

The Board of Directors of the International Psychological Society invites proposals from groups of psychologists interested in hosting the 12th International Psychological Congress in 2021. The International Psychological Society has members around the globe and congress sites from any country or city may be proposed. Recent past locations include Durban, South Africa (2005); Tokyo, Japan (2009); Orlando, United States of America (2013) and Szczecin, Poland (2017).

Detailed requirements for formal bids to host the IPC can be found below. If you have any questions, please contact the IOC Chairperson (David Mann, D.Mann@rbge.ac.uk). Inquiries should be made to the IOC Chairperson by **November 30, 2016**. For full consideration, proposals should be submitted by **February 28, 2017**.

BIDS TO HOST THE 2021 IPC SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. PROPOSED NAME(S) OF CONVENER(S) and members of the Local Organizing Committee, together with their Institutional addresses and e-mail addresses.
2. PROPOSED DATES OF THE CONGRESS (Most past IPCs have been held in the first half of August)
3. HOST CITY AND INSTITUTION: accessibility to international travelers; local and national features of special interest to psychologists; other major tourist attractions.
4. CONGRESS FACILITIES: comment on:
 - a) the number of lecture theatres and seating capacities. Indicate the number of symposia/concurrent paper sessions possible and whether these can be held in one building, in adjacent buildings, or in buildings some distance from one another (a map would be helpful).
 - b) audiovisual equipment available in lecture theatres, e.g., slide projectors, computer projection facilities, video recorders and TV monitors, overhead projectors, etc.
 - c) seating capacity and proposed location of the Opening and Closing ceremonies (venues that will accommodate at least 700 persons minimum are required).
 - d) seating capacity and location of the plenary sessions.
 - e) the size and suitability of areas where poster sessions will be held (allow for space to display at least 300 posters), board availability arrangements, lighting.
 - f) the distance between various proposed Congress venues (all session rooms, meals, etc.).
 - g) facilities for workshops and rooms for committee meetings.
 - h) arrangements for serving refreshments during Congress sessions.
 - i) proposal for Congress banquet arrangements.
 - j) whether the current format of IPCs can be accommodated or if not, the nature of any changes proposed.
 - k) the maximum number of participants it will be possible to handle.
5. CONGRESS OFFICE: comment on the proposed arrangements for handling registrations, accommodation bookings, etc. (and approximate cost).
6. ACCOMMODATION: The range of accommodation available for approximately 800 Congress delegates and visitors, including a range of hotels and lower cost accommodation: give examples of current charges. Proximity of accommodation to congress venues, accessibility by bus, train or other public transport.

7. CONGRESS TOURS: suggestions for mid-tours and pre- and post-Congress excursions.
8. BUDGET: an outline of the major items of expenditure anticipated and the approximate costs (current values) including costs associated with renting proposed Congress venues and managing Congress office.
9. TRANSPORT facilities to and from the city in which the Congress is to be located. Local transport to and from the airports/train stations. Are there direct international flights to the host city and from where do these originate?
10. FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Possible local/national sources of financial support to help offset Congress expenses.
11. SEASON: weather conditions.
12. CHILD CARE FACILITIES: Give details of child care facilities available for use by Congress delegates.
13. OTHER INFORMATION which might be of value to the Board of Directors (e.g., local cultural activities, shopping, restaurants, activities of interest to accompanying persons, etc.).

Completed proposals should be submitted to the President of the International Psychological Society (Juliet Brodie, j.brodie@nhm.ac.uk). If possible, proposals should be submitted by e-mail. If any printed tourist brochures or other information are to be submitted with the proposal, 16 copies should be sent separately by mail. Proposals will be evaluated by the Board of Directors of the International Psychological Society.

Further inquiries should be directed to the Chairperson of the International Organizing Committee (David Mann, D.Mann@rbge.ac.uk)