<ReSA>
Research Software Alliance

IRSC 26
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SOFTWARE CONFERENCE

7-8 September 2026
Sheffield, UK & online
Co-located with RSECon26

Our purpose:

To advance global shifts toward strategic coordination, long-term sustainability, and high-level collaboration across the research software community.

Participants:

Leaders and change-makers: RSEs, funders, policy makers, publishers, infrastructure organisations, skills & training initiatives, national/regional RSE associations, etc.

Learn more:

https://www.researchsoft.org/irsc/

Join the IRSC mailing list for updates

Connect on ReSA's Slack: #irsc

Why an International Research Software Conference?

Image credit: *Unsplash*

- The international research software community is increasing collaboration to address issue such as:
  - alignment of global policies and funding
  - sustainability of essential infrastructure
  - recognizing and equipping its diverse workforce
  - responsible integration of AI
  - measurement of software impact
  - ensuring interoperability through open, standards-based infrastructure.

- IRSC aims to support the evolution of the international research software community's shift towards **strategic coordination, long-term sustainability, and collaboration across boundaries**.

About ReSA

The **Research Software Alliance** (ReSA) is a global organization that unites decision-makers and key influencers across the international research and innovation community.

ReSA advances the agency and recognition of research software and research software professionals.

Towards an international research software conference <ReSA>
Research Software Alliance

- **Scoping activity:** In 2024, ReSA engaged with key stakeholders to identify and recommend one or more community-supported routes for convening the first-ever international research software conference. This **report** summarises the findings.

- **The event supports three levels of engagement in line with ReSA's Strategic Plan 2025–2028 (and overview)**
  - Exchange information to increase knowledge flow in the community
  - Engage collaborations to solve common issues
  - Evolve governance of a global community to achieve a shared vision

Building a global future for research software

Conference aims:

🌍 Global Cohesion

🤝 Community Connection

🎯 Strategic Impact

IRSC draft agenda:

- Community-challenge driven sessions sharing best practices, led by ReSA Forums and task forces
- Invited speakers and panels
- Open call for sessions supporting mutual learning (e.g., workshops, case studies) — selected based on clear criteria, and might lead to new task forces

Join us in shaping the future of research software

7-8 September 2026
Sheffield, UK & online
Co-located with RSECon26

🌐 researchsoft.org/irsc
💬 #irsc on ReSA Slack
📫 Sign up for updates
✉️ Contact ReSA

Image credit: HLM Architects