



Hydrocephalus Society

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HYDROCEPHALUS World Congress Call for Bids for The years: 2029 and 2030 Bid Manual

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1. Call for Interest

Hydrocephalus Society, through its Core PCO, ARTION Conferences & Events, invites Society Members aiming to host the HYDROCEPHALUS World Congress for the years 2029 or 2030 in their destination, to express their interest.

2. Deadlines & Processes

The deadline for bids for the years 2029 and 2030 is the 20th December 2026.

Bids should be addressed by email to the following contacts:

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Bids should comprise the “Application” and “Budget” duly completed as requested in the present.

Bids can only be submitted by members of the Hydrocephalus Society and can include a letter of invitation from the Scientific Leader of the Bid, Society Member and Host, his/her Institution, the Mayor and/or the President of the Convention & Visitors Bureau of the destination suggested.

For the Years 2029 & 2030 Bids will be evaluated in February 2027 during the Society Retreat Meeting and applicants will be communicated right after this date. A first inspection visit will follow the latest 24 months ahead of each respective year to the selected destinations.



3. The Hydrocephalus Society

Hydrocephalus Society was established in September 2008 and is an independent non-profit scientific society funded on members' contributions only. The Society's mission has been to advance the art and science of the field of clinical care and research in hydrocephalus and CSF disorders and thereby promote the best possible care for patients with these disorders. The Society

- promotes international exchanges, encourages worldwide representation and stimulates research and debate
- provides and promotes excellence in professional education and research by offering a variety of programs in both the clinical aspects of hydrocephalus and the basic sciences to physicians, young researchers and allied health professionals
- supports and advocates an environment which ensures ethical, high-quality care for hydrocephalus both in the developed and developing world by advancing public education and awareness
- supports guidelines, standardized methods and ethically conducted clinical and basic research in hydrocephalus, CSF disorders and related fields.

4. The Congress: HYDROCEPHALUS Year World Congress

Congress Profile

This Annual Scientific Congress takes place each year since 2008 around the month of September in a different city global wide. We expect between 250 and 400 participants coming from 40 different countries. The Congress comprises of three days of scientific sessions, a general assembly, pre-congress and side meetings of other related scientific societies as well as a board meeting.

On the day of arrival participants are invited to welcome drinks, usually at the Congress Venue. The next three days are devoted to scientific sessions. A Congress Dinner is organised on the second day of the Congress. On the first day an informal dinner or any other kind of activity (e.g. concert, cultural event) can be suggested, preferably with local culture and content. Entertainment of national attire can be proposed for the congress dinner, the welcoming event and possibly the informal evening. Menus are preferred to be representing the local cuisine.

During the three working days of the Congress one seated buffet or set menu lunch and two coffee breaks every day should be organised in the Congress Venue.

Congress Goals

- Short term impact: Share the latest research, innovation and practices, fostering immediate network among professionals.
- Medium term impact: Strengthen collaborations, implement protocols and expand education and initiatives.
- Long term impact: Advance global standards of hydrocephalus treatment, sustain research partnerships and create lasting improvements in patient outcomes and quality of life.



Who Can Bid?

Bidding is open to the Society Members.

Applications are suggested to be supported by the Member's Professional Affiliation (Hospital, University, Research Center, etc.), the National Society of the member's specialty, if any, and the suggested host city's Convention Bureau, if any, or/and the National Convention Bureau.

Why Host the HYDROCEPHALUS World Congress

This Congress is a consistent international scientific assembly and forum bridging the junior and senior, clinical and basic scientists interested in the fascinating and multidisciplinary field of hydrocephalus and CSF disorders, bringing together Neurosurgeons, Neurologists, Geriatricians, Radiologists, Researchers, Engineers, Basic Scientists, among others to the potential benefit of patients and families. The Congress attracts about 420 delegates from 40 different countries. The Congress is communicated to more than 10.000 neurosurgeons, neurologists, related physicians, researchers and engineers around the globe, leaving a legacy of global collaboration, lasting knowledge sharing and stronger patient and research networks.

Delegates will be staying in the host destination on average for 4+ nights. The Congress comprises the following programme of activities: sessions, evening functions for the delegates and excursions for accompanying persons as well as post Congress programs. It is an opportunity to showcase your destination's cuisine, culture, traditions and undiscovered corners to a public that will greatly communicate further to friends and family the treasures in your city and region.

