

Call for Bids for the 10th International Weed Science Congress

To: The Weed Science Community

Dear Weed Scientist,

We are thrilled to announce the call for bids to host the 10th International Weed Science Congress (IWSC) in 2028, which is now open. The purpose of this call is to identify the venue and local organizing committee for the 10th IWSC. Any active member of the International Weed Science Society (IWSS) is eligible to submit a bid. The bid will be submitted on behalf of the Weed Science Society of the bidding country.

The evaluation of each bid will be conducted by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the IWSS. Once the top contenders have been identified, the venue will be decided by a vote during the General Assembly of the 9th IWSC, which will take place in Jerusalem in July 2024. Two to three top bidders will be invited to make presentations at the 9th IWSC of Jerusalem, Israel.

The deadline for submitting bids is December 1st, 2023. A template for the bid is in Appendix I of this call. All bids should be sent to the IWSS Secretary, Luis Avila-luis.avila@msstate.edu.

By submitting a bid, the local organizer proponent agrees to the following responsibilities:

1. The Chair or Co-chair must participate in joint meetings with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), Scientific Program Committee (SPC), BOD, and other relevant parties.
2. Provide to the IWSS Board an audited financial report no later than three months after the congress ends.
3. Collect IWSS annual membership dues as part of the registration fee from non-members and transfer the membership dues to IWSS no later than seven days after the congress ends.
4. Share 50% of the congress profit with the IWSS.
5. Develop contingency plans and milestones to address potential pandemics or other unforeseen global disasters.
6. Comply with all the rules of the Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP) for the congress.

Contact the Secretary requesting the MOP and the excel template. We look forward to receiving your submissions and thank you for your continued support to the International Weed Science Society.

Best regards,



Samunder Singh
President of the International Weed Science Society

APPENDIX I

Please fill in the required information under the Proposal column. You can add new items if the item you would like to propose is not listed.

| Main item | Sub-item | Proposal |
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| Theme | Main them | - Indicate the main theme of your proposed IWSC and describe the rational of the proposed theme. |
| Venue | City and venue | - Indicate the city you propose with information about the city, including main attractions and photos showing the city. - Provide information on the venue, including capacity for congress, with photos showing the venue. |
| Date | Date for Conference | - Indicate the proposed date for the conference with the rational of your proposed date. |
| Local organization | Local Organizing Committee (LOC) | - Indicate the timeline for establishing the local organizing committee (LOC). - Indicate Local Organizing Committee Chair and Vice-Chair; Vice-Chair will act on behalf of the LOC Chair when the Chair is unavailable. |
| | Secretariat (PCO) | - Indicate Secretariat (PCO) and its performance for the congress. |
| IT | Website | - Indicate the timeline for the opening of the 2028 IWSC website. - List the content of the website. |
| | Smartphone App. | - Indicate the timeline on implementing the 2028 IWSC smartphone app. |
| | Wi-Fi during conference | - Indicate Free Wi-Fi at the venue during the congress. |
| Finance | Budget plan | - Prepare a separate budget plan in an MS Excel file (separately provided). |
| | Registration fee | - Indicate the amount of the registration fee following registration fee categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International participants (members, non-members, students) - Local participants (members, non-members, students) - Accompanying person(s) - Indicate what will be included in the registration package, including conference materials, meals, tea/snack, excursion, etc. - Note that the non-member registration fee shall include IWSS one-year membership fee, which shall be transacted to the IWSS account. |

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| | Fundraising from its local sponsors | - Propose fundraising, including its governmental and regional sponsors (excluding international sponsors) |
| | Special fund | - Propose a special fund from its sponsors to support those from developing countries and require financial support to participate in the congress. - The targeted amount of this special fund is 20,000.00 USD. |
| Meals | Lunch | - Indicate how to provide daily lunch, no matter how simple, from the first to the last day of the congress. |
| | Formal dinners | - Indicate a welcome dinner on the first day of the congress and a banquet-type dinner on a selected date during the congress. |
| | Tea & snack | - Indicate how to provide drinks (including tea, coffee, and water) and sweets/snacks for morning and afternoon tea breaks. |
| Accommodation | Hotels | - Provide information on hotels near the venue, including the main hotel. - Propose accommodation support for those who are essential from IWSS (SPC chair, and BOAD). |
| | Meeting room | - Propose a meeting room for IWSS BOD meetings. |
| Social activity | In-Congress excursion | - Propose 1-day excursions during the congress, at reasonable prices compared to local prices, and indicate if the registration package includes this. |
| | Daily excursions | - Propose pre-congress and daily excursions for accompanying persons (indicate the cost). |
| | Cultural event | - Propose some cultural programs during the welcome or banquet function. |
| Communication | Communication | - Propose communication channels, including web conference tools, with IWSS before the IWSC. |
| | Progress report | - Propose how the LOC shall provide a progress report to the IWSS BOD. |
| | Meeting | - Propose how the LOC and IWSS BOD shall have a face-to-face meeting. |