

IVEC 2026

April 20-23 2026

Monterey, CA



IVEC 2026 attendees gather on the last day of the conference. Kneeling at center front are (left) 2026 Technical Program Chair Tim Horn and (right) 2026 General Chair Rich Kowalczyk.

[2026 Program at a Glance](#)

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See below for photos from the event.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21



Tuesday's first plenary lecture was "Space Applications of Vacuum Electronics in Electric Propulsion" by Dr. Dan M. Goebel, Jet Propulsion Laboratory.



The second plenary lecture on Tuesday was "Compact Frequency-Tunable Vacuum Electron Devices for Millimeter-Wave and Terahertz Applications" by Dr. Oleksiy Kuleshov, O. Ya. Usikov Institute for Radiophysics and Electronics of the National Academy of Sciences.





Brad W. Hoff (left), Air Force Research Laboratory, receives the 2026 John R. Pierce Award for Excellence in Vacuum Electronics from 2026 IVEC General Chair Rich Kowalczyk (right).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22



Wednesday's Plenary Lecture was presented by Dan M. Goebel of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on behalf of Wayne Harvey, also of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The title was "Flight History of the Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 TWTAs."

THURSDAY, APRIL 23



The final Plenary Lecture of the week was "Applications of Design Optimization Techniques and Machine Learning in Electron Guns and Gyrotrons," presented by Hien Tran of North Carolina State University.