

First Announcement and CALL FOR SPEAKERS



The 29th International Offshore Crane and Lifting Conference

Amsterdam April 14th – 15th 2026



Norwegian Society of Lifting Technology



Offshore Mechanical Handling Equipment Committee



State Supervision of Mines
Ministry of Economic Affairs



Welcome to Amsterdam!



KTF (The Norwegian Society of Lifting Technology) in cooperation with the Offshore Mechanical Handling Equipment Committee (OMHEC) are pleased to welcome you to The 29th International Offshore Crane and Lifting Conference in Amsterdam from April 14th to 15th 2026.

The conference has for the last 28 years established itself as probably one of the most important meeting places for industry and experts on offshore cranes and safe lifting operations. In 2025, a total of 175 delegates from 11 nations and 5 continents were represented. We are aiming to make the conference as international as possible.

How to submit your proposal

If you would like to present your topic at the 29th International Offshore Crane and Lifting Conference, please send your proposal which shows the presentation idea with short description, a title and some bullet points by January 19th 2026 to: stene.kristiansen@qualitynorway.no

If, after evaluation by the Committee, your presentation is accepted, you will receive a confirmation by January 26th 2026. After approval, the finished presentation (in a PPT or PDF format, including information regarding the use of animations, videos or specific presentation software) shall be delivered at least one week before the conference for the final review by the Committee. Please note the presentation should not be commercial, however one commercial slide is accepted.

Other subjects

Proposals are welcome on other subjects that authors believe would be of interest to the offshore crane and lifting community.

Don't miss the opportunity to gain insight from the industry's leading experts and connect with colleagues and business partners

Topics (Just examples)

SHARING BEST PRACTICE

- Sharing best practice in lifting operations
- The use of technology to enhance safety
- Sharing the latest design practices
- Crane operator's experience

LEARNING FROM ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

- Dropped objects
- Lifting operations in drilling, completions, marine and subsea
- Complex lifting and rigging
- Gangways
- Ropes

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NEW INDUSTRY

- New types of lifting equipment.
- Lifting operations on support vessels, e.g. vessel to platform transfer
- Motion compensation
- Artificial intelligence (drones, maintenance, control systems, inspection, training)
- Crane assist systems and autonomous cranes
- Unmanned installations
- Qualification of new technology
- Green energy alternatives
- Offshore wind
- Deepsea mining

LIFTING OPERATIONS

- Heavy lifting
- New or innovative installation methods
- Transfer of personnel from vessels to installations/vessels
- Transfer of experience from the oil & gas industry to the renewables industry (and vice versa)

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

- New Machinery Regulation EU 2023/1230
- New standards and/or updates on changes to existing standards
- The interpretation and application of regional and global standards, e.g. ISO, CEN, NORSO, API
- Future needs, e.g. robotization, automation, material handling towards support vessels etc.

AGEING FACILITIES AND DECOMMISSIONING

- Life Time Extension (LTE)
- Lifting equipment in late-life-phase and/or with lifetime extension

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance and inspection methods for lifting equipment
- Methodology of inspection
- Enterprise of competence and versus prechecks of lifting equipment
- New inspection methods

TRAINING AND HUMAN FACTORS

- Operation and challenges (e.g. –human factors)
- New methods, e.g. the development of simulators using virtual and augmented reality
- Cost reduction versus requirements for training and impact on safety

LIFTING ROPES AND EQUIPMENT

- Care and maintenance of lifting ropes, steel, hybrid and fibre ropes (including maintenance, inspection and discard criteria)
- New technology such as composite ropes, fibre ropes and their application, etc.
- Loose gear or non-fixed load lifting attachments

Deadline for
proposals:
January 19th
2026

Conference Committee

- Mr. Jan Ketil Moberg, Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority, NO – Committee Leader
- Mr. Bjarte Rødne, Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority, NO
- Mr. Arnold de Groot, State Supervision of Mines, NL
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- Mr. Trond Møller, NO
- Mr. Ben Finlay, Woodside Energy Ltd. AU
- Mr. Stene Kristiansen, KTF (Norwegian Society of Lifting Technology), NO

General information

If you have any questions or want to be an exhibitor/sponsor, please contact:



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Key Dates

Deadline for proposals	January 19 th 2026
Acceptance of proposals	January 26 th 2026
Exhibitors registration deadline	March 18 th 2026 - Late registration is possible if there are available booths.
Ordinary participant registration by	March 18 th 2026 - Late registration is possible if there are available spots.

The Venue

The conference will be at Mövenpick Hotel Amsterdam City Centre, Amsterdam. The hotel is located about fifteen minutes walk from Amsterdam Central station.



Conference fees presenters

As a presenter you will get the conference fee for free, including free lunch.

Exhibitor

Book your Exhibitor booth now, including:

- Booth 3x2 meters (approx. 6m²), table and 2 chairs
- Admittance for 2 participants, all sessions including conference fees, lunches and Get Together
- Logo on events website with direct link to your website and your own "page" under "Exhibitors" in the conference web-app.
- Profiling with your logo in vignette which will be used at the beginning of all lectures and during breaks
- Possibility for presentation time from Speakers Corner at the Get Together to promote your company and products

Booking and prices will be available in the middle of December.

Marketing

We would appreciate your help by advertising the 29th International Offshore Crane and Lifting Conference through your networks. Please distribute this Call for Speakers to your contacts who may be interested in the conference.

We can also provide you with a banner with a link to the conference website that can be incorporated into your email signature or for placing on your company website and social media.

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