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## 26<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Fusion Technology

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**SUBJECT:** Industrial Exhibition

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 26<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Fusion Technology will be held at the “Centro de Congressos da Alfandega”, in Porto, from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010, organized by “Instituto de Plasmas e Fusão Nuclear” on behalf of the Association EURATOM/IST.

SOFT is the biennial European Conference for engineers and scientists to exchange information on design and technology aspects of the present fusion machines and future reactors. About 600 experts from throughout the world are expected to participate in the 26<sup>th</sup> SOFT. The SOFT-2010 is probably a key conference for those sectors of industry interested in participating in the ITER project (<http://www.iter.org>). ITER is now moving into the tender action phase for its major components. This will create significant opportunities for industries throughout the world.

As a result of very positive feedback from the most recent SOFT conferences, held in Helsinki, Venice, Warsaw and Rostock, the International Organising Committee has decided to complement the scientific and technological presentations of the 26<sup>th</sup> SOFT with an Industrial Exhibition. This event will offer an excellent opportunity for companies to demonstrate their technological expertise, their present participation and their future involvement in the development of fusion energy. In this context your company’s contribution would be highly valued. In parallel there will be an R&D Exhibition where the Fusion Research Institutions will present their latest key achievements and the strategies concerning their participation in the construction of ITER. Accordingly, the two Exhibitions will provide a further opportunity for a close interaction between Industry and the Research Institutions, which could be very important for the creation of consortia regarding future calls for tenders.

The exhibition area will be situated in the same venue as the conference and will be close to the halls for oral presentations and the poster sessions. The participants will be spending coffee breaks and the lunch intervals in the vicinity of the industrial exhibition. If your company wishes to make use of an audio visual or other type of presentation, this can be accommodated in adjacent rooms. The standard space for exhibitors is 3x3 m. The price for renting this space will be 600 Euro + 20% VAT. Additional information, including other options such as larger stands, will be available on the Symposium website (<http://soft2010.ipfn.ist.utl.pt/>) by January 2010.

I cordially invite you to participate in SOFT-2010. If you are able to accept this invitation may I kindly ask you to contact us as soon as possible in order to reserve the most appropriate space for your purposes. If you require any further information or your company has any special needs related to the exhibition, please contact Dr. Bruno Gonçalves (e-mail: [bruno@ipfn.ist.utl.pt](mailto:bruno@ipfn.ist.utl.pt), telephone: + 351 218417934, fax: + 351 218417819) who will be pleased to assist you.

It will be a great pleasure to have your company represented at the exhibition. I am looking forward to meeting you in Porto.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Varandas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carlos Varandas  
Chairman of the 26<sup>th</sup> SOFT IOC