UPEC 2025 Sustainability Statement

At UPEC2025, we are committed to delivering a forward-thinking and environmentally responsible conference experience. In line with global efforts to reduce environmental impact, we have embedded sustainability into the core planning and delivery of the event.

Campus operations at Brunel University of London aligning with its Environmental Policy and broader institutional commitment to carbon reduction:

- A significant portion of the campus's energy comes from on-site renewable sources, including solar PV installations, ground source heat pumps, and combined heat and power (CHP) systems.
- Modern buildings include energy-efficient systems, low-energy lighting, and automated building controls.
- The campus has implemented green roofs, rainwater collection, biodiversity corridors, and sustainable drainage systems.

More details: https://www.brunel.ac.uk/greentrail

Catering will prioritise locally sourced, seasonal ingredients to support regional producers and reduce carbon emissions from transport. All food service will use compostable or recyclable packaging and cutlery, and a variety of vegetarian and vegan options will be provided as standard.
More details: https://www.sustainabilityatbrunelunifood.com/

Local transportation will be supported through access to public transit, walking routes, and cycling facilities. The conference venue is well connected to sustainable travel options, and we encourage attendees to avoid single-occupancy vehicle travel wherever possible. Brunel University is connected seamlessly to Heathrow airport via direct buses, and it is a short walk away from Uxbridge underground station, with direct lines to Central London.

Recycling and waste minimisation efforts include clearly marked recycling stations across the venue, and a no single-use plastic policy in place throughout the conference.

Conference materials have been carefully selected with sustainability in mind:

- All delegate bags and lanyards are made from 100% recycled PET (RPET), reducing virgin plastic consumption.
- Name badges will be printed on compostable seeded paper, allowing attendees to either keep them as eco-friendly souvenirs or plant them post-conference to grow wildflowers.
- Conference proceedings will be provided exclusively in electronic format, eliminating the need for printed papers and significantly reducing paper consumption.
- We have partnered with BottleUP to provide all delegates at UPEC2025 with reusable bottles made of sugar cane that they can refill at water stations throughout the campus.

The Gala Dinner venue was chosen at IET Savoy Place not only due to its landmark location, but because of its sustainability credentials, in line with UPEC's priorities:

- The venue is powered 100% by certified renewable energy sources (wind, solar, hydro).
- Zero Landfill Policy: All waste is either recycled or converted to energy.
- Energy Efficiency: Motion-sensor LED lighting, high-efficiency HVAC systems, energy saving lifts, and a Building Energy Management System (BEMS) minimise energy use.
- Sustainable Certifications: Platinum ECOsmart Accreditation for sustainable operations; Three Green Leaves Rating by Venue Search London; 2024 Memcom Best Venue Award for environmental leadership.

More details: https://savoyplace.theiet.org/about/sustainable-events

Exhibitor and partner guidelines will encourage our exhibitors and sponsors to:

- Minimise printed handouts and instead use QR codes or USB sticks.
- Avoid non-recyclable promotional items.
- Use reusable, recyclable, or compostable materials in booth designs and giveaways.

Post-conference, the UPEC2025 organising committee will prepare a sustainability outcomes report. Lessons learned will be shared with future UPEC hosts and the wider academic event community.

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