Guidelines for Organizing an
International League of Dermatological Societies
World Congress of Dermatology (WCD)

Note:

The successful bidder will be required to sign a formal Agreement, governed by English Law, with the ILDS for the organization of the WCD.

It is essential that legal advice be sought by all bidders to ensure that the contents of these Guidelines and the Agreement are fully understood.

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Foreword

The World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) is organized under the auspices of The International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).

The following information is intended to provide the organizational basics that will assist an ILDS Member Society in determining whether it wishes to develop a proposal to host a future WCD and then present that proposal to the Assembly of Delegates.

The site of the congress is selected by a vote of the Assembly of Delegates representing the National and Affiliated Member Societies of the ILDS. Once the decision is made, the organization of the site, facilities, and the delivery of the Scientific Programme decided on by the Scientific Programme Committee of the ILDS Board are the responsibility of the Local Organizing Committee elected to run the congress.

Every WCD is, and should be, a unique event. Each combines the best possible programme reflective of the current practice and future of global dermatology with opportunities to develop and strengthen relationships among dermatological colleagues throughout the world.

In addition to the following pages, the Presidents and Secretaries-General of recent WCDs are happy to provide advice to future congress organizers, as is the ILDS Administrative Office at the address below.

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I. The World Congress of Dermatology (WCD)

a. Purpose and Objectives

The principal objective of the WCD is to develop and advance dermatology by providing an opportunity for dermatologists from around the world to share their professional and personal experiences in dermatology, to exchange and discuss their clinical and scientific ideas, and to form professional and personal associations in dermatology. A secondary benefit is that it acts as a public relations activity for the ILDS, being an opportunity to inform dermatologists of our existence and our various roles.

b. Previous Congresses

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II. Organization of a WCD

a. Scheduling

The Congress was held every five years after 1952. However, in 2002, the ILDS Assembly of Delegates resolved to change this and, as a result, the WCD, is now held every four years.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association do not dictate a specific month in which a Congress should be held. However, members of the ILDS Board have on several occasions expressed their preference for weeks in late May, mid-June and early July. There appears to be less conflict with other major national dermatology meetings during this period of time. The length of the meeting and span of meeting days are at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee. The dates of the Congresses since 1987 are as follows:

17th WCD, Berlin, May 24-29, 1987, (Sunday-Friday)
18th WCD, New York, June 12-18, 1992, (Friday-Thursday)
19th WCD, Sydney, June 15-20, 1997, (Sunday-Friday)
21st WCD, Buenos Aires, October 1-5, 2007 (Monday-Friday)
22nd WCD, Seoul, May 24-29, 2011 (Tuesday-Sunday)
23rd WCD, Vancouver, June 8-13, 2015 (Monday-Saturday)

b. Facilities

Although the Local Organizing Committee has considerable flexibility in planning a programme that will match available facilities, the site should have a congress centre with an auditorium that can accommodate a minimum of 2,500 registrants for a plenary session, plus multiple smaller rooms for as many as 20 concurrent sessions, and an exhibit hall large enough for several hundred exhibit stands (and poster boards if poster sessions would be planned). One or more Assembly of Delegates meetings are scheduled during the congress, requiring space sufficient for classroom seating for 300 and an audience response system.

The accommodation required depends on the city and country as well as many other factors. Approximately 3,000 hotel rooms were used in Berlin (1987), over 5,000 rooms were used in New York City (1992) and Paris (2002), and about 4,000 rooms were used in Sydney (1997). Approximately 8,000 rooms were used in Buenos Aires (2007) with a similar number of rooms in Seoul (2011).
c. Proposals

At least six months before the WCD at which the future site is to be determined, the Secretary-General of the ILDS should be notified by a Society of the intention to bid.

On receipt of notice of its intention to bid, the Society will be required to sign a Letter of Compliance in the form attached confirming their willingness to enter into an Agreement for the organization of the WCD in, or substantially in, the form issued to them.

A full proposal (Bid Document) is to be delivered to the Secretary-General, addressed to the International League of Dermatological Societies, Willan House, 4 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 5HQ, United Kingdom at least three months in advance of the forthcoming congress. The full proposal should contain basic information about the proposed site and its congress facilities, the suggested dates and the structure of the Local Organizing Committee, the names of the individuals who the bidding Society proposes serve as the President and Secretary-General of the WCD, and assurance that the Local Organizing Committee can adequately handle both the organizational and financial responsibilities for the congress. The completion of the attached spreadsheet requesting further relevant information is to be delivered in the format provided with the full proposal document.

