



SYMPOSIUM ON SQUATS AND SQUAT-TYPE DEFECTS 2026

Graz, Austria, May 26 and 27, 2026

RCRS (Research Cluster Railway Systems), in cooperation with the ICRI (International Collaborative Research Initiative on Rolling Contact Fatigue and Wear of Rails and Wheels) is pleased to announce a **two-day symposium on Squats and Squat-type defects**. The symposium aims to bring together manufacturers, infrastructure managers, railway operators, and researchers to establish a common understanding of **Squats and Squat type defects**, exchange current developments, and discuss future challenges.

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Program Highlights

- State of the Art – current knowledge & open questions
- “Squat Shorts” – concise 5-10 min impulses from practice and research
- Panel and Group Discussions (10 min inputs + moderated discussion)
- Interactive Voting Session: “Theory, Fact or Disagreement”
- Presentation of current research findings and ongoing projects – from mechanisms & detection to maintenance strategies and mitigation measures

Registration and Contribution

Get Involved:

Please submit your abstract (for regular presentation or shorts) to office.rcrs@tugraz.at before ~~March 20th 2026~~ **April 14th 2026**

Sponsorship opportunity available!

Registration:

Registration (free of charge) is available until 20th April via the provided [link](#) or the QR-Code.

