

# Call for Bids to host the 12<sup>th</sup> ICI

The International Conference on Isotopes (ICI), held every two-three years at venues around the world, are established to provide a platform for the exchange and discussion of scientific and technical information, to discuss and promote the state of the art issues of isotopes, and to act as an interface with other professional groups.

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person 11ICI will be postponed from June 19-23, 2022 to July 23-27, 2023, in Saskatoon, Canada.**

The World Council on Isotopes (WCI) is therefore calling for bids from local groups that have willingness to consider **hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> ICI, due to be held sometime in 2025 or early 2026.**

Bids should be a written document that at least addresses the following issues:

1. **Venue:** Suggest a possible location for the event. Give clear location details. A venue should be easily accessible to a major international airport with suitable connections to transport infrastructure.
2. **Accommodation:** A range of reasonably priced hotels and other forms of accommodation should be available within a reasonable distance from the venue.
3. **International access:** It is essential that all nationalities are permitted to enter the host country, and can obtain any required visas and travel documents in a timely fashion.
4. **Budget:** Outline a reasonably accurate budget, including details of proposed registration fees and exhibition booth fees, items to be covered by the registration fees (e.g., lunches, refreshments), and anticipated costs for production and distribution of the abstracts and proceedings. In addition, describe a **commitment of a reasonably accurate contribution by the WCI Bylaw(B8.1(C))**, e.g. 10% of the registration and exhibition fees, to the WCI reserve fund.
5. **Sponsorship:** Describe the extent of anticipated sponsorships by different funding agencies and foundations, specifying any contacts that have already been made. Provide plans for industrial sponsorships.
6. **Scientific program:** Outline the variety of anticipated sessions, including plenary sessions and speakers, and a range of smaller oral and poster sessions spanning the interests of a diverse array of researchers, managers, educators, and policy-oriented individuals.
7. **Publication plan:** Specify the proposed media, timelines, and publisher for the abstracts and proceedings.
8. **Financial support for attendees:** Indicate the extent of anticipated financial support available for attendees, particularly students and citizens of developing countries.
9. **Outreach:** Outline arrangements for access to and by the media and local community.
10. **National and local government support:** Indicate the nature and extent of anticipated support from and cooperation with local, regional, and national agencies.
11. **International and national non-governmental organizations:** Summarize the nature and extent of anticipated support from and collaboration with NGOs.

12. **Local Organizing Committee:** Outline the likely structure, composition, and responsibilities of the organizing committee and any sub-committees.
13. **Others:** Describe the possibilities of technical and social tours, free registration fees for the WCI Executive Members, International Coordinators, and Secretariat Staff, and free exhibition booth for the WCI Secretariat. In addition, describe the efforts or plan of the potential 12<sup>th</sup> ICI bidder to encourage anticipated sponsors to participate in the WCI sponsorship and advertisements programs. (visit the WCI website for your reference)

**Bids to host the 12<sup>th</sup> ICI should be sent to the Secretary-General of the WCI Secretariat, Mr. Woo-Geun Song, by March 31, 2023.**

Document screening will be made until May 29, 2023, by the WCI selection committee and presentation evaluation will take place on July 23, 2023, in Saskatoon, Canada. The announcement of the successful bid for the 12<sup>th</sup> ICI will be made sometime during July 23-27, 2023, at the 11<sup>th</sup> ICI venue in Saskatoon, Canada.

Groups submitting bids will be requested to make a short (~20 minutes) presentation and to participate in discussions with the selection committee on July 23, 2023, at the 11<sup>th</sup> ICI venue in Saskatoon, Canada.

Submissions received after the deadline are not guaranteed to be considered. Electronic/digital submissions are preferred (to: secretary@wci-ici.org), although they may consist of a combination of formats (e.g., Word, jpg, and pdf) as most convenient.

#### ICI series held to date

- 1<sup>st</sup> ICI, Beijing, China, 1995
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ICI, Sydney, Australia, 1997
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ICI, Vancouver, Canada, 1999
- 4<sup>th</sup> ICI, Cape Town, South Africa, 2002
- 5<sup>th</sup> ICI, Brussels, Belgium, 2005
- 6<sup>th</sup> ICI, Seoul, Korea, 2008
- 7<sup>th</sup> ICI, Moscow, Russia, 2011
- 8<sup>th</sup> ICI, Chicago, USA, 2014
- 9<sup>th</sup> ICI, Doha, Qatar, 2017
- 10<sup>th</sup> ICI, Kuala Lumpur, 2020
- **11<sup>th</sup> ICI, Saskatoon, Canada, 2023**
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