If for any reason the Bidding Society itself is not able to be the organizer of the WCD, it must in its bid state:

a) the reason it cannot be the organizer;

b) who it proposes be the organizer;

c) the connection between the Bidding Society and the proposed organizer.

A bid incorporating a proposal for an organizer other than the Bidding Society itself will only be eligible for consideration if the ILDS is satisfied that the Bidding Society will give its full support to the organizer.

In addition to the above, a full explanation of the tax payable in the country where the venue is sited by the host Society and the ILDS in respect of the WCD and its revenues should be provided in the bid document, to include:

- Rate of tax payable on surplus
- Rate of withholding tax applicable
- Sales taxes payable

Bidding Societies should note the following:

a) a Society MUST advise the ILDS, in writing, of its intention to bid before making this public;

b) all literature intended to be circulated must be sent to the ILDS for approval 30 days in advance of circulation;
c) the ILDS logo should appear on all material but must not be used in any form unless prior approval is granted;

e) bids to host the WCD can be submitted by ILDS Member and Affiliated Member Societies only; and

f) they must have paid their dues up to date.

The Secretary-General of the ILDS will advise all Members of the bids received at least 45 days before the meeting of the Assembly of Delegates of the ILDS.

Presentations by the bidding Societies will be made during the first Assembly of Delegates’ meeting during the WCD at which the vote will take place. These presentations will be restricted to 10 minutes, or less, per bid and facilities will provide support for a video or Powerpoint presentation with sound. Any additional requirements will need to be arranged well in advance (at least 45 days) with the Local Organizing Committee.

The successful bidding Society will be required to sign and abide by the Agreement with the ILDS to organize the WCD. The formal signing of the Agreement will take place during the ILDS Board Meeting that occurs on the last day of the WCD and will be signed by the newly elected President of the ILDS and the President, or other duly authorized representative, of the successful bidding Society.

Voting for the site of the WCD at the Assembly of Delegates meeting will be conducted by ballot, using either (1) ballot papers counted by appointed members of the ILDS Board, with at least one scrutineer to oversee the count; or (2) electronic means. The Local Organizing Committee for the relevant WCD decides which method is to be used.

III. Congress Committees

a. Officers

The President of the WCD automatically becomes an ex-officio member of the ILDS Board for two terms of service; one term during the preparation for the congress, and an additional term of service following the congress. Additional congress officers may be named by the congress organizers as needed. Traditionally, congress officers have included one or more Honorary Presidents elected on the basis of their contributions to dermatology within the host country. Other congress officers may include a Vice President and Treasurer.

The President of the WCD has the right to appoint and dismiss officers and committees as necessary for the efficient conduct of the WCD.
b. The Local Organizing Committee

The Local Organizing Committee, in consultation with the WCD Scientific Programme Committee and the ILDS Board (see IIlc), is responsible for the arrangements required in presenting the scientific programme, organizing the social programme, and all editorial and financial aspects of the congress. The Local Organizing Committee consists of the the President and the Secretary General approved by the Assembly of Delegates and such other persons as the Organizer appoints (often this will be chairs of operational committees, (see IIIe below)).

c. Relationship of the Organizing Committee to the ILDS Board

The ILDS Board has the power to amend or alter the decisions and arrangements of the Local Organizing Committee, as well as other committees and officers of the WCD, when these appear to be in conflict with the aims of the ILDS. A minimum of three progress reports are to be presented to the ILDS Board at each of its meetings prior to the WCD. Quarterly reports shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the ILDS.

d. Programme Committees

There are two entities involved in developing the programme for the WCD:

1) A committee appointed by the ILDS Board, referred to as the WCD Scientific Programme Committee, meets approximately three years before the congress to select the content, chairs or speakers for the Symposia, Plenary Lectures, Workshops, Controversies, Free Communications and Courses. The committee is composed of a chair selected by the President of the ILDS and approved by the ILDS Board. Other members include the President and Secretary-General of the forthcoming World Congress, the President of the previous World Congress, and five (5) other members, at least three (3) of whom will be from the ILDS Board. The ILDS President serves as an ex officio member of this committee. The Board-appointed committee is responsible for the ultimate oversight of the entire programme.

