# TRIZ Methodology Forum 2026: "Secondary Problems Discovery"

# Executive Summary Report

## Event Overview

**TRIZ Methodology Forum (TMF) 2026**, organized by MATRIZ Official (MO), brought together leading TRIZ experts from around the world to examine methodological tools for identifying secondary problems. The Forum reflected the TRIZ community's growing interest in systematic approaches to secondary problem discovery.

## Event Details

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| **Theme** | Secondary Problems Discovery |
| **Dates** | September 17-18, 2026 |
| **Format** | Online, free of charge |
| **Global Participation** | 48 TRIZ experts from 16 countries, plus more than 900 participants on a separate IT platform in China |
| **Leadership** | Co-chaired by Dr. Simon Litvin and Victor Fey (both TRIZ Masters) |

## Program

The Forum featured nine presentations by leading TRIZ developers and practitioners, each allotted a full hour for in-depth exploration:

- O. Abramov, Russia – “Chains of Secondary Problems in NPD: Where to Expect and How to Address Them”
- A. Agulyansky, Israel – “Beyond Problem Solving: Implementation Resistance as a Secondary Problem”
- V. Fey, USA – “Uncovering Secondary Problems Through Automated TRIZ-Based Behavioral Modeling of Technological Systems”
- O. Feygenson, Russia – “New Bottleneck of Innovation: Secondary Problems Discovery in the Age of AI”
- A. Fomenko, Russia – “Analysis of System’s Development Limits as a Tool for Secondary Problems Identification”
- B. Gronauer, Germany – “Involve Them Early to Avoid Problems”
- S. Litvin, USA – “Adaptation Problems Identification in FOS”
- A. Lyubomirskiy, USA – “Secondary Problems and MPV Analysis”
- A. Zusman, B. Zlotin, S. Visneposchi, USA – “Failure Prediction Applied for Anticipating Solution Implementation Issues”

## Session Format

Every presentation followed the same structure, designed to encourage learning and engagement:

- 40 minutes: Formal presentation
- 20 minutes: Interactive Q&A and expert discussion
- Continuous: Real-time discussion in the event chat

## What Sets TMF Apart

The MO TRIZ Methodology Forum differs from other global TRIZ conferences in four ways.

**Methodological focus.** Unlike broader TRIZ conferences (MATRIZ, ETRIA, the Altshuller Institute for TRIZ Studies, the TRIZ Developers Summit), TMF is dedicated exclusively to advancing core TRIZ methodology rather than general applications.

**Thematic concentration.** Each edition addresses a single, strategically important TRIZ topic. This allows deeper exploration and more meaningful insights than a multi-track conference.

**Curated participation.** The speaker lineup is limited to 7–9 to ensure high-quality interaction. Speakers are invited directly from among leading TRIZ specialists in the Forum's focus area.

**Extended presentation format.** Each presentation received a full hour, compared with the typical 20–30 minutes. This allows for:

- Comprehensive topic coverage
- Detailed explanation of methods
- Substantial audience interaction

## Outcomes and Impact

**Knowledge capture.** The full event was recorded, preserving the discussions and insights for future reference and study by MATRIZ Official members.

**Community response.** Participant feedback was positive, supporting the Forum's focused approach to advancing TRIZ methodology.

**Access to recordings and presentations.** The complete Forum recordings and all nine PowerPoint decks are available on the MO website through a dedicated link.