Previous & Next Congresses

- 2028 Rome, Italy
- 2027 Baltimore, United States of America
- 2026 São Paulo, Brazil
- 2025 Toulouse, France
- 2024 Nagoya, Japan
- 2023 Hamburg, Germany
- 2022 Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2021 Virtual
- 2020 *Cancelled due to Covid*
- 2019 Vancouver, Canada
- 2018 Bologna, Italy
- 2017 Kobe, Japan
- 2016 Cartagena, Colombia
- 2015 Banff, Canada
- 2014 Bristol, United Kingdom
- 2013 Athens, Greece
- 2012 Kyoto, Japan
- 2011 Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2010 Heraklion, Greece



2009 Baltimore, USA
2008 Hanover, Germany

Dates & Format of the Congress

Dates: September (Care should be taken to avoid all religious holidays in Europe and Western Countries and national holidays as far as possible as much as major events in the city such as exhibitions, large conferences or festivals).
Duration: 3 days on preferred
Days: Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Programme Outline:

Day 1 – Friday: Arrivals & Welcome Reception
Board Meeting
Pre-Congress Session, open to the local community
Day 2, 3 & 4: Saturday – Monday: World Congress
Day 5 – Tuesday: Departures or Post Programmes

Estimated Number of Participants: 420
Estimated Number of Hotel Rooms: 130 for 4+ nights
Estimated Number of Room Nights: 500+

Venue, Catering & Accommodation Requirements

This Congress is typically hosted under one roof: a convention hotel with the infrastructure below. However, the option of a congress centre with a nearby hotel has been used in the past, provided that the distance is within a few minutes' walk.

Venues Required

Day 1: Board Meeting Room for 15 persons, 09.00-12.00
Setup of Venues
Depending on the host a pre-Congress seminar can be organised; this is addressing the local scientific community, is free to attend and requires a meeting room of 200 persons theatre style

Day 2,3,4: 1 Plenary for 350 persons - cabaret setup
2 Parallel venues for 200+ persons each– half school half theatre setup
Exhibition Area for 10-15 booths, where coffee breaks are also hosted up to 1000 sqm.
Lunches are hosted at the Plenary, as Industry Seminars run during the lunch breaks.

Secretariat/PCO office for 5 days (2 days before day 1 until day 4) for setup of material and preparation & a storing room for 6 days (3 days before day 1 until day 4).



Technical Equipment is expected to be state of the art including sound systems, video projectors, screens & internet connections (wired and Wi-Fi) to ensure the smooth and uninterrupted flow of the congress and presentations throughout its entire duration.

Accommodation 130 rooms are contracted for 4 nights with an agreed price valid 3 days before and after the World Congress. 60% of the rooms are single, and 40% are double/twin.

Preferences is for 4-5* facilities with a good number of rooms with walk in showers. It is highly appreciated to provide special rooms for persons with mobility impairments or allergies (e.g. wooden floors if the hotel is carpeted).

World Congress Catering

The Convention Hotel is expected to host also the following functions:

Day 1: A Welcome Reception for 250+ persons and possibly a Coffee Break for 150+ persons

Day 2, 3 & 4: Two Coffee Breaks and a seated buffet or set menu Lunch for 350+ persons

Accessibility is essential to ensuring that the congress is inclusive and impactful for all participants and researchers from different backgrounds. By prioritizing accessibility, the congress not only enables full participation but also reflects a commitment to equity, fostering a truly global exchange of knowledge and experience in hydrocephalus care and research.

Social Events & Excursions for Spouses

Day 2: An evening event or cultural programme of local attire

Day 3: A Congress Dinner

Social Events are attended by 250-300 persons.

Spouse programmes can be suggested, only they attract individual or very small group attendance. The most convenient arrangement for the spouses of our delegates is to join existing programmes available in a city or region.

Sustainability Goals

Sustainability is a key priority of the congress, reflecting a commitment to responsible and forward-thinking practices. Efforts include reducing environmental impact through digital materials, minimizing waste and encouraging the use of sustainably transportation, ensuring that environmental considerations play a meaningful role in decision making. The Congress is also committed to exploring innovative approaches, embracing new ideas and solutions that can further reduce environmental impact. Through these efforts, the congress aims to support global health not only through scientific exchange but also by promoting environmental care for future generations.

