



SAVE THE DATE
17th International Material Handling Research Colloquium (IMHRC 2025)
Trondheim, Norway
24 – 27 June 2025

Dear Colleagues,

The **College Industry Council on Material Handling Education (CICMHE)**, powered by MHI, is pleased to announce the **17th International Material Handling Research Colloquium (IMHRC)** planned for **24-27 of June 2025**, in the beautiful city of **Trondheim, Norway's Tech Capital and Innovation Hub**.

The venue sponsor is the **Production Management Research Group** and **Logistics 4.0 Lab** at Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at **Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)**, the largest university in Norway.

The IMHRC has taken place every two years since 1990 in a number of locations in the USA and Europe. The event provides a **unique platform** to disseminate **world-class research accomplishments, projects, and trends in the field of material handling and logistics**. The event is structured to facilitate dialogue and collaborative research among teams of university researchers on leading edge topics. With a philosophy of **complete participation by participants**, the program includes a mix of invited presentations, facilitated discussions, poster sessions, facility tours, and social events.

To keep abreast with this rapidly changing field, **researchers whose interests are in areas that directly support material handling within facilities and at facility interfaces are encouraged to participate** as well as researchers who focus more directly on material handling itself.

Examples of relevant topics include but are not limited to:

- Design and operation of warehouses, distribution centers, ports, container terminals etc.
- Design and operation of material handling systems in various sectors.
- Technology and automation in material handling, from assistive technologies to automated and robotic solutions.
- Cyber-physical systems with applications in material handling.
- Humans in material handling systems.
- Material handling and supply chain.

IMPORTANT TENTATIVE DATES:

- **Early October 2024:** the call for papers will be issued
- **15 December 2024:** deadline for extended abstracts
- **1 February 2025:** notification to authors
- **26 April 2025:** deadline for full papers
- **31 May 2025:** deadline for posters
- **24-27 June 2025:** IMHRC 2025 in Trondheim

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This year, it has been established a collaboration between MHI-CICMHE and FLEX journal so authors of selected papers from IMHRC will be invited to submit their extended versions to a special issue in the area “Transportation and Logistics” (Area Editor: Prof. Fabio Sgarbossa).

[Click here](#) to complete the following form to request information about the conference. All communications will begin in October 2024.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee,

Best Regards,