



Piling & Ground Improvement Conference 2026

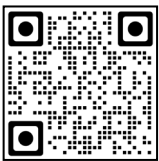


May 18-20, 2026 | Sydney, Australia

Call For Abstracts

Submission Deadline:

**Monday,
May 26, 2025**



Submit 300-word abstracts by going to dfi-events.org/dfi-pfsf26 or scanning the QR code.

Conference Co-Chairs Mark Johnson (PFSF, Piling & Foundation Specialists Federation) and Theresa Engler (DFI, Deep Foundations Institute) along with Program Chair Julien Seidel, Ph.D. (Foundation QA), invite you to submit an abstract for the 3rd PFSF/DFI Conference to be held in Sydney in May 2026.

This conference aims to advance knowledge and best practices in deep foundations, retention systems, and ground improvement. We welcome presentations showcasing innovations in construction equipment, insightful case studies with key lessons learned, discussions on working platform safety, and panel discussion proposals.

Presentation Themes

Topics and case studies, including (but not limited to):

- Developments, innovations and trends in: research; construction equipment, methods and materials (e.g., electrification, grout, concrete, etc.); code requirements; foundations for solar farms; safety
- Designing and constructing safely and effectively in urban environments, including working platforms
- Case Studies of successes or failures with lessons learned
- Ground improvement solutions for structural support and retention works
- Structural and geotechnical design and construction solutions to foundation problems
- Seismic design considerations (e.g., liquefaction, lateral spread, etc.)
- Instrumentation, load testing, non-destructive testing and short- and long-term monitoring
- Sustainability in planning, designing, contracting and construction (e.g., energy piles, equipment/material development, carbon savings, etc.)
- Construction installation data: using measurement while drilling (MWD) or pile driving monitoring for design and quality control/assurance, data management, data presentation, AI, etc.
- Managing risk in the industry: benefits and challenges of project delivery under different contract and finance models, effective specifications related to performance and materials, performance versus prescriptive specifications, etc.
- Deep foundations for cut/cover tunnels; Tunnel and deep foundation interaction

For inquiries, contact:

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Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: **Monday, May 26, 2025**
Abstract Notification of Acceptance: **Early June, 2025**
Draft Papers Due: **Monday, August 18, 2025**
Draft Paper Notification of Acceptance: **Mid-November 2025**
Final Papers Due: **Monday, December 22, 2025**