2) A committee is named by the Local Organizing Committee to develop the content of the Free Communications sessions, based upon electronically submitted abstracts that focus on clinical, therapeutic and scientific aspects of dermatology. This committee is also responsible for organizing the Organizer sessions with two speakers each day. These latter speakers are generally not finalized until a maximum of 12 months prior to the congress to allow the latest breakthroughs to be presented, or the Local Organizing Committee may select someone from their own country doing work of major interest to the dermatologists participating in the congress. The committee is also responsible for implementing the plans for the programme outlined by the WCD Scientific Programme Committee. The Local Organizing Committee’s Programme group can also incorporate special programmes that they feel would be
appropriate for their congress (for example, sessions directed primarily to the host country audience), subject to approval by the ILDS Board.

e. **Other Committees**

Additional task-oriented committees may be appointed by the Local Organizing Committee based on congress plans. Committees named for past congresses have included: Finance, Fundraising, Exhibits, Abstracts Review, Publications of Proceedings, Scholarships, and Hospitality or Social Programme.

f. **Administration**

The scope and complexity of the present day WCD requires the services of a professional congress organizer (PCO) to assist the Local Organizing Committee in contracting for facilities, managing receipts and disbursements of funds, handling the large volume of paperwork essential to production, programme and promotion of the WCD, including website construction, and organizing all logistical elements. A representative of the local convention and tourism bureau, and/or the proposed congress center, can recommend appropriate companies.

Obtaining proposals, references and financial quotes from more than one PCO is highly recommended.

IV. **Finances of the World Congress**

a. **Financial Responsibilities**

The Organizer shall ensure that the Local Organizing Committee produces a detailed budget showing the expected costs to be incurred in the organization and staging of the WCD and the income to be derived from such organization and staging. The first such budget is to be presented within 6 months of signature of the Agreement and every 6 months thereafter up until the first day of the WCD for prior written approval by the ILDS with such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. The Organizer shall produce final audited accounts within 12 months of the conclusion of the WCD.

The Organizer shall keep separate full accounting records for the WCD.

The Organizer shall maintain separate bank accounts for the WCD and shall supply the ILDS with monthly statements of such accounts.

The Organizer shall credit all ILDS Registration Fees to a separate bank account to which no other funds shall be credited. The ILDS reserves the right to choose which bank shall hold this account.

The ILDS shall be entitled to appoint an accountant to monitor the financial aspects of the WCD and any accountant so appointed or his duly authorized representatives shall be given access to...
the books and financial records to be maintained by the Organizer and the ILDS at all reasonable
times. The fees of such accountant shall be payable by the Organizer and shall be an expense
of the WCD.

The Organizer is accountable for any deficit and may use its share of any surplus as may be beneficial
to dermatology. The Organizer is required to collect and pay to the ILDS a fee (the "ILDS Registration
Fee") on a per capita basis, which is US$60 for the 2019 Congress for each registrant (including
participants from industry). It is also required to pay the ILDS 70% of the net surplus of the WCD after
local taxes. These funds partially support the ILDS for the four years between congresses in addition to
ongoing programmes of the International Foundation for Dermatology. It is essential that the Organizer
be well informed regarding national tax regulations and non-profit status.

b. Sources of Income

The major sources of congress income are: 1) sponsorship fees from industry; 2) the sale of exhibition
space; and 3) the ILDS Registration Fees (see c. below). A corporate sponsorship programme based
on graduated fees and “recognition packages” has worked well for Organizers in the past, i.e.,
increasing benefits and recognition are granted to companies on each of several sponsorship levels (for
example, bronze, silver, gold, platinum, etc.)

Other sources of income have included sale of audio tapes and CD-ROMs, specialty publications, and
social event tickets (to fully cover the expense of an event or to partially subsidize the cost).

c. ILDS Registration Fees

The amount of the ILDS Registration Fee is determined by the ILDS Board and the amount of the other
fees by the Organizer. The ILDS Registration Fees belong to the ILDS and are accordingly not available
to meet the expenses of the congress.

All dermatologists are expected to pay the ILDS Registration Fee, including invited speakers/chairmen
who are dermatologists. Providing support for young graduate dermatologists and young dermatologists
from developing countries is at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee; however, any such
support must include the ILDS Registration Fee which shall be duly paid over to the ILDS. Invited
speakers who are not dermatologists, e.g., scientists or other physicians, may be given financial
assistance including airfare, accommodation, living allowance and honorarium, depending on the level
at which they are performing. These participants are not required to pay the ILDS Registration Fee.

d. Congress Expenses

In the past, the major organizing expenses included the following:

- Congress Center rental
- Printing and mailing of promotional brochures and Call for Abstracts
- Audio-visual equipment and technicians
- Simultaneous interpretation equipment and interpreters
- Exhibition promotion and basic equipment
- Publication of an Abstracts Book and Final Programme (variable media)
- Management (Professional Congress Organizer, Secretariat)

