

# RLS-Sciences Conference 2019

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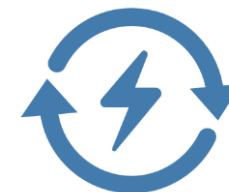
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Following the 9<sup>th</sup> RLS in Québec in 2018, the 2019 RLS-Sciences Conference was hosted at the invitation of the **São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)** at the National Space Institute - Integration and Testing Laboratory (LIT). The **five day conference** was a bridge conference for RLS-Sciences between the biennial political Regional Leaders Summits.

RLS-Sciences includes **seven regions**: Bavaria, Georgia, Québec, São Paulo, Shandong, Upper Austria, and Western Cape. These regions work multilaterally in RLS-Sciences on four themes: **digitalisation, aerospace, renewable energy, and small satellites**. Researchers from all four themes attended the 2019 Conference.



**115** participants from throughout the RLS regions across **4** scientific fields



**42** presentations from speakers representing **24** institutions



- 2** Intensive, thematically specific working days
- 2** Keynote speeches
- 6** Smart Regions presentations
- 1** Management session
- +1** Joint Updates session

Young researchers were challenged to create an interdisciplinary proposal for the São Paulo of tomorrow in **24 hours**



The four themes of RLS-Sciences each had two days of working meetings. Joint activities had cross-thematic presentations and discussions, including a dedicated session on **Smart Regions**-the theme for the 2020 Regional Leaders Summit. The **young researchers** also worked across topics in the 24Hour Challenge. Most technical visits were also open cross-thematically.



**4** technical visits to leading sites in the region of São Paulo

The 2019 Conference served as an **important bridge** between the political RLS conferences. Each group made key progress, and now are working intensively to undertake the next steps, and prepare for the scientific activities ahead of and around the **10<sup>th</sup> Regional Leaders Summit**, in Linz, Upper Austria on the theme, "**Smart Regions**". Learn more [here](https://www.rls-sciences.org).

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