

FSCD 2025 Report

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On behalf of the organisation team



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FSCD 2025

125
years

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Event information and structure

- Standalone conference (plus workshops), no colocation.
- Workshops on Monday, Saturday - Sunday.
- Prices competitive with previous years:

(All prices in GBP)	Entire event	Workshop Day	Conference only
Student (Early)	430	40	350
Non-student (Early)	580	55	470
Student (Late)	520	50	440
Non-student (Late)	680	65	570



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Venue



Excursion & Banquet



Organising team



Registration numbers

Main conference only	Workshop(s) only	Conference + some workshops	Total
22	61	72	155

Students	Postdocs	Faculty	Other (inc Industry)
53	18	67	6

NB: sum totals may not entirely match due to discrepancy in registration and post-registration.



Demographics

- 45 (UK)
- 40 (France)
- 13 (Germany)
- 5 (Japan, USA)
- 4 (Argentina, Italy, Netherlands)
- 3 (Poland, Russia, Spain)
- 2 (Austria, Canada, Israel)
- 1 (China, Denmark, Hungary, India, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, Uruguay)

Gender balance

- Male: 131
- Female: 29
- Other: 3
- Did not answer: 15.



Online participation

- Similar to previous years, a free virtual participation option was made available.
- Free-to-stream via Zoom, online chat/questions disabled. (Minimal equipment required.)
- **126 registered participants**, typically 10-20 online at any time.



Reflections

- **Cost:** require significant internal/external sponsorship to keep prices reasonable.
- **Venue:** complexity of multi-day, multi-workshop conferences hard to manage without significant institutional support and a conference team.
- **Virtual:** achieve a sensible balance of cost, online/physical experience, best use of human and technical resources.



Thank you!

