

2026-06-22 CDIO Council Meeting Notes

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1. CDIO Council meeting participants

- [Matt Murphy](#)
- [Tony Topping](#)
- [Carl Johan Carlsson](#)
- [Cesar Ortega-Sanchez](#)
- [Jens Bennedsen](#)
- [Mark Nivan Singh](#)
- [Sin Moh Cheah](#)
- [Vairavel Gurusamy](#)

- Fredrik Byström
- Karin Capo Milding
- Nicoleta Maynard
- Juha Kontio
- Thomas Baker
- Sami Ammar (online)
- Suzanne Brink
- Reidar Lyng

Location: Liverpool University, Liverpool

2. Status of the 22nd CDIO International Conference 2026 (Tony Topping)

Current attendance is approximately 160 delegates, with an expected total participation of around 175 attendees.

The conference is progressing well, with representatives from 71 institutions across 27 countries.

From a financial perspective, the conference is currently close to breaking even. The use of student staff has helped manage costs effectively.

A discussion was held regarding accepted papers from authors who do not attend the conference. It was agreed that papers from no-show authors should not be included in the conference proceedings.

Conference organisers are asked to inform Fredrik Byström of any authors who fail to attend so that the proceedings can be updated accordingly.

3. Status of the 2026 Elections and Voting Procedure (Mark Niven)

3. Council election update (Mark Nivan)

• Open Council positions 2026

- 1 * Co-director 2026-2028
- 2 * Member-at-large 2026-2029 (full term)
- 1 * Member-at-large 2026-2027 (one-year term)

• DL for nominations was 31st May 2026!

- 1 Co-Director candidate
 - Juha Kontio
- 6 Member-at-large candidates
 - Sin-Moh Cheah, Singapore
 - Reidar Lyng, Norway
 - Saida Mrahi, France
 - Elizabeth Keller, Sweden
 - Ratih Indri Hapsari, Indonesia
 - Vairavel Gurusamy, India

Election committee

Mark Nivan, Singapore Polytechnic, Asia
Cesar Ortega-Sanchez, Curtin University, Australia
Gareth Thomson, Aston University, UK & Ireland



Mark Nivan and Cesar Ortega Sanchez provided an update on the election process and voting procedure.

It was confirmed that Juha Kontio will continue as Co-Director.

Mark Nivan has contacted representatives from the institutions listed in the CDIO membership database. Of the 187 institutions contacted, 32 have confirmed their intention to vote.

At the time of the meeting, 40 institutions had already submitted their votes.

A reminder will be sent out to encourage additional participation.

The voting period will close on Wednesday at lunchtime.

It was noted that, based on previous years' experience, a significant number of votes are typically submitted during the final hours before the deadline.

Mark will compare and verify the voting records against the official CDIO membership list.

The election results will be presented by Mark Niven, Cesar Ortega Sanchez, and Gareth during the Closing Ceremony on 25 June.

For reference, in the previous election cycle, 36 institutions were registered to vote and 33 votes were cast.

4. CDIO Activity List – Activities in Liverpool

CDIO as Framework, Community – related activities

ID	Activity	Activities in Liverpool
C1	Future of CDIO	Round table, Tuesday 23rd June 13:00-14:30 FUTURE OF CDIO ROUNDTABLE – IMPROVING THE DRAFT CDIO STANDARDS FRAMEWORK , Juha Kontio Reidar Lyng Introduction to CDIO 4: CDIO Collaboration and Community , Juha Kontio Nicoleta Maynard
C2	Introductory workshops	Three workshops on Monday and one on Wednesday; 90 minutes each
C3	Conference and events development	Work finalized.
C4	Updating CDIO collaborators list	See CDIO office update for the current situation
C5	Faculty development	Podium Session on Faculty Development , Wednesday 24th June 15:00-16:30 Three papers in the session. Working group: Faculty Development , Mark Nivan Singh, Reidar Lyng Wednesday at 13:00 – 14:30 ad 15:30 – 17:00
C6	Assessment	Plenty of Assessment related papers in the conference. Paper, Tuesday 23rd June 15:00-16:30 ASSESSING STUDENTS OR THEIR AI TEAMMATE? CASE STUDIES IN THE GAI ERA Jens Bennedsen, Joo Ghee Lim Mark Nivan Singh, Mika Suutari, Reidar Lyng Siegfried Rouvrais NORDIC INSTITUTIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF GENERATIVE AI Jens Bennedsen, Juha Kontio, Janne Roslöf Elizabeth Keller, Fredrik Georgsson, Marisol Rico Cortez Workshop INCLUSIVE ASSESSMENT FOR NEURODIVERSE STUDENTS IN ENGINEERING CLASSES Thomas Baker Suzanne Brink, Tuesday at 10:30 – 12:00
C7	CDIO Syllabus update in relation to AI	Paper , Monday 22nd June 13:00-14:30 Sin Moh
C8	CDIO history documentation	Paper , Monday 22nd June 15:00-16:30 25 YEARS WITH CDIO – A LINKÖPING PERSPECTIVE , Svante Gunnarsson, Helena Herbertsson Annalena Kindgren

