Young Researchers' Lounge: A Hub for the Next Generation

— Special Thematic Session, N2026 —

Date: Day 4, November 5, 2026

Location: Room 104

Time: 9:00–12:20

Eligibility: Young researchers (students, postdocs, early-career PIs, etc.) under 35 years old, registered for N2026

Capacity: Poster Exhibition — 46 spots; Zero-Minute Speech — 60 people.

Concept

Our goal is to foster a vibrant community among the next generation of researchers. This session provides a relaxed and welcoming space to connect with peers from around the world, exchange fresh ideas, and explore opportunities for future collaboration and career development.

Step away from formal conference settings and join a diverse global network of young researchers. Students who are not confident in English are also warmly welcome. The goal is communication and connection, not perfection.

Three Core Activities

1. Low-Barrier Poster Exhibition

"No new data required. Just bring something and start a conversation!"

What can I bring?

✅ A poster you presented at a previous conference

✅ Enlarged figures or tables from your published paper

✅ A poster you are also presenting at the main N2026 sessions

✅ A poster of a paper by a senior or well-established researcher, used as a basis for discussion

Capacity: 46 participants (first-come, first-served)

There is no review process and this exhibition does not count as a formal presentation.

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2. Zero-Minute Speech

"Introduce yourself in under a minute!"

A rapid-fire pitch session held at the opening of each core time block.

Rules:

- Time limit: under 1 minute per person (or 1 slide only)
- Content is limited to three points only — no detailed research explanation:
    1. **Who I am** — Name, affiliation, field
    2. **What I want** — e.g., looking for a postdoc position / seeking a collaborator
    3. **Where I am** — My poster number is ○○

Capacity: 60 participants

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3. Matching & Mentors

"A space for visibility and open conversations with leading researchers"

Matching Board:

A large board in the venue where you can pin your name card and a short message, including a colored tag indicating what you are looking for.

Mentor Sessions:

Distinguished senior researchers will join as mentors throughout the session on a shift basis (morning and afternoon slots). Mentors will proactively approach participants to help initiate conversations, so please feel free to engage.

Time Schedule

Time	Program
09:00–10:00	Poster setup & Matching Board registration
10:00–10:15	Opening remarks
10:15–10:45	Zero-Minute Speech
10:45–12:00	Core Time AM — Free poster discussion & mentor sessions
12:00–	Room rearrangement begins (posters moved to the sides)
12:20	Session closes / Room handed over

How to Register

Pre-registration is required for both the Poster Exhibition and the Zero-Minute Speech.

Please apply via the Google Form: https://forms.gle/5gh3pucovb2XJ8aS6

- **Poster Exhibition Deadline: August 2, 2026** *(or when the 46-person capacity is reached)*
- **Zero-Minute Speech Deadline: November 4, 2026**

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