- Social Events (e.g., Opening Reception)
- Communications (telephone, fax)
- Shuttle buses
- Programme expenses (e.g., speakers’ travel and honoraria, if any)
- All World Congress Scientific Programme Committee expenses prior to and during the World Congress of Dermatology
- Supplies
- [Meeting Insurance]
- Other relevant insurances
- Facilities for the ILDS including, but not limited to:
  a) Meeting room for ILDS Board Members with adequate communication facilities
  b) Meeting room for ILDS President
  c) Well-equipped office for administrative staff

The Organizer shall arrange a site visit to the Venue by the ILDS Board, and the ILDS Chief Administrative Officer. Such visit shall take place at least two years prior to the WCD. The accommodation and travel costs of the ILDS Board and the ILDS Chief Administrative Officer in connection with such visit shall be an expense of the WCD and shall be paid by the Organizer.

The Organizer shall be responsible for paying the accommodation and travel costs of the Board, no more than two ILDS invited attendees and two ILDS administrative representatives in attending the WCD and any Board meetings held immediately prior and subsequent to the WCD.

The Organizer shall be responsible for paying the accommodation and travel costs of the WCD Scientific Programme Committee in attending the meetings of that Committee.

Travel shall be business class on flights of more than 4 hours and economy on flights of less than 4 hours.

If the ILDS pays any accommodation and travel costs for which the Organizer is liable, the Organizer shall reimburse the ILDS within 7 days of the conclusion of the WCD or before.

The Organizer shall be responsible for providing meeting rooms and appropriate refreshments for all Board and Assembly of Delegates meetings to be held during, or immediately prior or subsequent to, the WCD. The accommodation for the ILDS Board Officers (President, Secretary-General and Treasurer plus the ILDS Chief Administrative Officer should include a living/meeting/working area, with a separate bedroom.
e. Optional Expenses

The Board encourages the Local Organizing Committee to establish a scholarship fund to support or subsidize travel and subsistence costs for dermatologists from developing countries.

Other items which the Organizer may wish to consider are daily coffee breaks, lunch service in the exhibit hall, and special publications (an example is the commemorative book *Asian Skin and Skin Diseases*).

V. Programme

a. WCD Scientific Programme Committee

As outlined in Section IIId, above, the WCD Scientific Programme Committee is composed primarily of members of the ILDS Board, with selection based upon scientific, linguistic and geographic representation. The goal is to provide balance on a worldwide basis. This committee is responsible for developing content as well as chair or speaker suggestions for sessions in the following formats:

1. **Plenary Lectures** – A series of presentations of the highest scientific and medical standard, from internationally recognized scientists and clinicians. These occur each day of the WCD. One or two talks per day may be on general scientific topics which, although related to dermatology, are not necessarily specific to them. No other lectures are to be scheduled during this time slot.

2. **Advances in Dermatology** – A series of short lectures given by internationally recognized dermatologists or scientists involved in skin research, summarizing recent advances in clinical and laboratory dermatology. Lectures are of special interest to the general dermatologist. No other lectures are to be scheduled at the same time.

3. **Symposia** – In-depth discussions of key topics of interest to a wide segment of dermatologists, involving basic and clinical aspects as well as updates on recent developments.

4. **Workshops** – Discussions on ongoing research in clinical dermatology or the basic sciences related to dermatology.
5. **Courses** – Full-day courses, each directed by an international faculty, to cover topics of special interest to dermatologists. The subject of each course is to be fully covered during a half-day or one-day programme. In contrast to symposia or workshops, one lecture builds upon another. Course attendance is usually limited in size.

6. **Controversies** – Debate-style presentations on challenging issues in dermatology with audience participation. Teams may be chosen as in a debate with the time for speaking to be established by the moderator.

The WCD Scientific Programme Committee begins this process approximately three years before the congress by soliciting programme suggestions from ILDS Members. Societies are asked to make their recommendations for chairs, speakers and topics on the basis of educational, investigative, or current clinical expertise. Those who are suggested as chairpersons should be working in the areas of the named topic and should have the ability to aid in the selection of speakers for their session and they are expected to participate actively in the programme. The role of the chairperson is not an honorary one but rather is a working assignment involving the development and conduct of a session. Chairpersons should be able to communicate in the official language of the WCD, which is English.