Juha Kontio provided an overview of how the ongoing CDIO activities have been integrated into the Liverpool conference programme.

Several activities, including the Future of CDIO, are represented through roundtable discussions, workshops, and podium sessions covering a range of topics.

Assessment remains a strong theme throughout the conference, with a significant number of papers addressing assessment-related topics.

An additional workshop, Inclusive Assessment, has been added to the programme and will take place on Tuesday, 10:30–12:00.

The CDIO Syllabus Update activity will also be featured, led by Sin Moh Cheah, on Monday, 22 June.

Updates were provided on other ongoing activities, including the CDIO Technician Network and Continuous Education for Engineers. These topics are currently progressing, although no dedicated sessions are scheduled in Liverpool.

On-going activities in CDIO

ID	Activity	Activities in Liverpool
O1	Peer-to-peer support	Workshop in Liverpool, Tuesday 23rd June 10:30-12:00 PEER-TO PEER SUPPORT – CDIO ACTIVITY TO SHARE AND LEARN Juha Kontio
O2	Curriculum Agility	Working group in Liverpool, Monday 22nd June 10:30-12:00 & 13:00-14:30 Sharing Good Examples of Curriculum Agility Suzanne Brink Carl Johan Carlsson Mikael Enelund Sonia Gomez Puente Elizabeth Keller Charles McCartan Reidar Lyng Remon Rooij
O3	CDIO Technician Network	Not in Liverpool
O4	Continuous education for Engineers	Not in Liverpool

5. CDIO 2028 Host Presentations

The deadline for submitting proposals to host the 2028 CDIO International Conference was 15 May 2026.

Four proposals were received, in the following order:

Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore – Soh Wai Wah

Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland – Charles McCartan

SRM Institute of Science and Technology, India – Vairavel Gurusamy

Universidad Fidélitas, Costa Rica – Mariana Fournier

Host presentations will take place on 24 June at 17:00. Three candidates will present onsite, while Universidad Fidélitas will present online.

Reidar Lyng will chair the session, and an online link will be provided to the Costa Rica team.

The final decision regarding the 2028 conference host will be made during the Council Meeting on 25 June.

Discussion

Reidar Lyng raised the question of whether the Council should review and clarify the selection criteria before the presentations. Previous host selections have involved fewer candidates, and no formal criteria were used when only two proposals were under consideration.

The importance of geographical rotation was discussed. Several members highlighted the value of hosting conferences outside Europe in order to engage new regions, strengthen local CDIO communities, and support the growth of the initiative globally.

It was suggested that communication should ensure all regions feel represented and informed throughout the selection process.

The Council discussed using a two-round evaluation process. Following the initial round of voting, the proposals with the lowest combined scores would proceed to the final selection round.

Future Conference Formats

A discussion was held regarding the level of engagement at onsite versus online events. Experience indicates that onsite meetings generally attract higher participation and engagement.

The possibility of introducing a hybrid format for future regional meetings was raised. The 2027 conference will be an online event, although some local onsite activities are being considered.

6. Plans for the Next CDIO Newsletter

The Council reviewed plans for the next CDIO Newsletter. The previous newsletter was published in February 2026, and the next issue is scheduled for August 2026, following the established six-month publication cycle.

