



## **“Ceramics: Heritage and Innovation in the Capital of Porcelain”**

*52<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the International Academy of Ceramics, Jingdezhen, China*

*Geneva, 1 September 2025* | The International Academy of Ceramics (IAC), in partnership with Jingdezhen Ceramic University and the Jingdezhen Municipal Government, is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 52nd IAC Congress. This prominent event will take place in the historic city of Jingdezhen from 27 June to 2 July 2026.

### **A Global Gathering of Ceramic Thought & Practice**

This highly anticipated six-day Congress will bring together ceramists, scholars, educators, museum professionals, collectors and enthusiasts from around the world to explore the intersection of tradition and innovation in the ceramic arts. Through a dynamic programme of lectures, curated exhibitions, studio visits and tours of cultural sites, the event will celebrate Jingdezhen's centuries-old heritage as the 'Porcelain Capital', while providing a platform for cutting-edge creativity and international exchange.

Located in Jiangxi Province, South-East China, Jingdezhen has been at the heart of porcelain production for over 1,700 years. Renowned for its unparalleled ceramic heritage, the city continues to nurture creativity and craftsmanship on a global scale in every piece of clay it moulds.

#### **Programme Highlights** include:

- Keynote addresses by leading figures in the ceramic arts
- Academic conferences in three languages (English, French and Chinese) illustrating the Congress theme
- Thematic exhibitions blending tradition and contemporary narratives
- Studio visits and heritage site tours in Jingdezhen
- An evening dedicated to exploring the vital relationship between the IAC and UNESCO, as well as the humanitarian role of ceramics in the world.

### **Registration details**

**NOW OPEN!** Secure your place today by registering via the official Congress website:

<https://jingdezhen2026.aic-iac.org/registration-fees-conditions/>

Early Bird incentives and special registration categories (e.g., IAC members, students, etc) are available—check the Congress website for full pricing details and deadlines.

### **About the IAC Congress & Jingdezhen Ceramic University**

The **IAC Congress** is a biennial event convened by the International Academy of Ceramics, NGO in official partnership with UNESCO. It is the premier international forum for dialogue, collaboration, and innovation within the global ceramic community.

**Jingdezhen Ceramic University**—the 2026 Congress host—has deep roots in ceramic education and international cultural exchange. The university is recognised for initiatives such as the Jingdezhen International Ceramic Art Biennale and the “Ceramic Road” International Ceramic Education Alliance.