Connectivity & Distance from the Airport

Connectivity & distance from your International Airport is a very important factor in choosing a home for the Hydrocephalus World Congress.



Direct daily flights from the countries generating the largest delegations is a prerequisite; these are: USA, Canada, Sweden, Finland, Germany, France, Japan, Belgium, Switzerland, United Kingdom, China, among others.

Any destination suggesting a nearby airport should not be more than an hour's drive from the airport.

Responsibilities & the role of the National Host

Hydrocephalus Society exclusively owns the World Congress under the name "Hydrocephalus Year World Congress" and exclusively maintains any and all rights concerning the Congress in every respect, including, but not restricted to, its content management, planning and supervision of all operation and quality standards.

Hydrocephalus Society's Core PCO for the years 2016-2030 is ARTION Conferences & Events who is responsible for the preparation, planning and operation of the Congress. ARTION has full responsibility for the operation, quality standards and management and undertakes all procedures related to the success of the Congress including and not limited to the accounting and financial management. ARTION contracts the Hotels and all the local suppliers: transportation company, DMC, catering, materials etc. Delegates are invited to contribute with a registration and accommodation fee plus any social and excursions programmes. All fees are collected by ARTION and are channelled to the local suppliers as per contracts.

The National Host with the Convention Bureau is expected to prepare a bid proposal and secure that all quotes and prices as stated in the bid will be valid until the World Congress. The National Host will provide all help required to prepare and host the first inspection visit, set up all the appointments and agenda of visits and connect with the local players/suppliers. Inspection visits are attended by 2-3 persons, one representative from the Society – the Congress Chair – and two Project Managers from ARTION. Three inspection visits are planned: one for the familiarization with the destination, meeting the basic suppliers and outlining the programme of the Congress (24 months before the Congress); a second (12-10 months before the Congress) to finalise the details of the project, and a third and final inspection visit (1 month before the Congress) to secure all items as agreed and settle details. The first inspection visit is expected to be fully hosted.

Hydrocephalus Society understands that the role of the National Host is very important for the success of the World Congress, the smooth running of operations and the mobilization of national and regional resources. The National Host is expected to showcase a strong intention and potential to coordinate the local players and secure their potential to adapt to the Congress needs.

Any possible funding or contribution is well appreciated but is neither a prerequisite nor a criterion for a destination selection. Such contributions or suggestions, being part of the destination MICE welcoming service, are welcome.

The National Host will be required to provide photographic licenced material for the Congress announcement, texts about the city and the region in English, touristic brochures and city maps to be handed out to the delegates and any promotional that can be readily available, all in 400 copies.



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The National Host is also expected to establish a local committee and undertake an active role –in cooperation with the Society Board - in building the Scientific Programme by suggesting keynote speakers, monitoring the evaluation process of abstracts and organising the World Congress Programme day by day. A Manual for the Scientific Programme Management is available and can be shared after the bid submission.

Additional to that active promotion of the Congress in the Country and Region as well as mobilisation of attendance and sponsorship from the National/Regional Industry is expected.

The National Host is expected to become an active member of the Hydrocephalus Society Community, attend the World Congresses before and after the year when he/she will be hosting it in his/her country, attend all physical and teleconference board meetings. The board meets physically two times a year, once during the World Congress (in September) and once during the Retreat Meeting (in February) at a city chosen at a convenient destination for all members, usually in Europe. The board meets by teleconference once (in May) and more times if needed.

Hydrocephalus Society Core PCO

Hydrocephalus Society has contracted ARTION Conferences & Events, to be the exclusive PCO (Professional Congress Organiser) for the World Congress global-wide, for the years 2016-2030. ARTION is responsible for contacting the destinations that are interested to host a World Congress and manages the Bidding Process and Site Inspections, as well as the Congress Management, Budget, Logistics and Secretariat. Local suppliers will be contracted directly by ARTION. A local PCO or DMC can be involved, to be approved by and work directly with ARTION.