The newsletter schedule will be incorporated into the CDIO communication plan.

Members who wish to contribute content are asked to submit text and photographs to Juha Kontio by 15 August 2026.

Proposed Content

The following topics were suggested for inclusion in the August newsletter:

A summary of the 22nd CDIO International Conference in Liverpool, prepared by Tony Topping.

Key decisions and outcomes from the Council Meeting, summarised by Juha Kontio and Nicoleta.

An introduction to the new Council composition, including recognition of outgoing Council members and presentation of newly elected members.

Links to the conference keynote presentations from Liverpool.

Information about the 2026 Conference Proceedings.

Fredrik Byström confirmed that the 2026 Conference Proceedings are expected to be available in time for inclusion in the newsletter. Fredrik will coordinate this content and provide the relevant material to Juha.

The newsletter was highlighted as an important channel for communicating conference outcomes, Council decisions, and ongoing CDIO activities to the wider community.

7. CDIO Office Status Report

Johan Malmqvist has received a Chalmers Medal and recognition for his work with the CDIO Initiative and it should be included in the February 2027 newsletter.

All CDIO logos are available through the CDIO Leaders list on cdio.org. This information should also be communicated in an upcoming newsletter.

Fredrik Byström and Karin Capó Milding presented the communication and content plan were discussed, including the need for more consistent LinkedIn activity.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>LinkedIn & Website Content</u>
<u>January</u>		Regional Meeting – pre-event promotion and event highlights
<u>February</u>	Newsletter	Newsletter highlights and key takeaways
<u>March</u>		<u>Meet the CDIO People - introduce CDIO Office</u>
<u>April</u>		CDIO Conference promotion
		Speaker highlights and registration reminders
<u>May</u>		Conference <u>countdown</u>
		<u>Meet the CDIO People</u>
<u>June</u>		Live updates from the CDIO Conference
		Conference photos, keynote highlights, and proceedings updates
<u>July</u>		Thank you to conference participants
		Summer <u>greetings</u> from CDIO
<u>August</u>	Newsletter	Meet the CDIO People – Introduce Regional Leaders
		<u>Introduce CDIO Regional Leaders</u>
<u>September</u>		Meeting promotion and highlights
		<u>Member Spotlight</u>
<u>October</u>		International Working Meeting (IWM) updates
		CDIO Impact Story
<u>November</u>		New member institutions or Member Spotlight – showcase a CDIO institution
<u>December</u>		Conference deadline <u>reminders</u>
		End-of-year reflections and achievements
		Holiday <u>greetings</u> from CDIO

It was suggested that CDIO LinkedIn posts should follow a more consistent structure, including length, tone, and content quality.

The CDIO Office should coordinate posts to ensure consistency, while key people with content knowledge should contribute information. For example, the conference organiser should provide information for conference-related posts.