The suggestions of the Members are compiled and circulated several times to Committee members for their comments and additions, and the resulting list is reviewed during a one- or two-day meeting of the Committee. The final programme outline is then turned over to the Local Organizing Committee.

b. **Local Organizing Committee Programme**

The Local Organizing Committee's Programme group is tasked with implementing the Programme outlined by the WCD Scientific Programme Committee and making all necessary arrangements for the same, and for developing the rest of the Programme, e.g. the content of the Free Communications (see III.d.2)). The Local Organizing Committee may wish to also incorporate special programmes and innovative formats. An example is the “Interactive Contributions to Clinical and Experimental Dermatology” format organized by the Australians in 1997 which combined an overview lecture with short poster presentations and moderator-led audience discussion.

The Local Organizing Committee, through its appointed congress management team, is responsible for maintaining a database of topics and speakers, for extending invitations to all chairs and speakers, for receiving acceptances and naming replacements when necessary, for receiving and for organizing abstracts and notifying authors, and all other programme communications. This database is to be passed to the ILDS at the end of the WCD.
c. Social Programme

A successful World Congress of Dermatology combines excellence in educational programme with unique opportunities for social interaction. Customarily, the ILDS Registration Fee admits the registrant to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies which often include entertainment of some type, a Welcoming Reception to follow the Opening Ceremony, and perhaps one local tour, although a special evening function has sometimes been substituted for the latter. However, pharmaceutical company regulations may limit the type of events included in the ILDS Registration Fee and a separate fee may need to be charged.

A closing dinner or dinner/dance is traditionally held. It is recommended that tickets for this dinner, whether to cover the full or partial cost, be offered for sale to registrants. Social events offered at no cost are sometimes perceived as having no value, resulting in a higher number of “no-shows” for which the Organizer still must pay.

VI. Languages

The official language of the ILDS is English. Past World Congresses have included simultaneous translation of major plenary sessions, including the opening and closing ceremonies, into French, German and Spanish. Continuing such a practice is encouraged, particularly where large numbers of the audience can be expected to speak the translated languages but this is at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee. In addition, there may be a need for additional translation depending upon the needs of the host country, and expected significant regional attendance of other language speakers. Because of the high cost of interpretation equipment and personnel, interpretation is not usually provided for concurrent sessions. Some Member Societies may choose to hold a pre-Congress meeting entirely in a language other than English, and that is to be encouraged if in the opinion of the Local Organizing Committee that will increase attendance to the Congress.

VII. Publications

There are two official congress publications: the Programme and a volume of Abstracts, both distributed at the time of the congress. Abstracts are to be submitted and published in English. The general information section of the Programme should be published in the official language as should the session listings. Electronic versions of the Abstracts and Programme can also be supplied.

If publication of Congress Proceedings is planned, it should be published in English and be completed within one year of the WCD. Authors would need to submit manuscripts by the time of the WCD to ensure that the book would be published in a timely fashion.
As noted in Section IVd, the Local Organizing Committee may wish to prepare a special publication for registrants (such as the commemorative book distributed at the 18th World Congress and the CD at the 22nd World Congress) but this is not mandatory.

The Local Organizing Committee may also wish to distribute a daily newspaper during the WCD, containing information about programme updates, interviews, and details about the social programme. It has not been difficult in the past to cover the full cost of these daily publications through the support of industry.

The sale of email contact addresses, addresses or telephone numbers of registrants at the WCD to third parties is not permitted.

VIII. Evaluation

At the first meeting of the Board taking place after the WCD, the President of the WCD is to present an evaluation report, to include data such as number of registrants and abstracts, and a financial summary of the revenues due to the ILDS from the ILDS Registration Fees and likely share of the surplus as noted in section IVa. In the past, the WCD's Programme Committee has nominated individuals to attend sessions and report on them as part of developing the evaluation report.

All sessions should have electronic evaluation of all speakers and the data should be tabulated by the Organizer and presented to the ILDS within three months of the WCD. In addition, the PCO should perform a count of the number of attendees in each session, approximately 30 minutes after its start time.
## IX. Statistics from Past Congresses

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### Gross Exhibition Space:

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- Actual Stand/Exhibit Coverage: 18,378 sq. meters  
- Actual Stand/Exhibition Coverage: 6,770 sq. meters  
- Common Exhibit Areas/Walkways: extra  
- Session rooms: 9,460 sq. meters  
- Service Area: (Korean Village, Internet Center, Business Center, Hospitality Suite, Service Desk, Cafeteria): 2,537 sq. meters
- Walkways extra

* No record
** Primarily spouses