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5. Your Contact

For any further information or clarification, please communicate with:

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6. Bid Application to host the

HYDROCEPHALUS 2029 or 2030 World Congress

Please stay within a limit of **50 pages in total** (images & letters of support included) submitted according to the headlines below:

1. National Host/Bidder

Name:

Title:

Organisation:

Address:

City/State/Province:

Postal Code Country:

Telephone (Country and Area/City Codes):

Email Address:

Website:

Contact person for Hydrocephalus Society Core PCO, ARTION Conferences & Events (if a different person from above):

Name:

Title:

Tel:

E-mail:

2. Congress Programme

Suggested dates

Indicative Congress programme

Social Programme

Keynote Speakers (preliminary suggestions)

3. Country description

Short history, official languages, facts & figures, currency, culture, time zone and climate

4. City description

Short history, weather conditions, culture, experience in hosting international events and local transportation

5. Connectivity

List the Airports that are daily directly connected with the proposed destination and the number of daily flights (see bid manual on connectivity).

6. Venue

Location

Total number of function spaces with capacities



Technical Equipment
Accessibility
Floorplans

7. Accommodation

Total number of rooms in the suggested hotel/s
Location of suggested congress hotel/s
Hotel categories
Indicative rates
Accessibility

8. Social events

Venue suggestions for Congress Dinner and Evening Events
Tours and Excursions for accompanying persons

9. Event map

Indicating Congress Venue, suggested hotels and other points of interest

10. Budget

You are invited to fill in the budget below as requested, giving Unit Prices including VAT and taxes. Please submit a budget in Euro (€) or USD (\$).

HYDROCEPHALUS 2029 or 2030 World Congress 3 days, 420 delegates	Unit Cost	Units	Total Cost VAT incl
Venue		Days	
Board Meeting 09.00-12.00, 15 persons, board setup (Friday)		1	
Pre-Congress Set-up of plenary & exhibition space (Friday)		1	
Pre-Congress Seminar, 200 pax, theater, 11.00-18.00 (Friday)		1	
PCO Office & Storage Space		5	
Plenary for 350 persons, cabaret (Saturday, Sunday, Monday)		3	
Exhibition Space for 12+ booths accommodating also coffee breaks (Saturday, Sunday, Monday), up to 1000 sqm.		3	
2 Parallel Meeting Halls for 200+ persons each, school (Saturday, Sunday, Monday)		3	
Audiovisual, Projection Systems, IT & Furniture			
All Venues are fully furnished with tables & chairs, panels, stage, podium			
Conference: Sound, Audiovisual & Projection Systems for all venues			
Scenery/Backdrop & Stage in Plenary			
High Speed Wi-Fi in all venues and areas all days			
Technical Support			



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Board Meeting Room: Projector, Screen & Laptop			
Parallel Halls: Sound & Projection System			
Catering			
Congress Coffee Breaks (6)			
Congress Seated Lunches (3)			
Board Meeting Coffee Supply & Snack (1)			
Hotel Accommodation			
Price of a single room BB per night (all taxes incl)			
Price of a double/twin room BB per night (all taxes incl)			
City & Airport Transfers			
Airport Transfer (one way, taxi)			
Airport Transfer (one way, 8-seater)			
Airport Transfer (one way, 20-seater)			
Hotel - Social Venue - Hotel, 50-seater (aller retour)			
Social Events		Persons	
Welcome Reception (Friday)		250	
Informal Evening / Dinner / Party (Saturday)		300	
Congress Dinner (Sunday)		250	
Board Meeting Dinner (Monday), Private Room required		20	
Various Expenses		Days	
Photographic Coverage (Congress & Social Events)		3	
Video Coverage (Recording of all lectures)		3	

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Important notes:

- Catering: please provide unit prices as requested. Meeting packages are complicating the evaluation phase
- Accommodation: A uniform price should be suggested for this meeting for single and double/twin rooms, including buffet breakfast and all taxes, Wi-Fi & portorage. Prices should be quoted commissionable and remain the same 3 days before and after the event.
- Traditionally this meeting is looking into “intelligent” solutions, as our budget is considered medium, due to the long stay and the many functions during the Meeting. Please connect with ARTION for further help and feedback on the financial aspect.

Looking forward to receiving your bid!

Thank you!