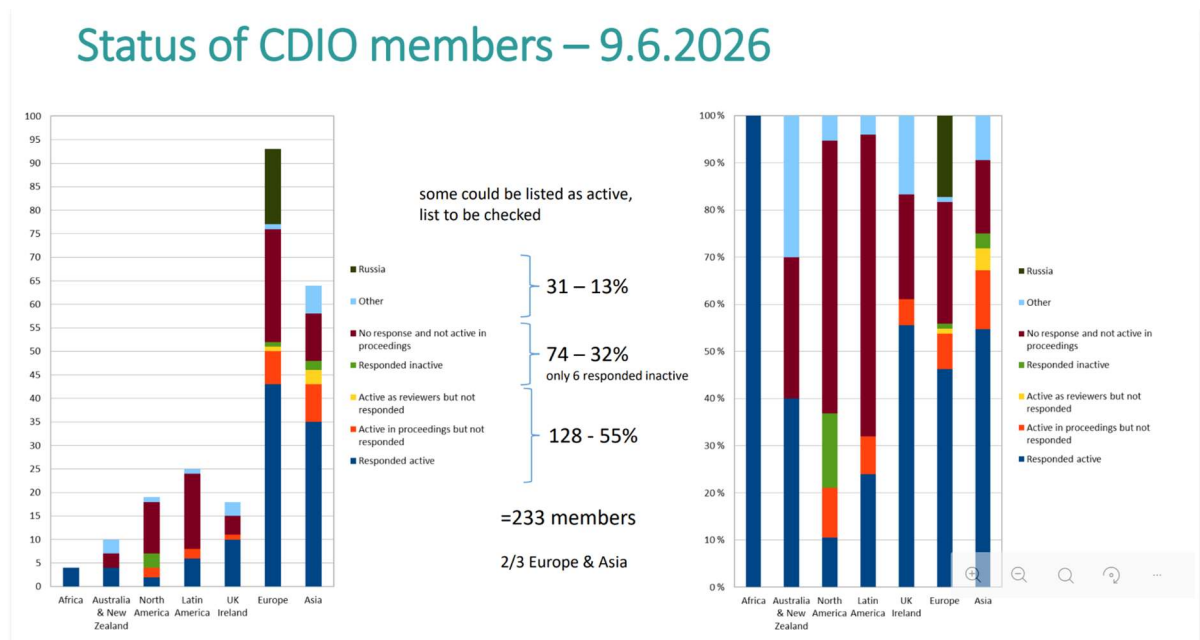
A new column will be added to the communication/content plan to clarify who is responsible for providing content and who will prepare or publish each item.

Karin and Fredrik will update the Excel document and share a revised communication plan with the CDIO Council for feedback.

The aim is to post at least once per month as a starting point, with the possibility of increasing the frequency over time.

LinkedIn remains publicly visible, while members can also contribute through the CDIO LinkedIn group.

CDIO Membership Status



The current CDIO membership count is 233 members.

The Council discussed how to distinguish between active members, inactive members, and possible former members.

There is currently some reluctance to remove historically significant institutions, such as MIT, from the member list.

Previous practice has included contacting institutions where membership status is uncertain and asking whether they wish to remain active or be listed differently.

Questions were raised regarding what defines an active member. Previous indicators have included:

- Participation in conferences

- Attendance at online meetings

- Presence in CDIO activities

- Contributions to the community, including papers or other engagement

It was suggested that clearer expectations should be set for member institutions when joining CDIO.

Possible expectations could include contributing to the newsletter, participating in meetings, or engaging in community activities within a defined time frame.

The Council noted that there are many inactive institutions and that further clarity is needed before changes are made.

It was proposed that the Council agree on Thursday to move this discussion forward to the next working meeting in Barcelona.

It was also suggested that the group discuss how former or inactive schools could be encouraged to become active again.

Some institutions currently listed as “Other” may potentially be reclassified as active members.

In North America, several institutions appear to be inactive. It was noted that Laspau is permanently closed and should be removed from the list.

The latest version of the membership Excel file may be shared with all regional leaders for review and input.

8. Regional Meetings

Regional Meetings will take place on Wednesday, 14:30–15:30, with separate sessions for:

- Asia

- UK & Ireland

- Europe

- Other Regions

Nicoleta expressed an interest in joining multiple regional meetings. It was suggested that she join the UK & Ireland meeting and, if needed, spend part of the final 30 minutes visiting other regional sessions.

As there are only a small number of participants from Latin America, North America (Montreal), and Africa, it was agreed that these participants could be grouped together in a fourth session representing Other Regions.

In total, four regional meetings will be held.

Suggested Agenda Items for Regional Meetings

The following discussion points were recommended for inclusion in each regional meeting agenda:

Planning of the next regional meeting, including proposed location and timing.

Updates on regional leadership and succession planning where applicable.

Recommendations and discussions regarding potential new member institutions.

Regional priorities, activities, and opportunities for collaboration.

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

The Council expressed its sincere appreciation to Matt Murphy, Joanne Tanner, and Suzanne Brink for their valuable contributions and service to the CDIO Council.

Special thanks were also extended to Vairavel Gurusamy for his continued contributions to the CDIO community. As elections are currently underway, the Council noted that the final composition of the next Council will be determined following the election results.

Members acknowledged the commitment and dedication of all outgoing and continuing Council representatives in supporting the development of the CDIO Initiative.