bricks to Attract Jade: World Ceramic from Miniatures to UNESCO Cultural Heritages’
 4. ‘Latin America: Territory and Ceramics’ – Latin America & Caribbean IAC members
- 22:00 End of Day 5
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Thursday 2 July 2026 – DAY 6

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee

- 9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE
- Introduction by Moderator Misun Rheem (Republic of Korea)
 - Keynote “*Analog Embodiment and Digital Alienation*” by Robert Hassan (Australia)
- 9:40 LECTURE: “*Long Time No See, Chinese Rituals*” by Huang Chunmao (China)
- 10:00 LECTURE: “*Tapio Wirkkala and his remarkable collaboration with Rosenthal*” by Robert Suk (Germany)
- 10:20 Coffee Break
- 10:50 LECTURE: “*Artificial Intelligence Empowers Mass Innovation in Ceramics*” by Zhang Yuhang (China)
- 11:10 LECTURE: “*Ceramics in the Age of AI: Beyond the Echo Chamber*” by Jisun Kim, Jonghyun Jun, Minsik Lee (Republic of Korea)
- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS
by Atelier Terre Maison Giscard (France), Jane Bamford (Australia), Srinia Chowdhury (India), Bernard Kerr (Australia), Thomas Schmidt (United States)

Location: Participant's hotel

- 12:30 Lunch and free time

Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 14:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY II
- IAC members only -
- 16:00 Coffee Break and Zodiac Exhibition Raffle
- 16:45 GENERAL ASSEMBLY II
- IAC members only -

Location: Taoxichuan Weimin Factory Plaza

- 18:30 FAREWELL DINNER
- Closing Ceremony
 - Handover ceremony to the host city of the next IAC Congress
 - Farewell Dinner & Party
- 22:00 End of Day 6