



Invitation to Bid to Host the 25th International Conference on Medical Physics (ICMP) in 2023

1. Introduction

These conferences are in addition to the World Congresses on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering (commonly known as WC with year or IUPESM with year) and take place approximately midway between WCs. The objectives of international conferences include the development of medical physics, strengthening of links amongst regional medical physicists and the promotion of the medical physics profession in regions or countries where a large World Congress is not feasible. It is also hoped that these conferences will generate additional income for IOMP to enable it to expand its work, particularly in developing countries. The intention is that international conferences will rotate around the world. IOMP does not wish to be unduly restrictive in laying down conditions and innovative proposals are welcome. Conferences should reflect the priorities and needs, in relation to medical physics, of the region in which they are located.

2. Invitation to Bid

Any IOMP national member organization in good standing, or regional group (normally in association with one or more national organisations) or any combination of these organisations, are invited to bid to host the 25th International Conference on Medical Physics (ICMP) to be held in late 2023 or even early 2024.

3. Selection Criteria

The following criteria are in no specific order and the relative weight placed on each will be a matter for those participating in the selection procedure.

- Scientific standard. Must be of international standard, which includes the scientific committee having international stature.

- Promotion of the development of medical physics in the region and how it meets the needs and priorities of the region.
- Balance between scientific, educational, training and professional matters. There is no pre-judgement as to the relative balance of these items.
- Exhibition size, standard and scope.
- Rotation of conference. How the location fits the aim that these conferences should rotate around the world.
- Plans for regional and international promotion of the conference.
- Finance and risk. Viability, risk, level of registration fees and likely profit to IOMP.
- Support for developing country participation.
- Date. Avoiding clashes with other relevant international meetings and impact on the following World Congress should be considered.
- Location, accommodation (conference and hotel) and organizational arrangements.

There is no minimum size but overall the conference must be of a size and standard to warrant its designation as an IOMP International Conference.

4. Timetable and Selection Procedure

4.1 Invitation sent to national organisations and regional organisations: 19 August 2020.

4.2 Deadline for receipt of bids by Secretary-General: 13 December 2020.

4.3 Summary of each bid and recommendations of Review Group sent to Council members: by 25th January 2021.

4.4 Presentation by bidders: Online, by 22nd February 2021.

4.5 e-Vote by Council: by 10th March 2021.

4.6 Contract signed: Within 3 months.

Council may reject recommendations made by Review Group.

A single transferable vote system (see note at end) will be used where more than two bids are received and voted on.

5. Review Group

The membership of the Review Group will be the IOMP Officers and the chairs of the Scientific, Education and Training, and Professional Committees. The review Group may request additional information from a bidder or suggest alterations. Alterations may be incorporated into the bid prior to submission to Council at the discretion of the Review Group.

The Review Group will make a written report to Council that will include a risk/benefit analysis and recommendations, with reasons.

6. Bid Documentation

Prospective hosts of the 25th ICMP must submit a bid in **electronic form to the Secretary-General, Prof Eva Bezak (sg.iomp@gmail.com)** by 13th December 2020.

The bid must be in the following format:

- 1-2 page summary (this will be distributed to Council).
- Full bid. The length is not specified but should not exceed 10 pages.
- Supporting Documents. Optional and not encouraged. These may be in paper format at the discretion of the Secretary-General.

A format for the bid is not specified but it should include the following information, although some of the information may be provisional or limited at the time of submission of the bid:

- Title. Any title or sub-title apart from the 25th International Conference of Medical Physics.
- Organisation making Bid. Lead partner (if more than one organization involved) and other partners and the basis of that partnership. Contact name and brief CV (maximum half page) of lead person. Also, other organisations that may be potential sponsors or participants.
- Date and Duration.
- Location and Venue. Access and facilities.
- Organisational Arrangements. Conference arrangements, resources available, use of commercial organisation (if so, give brief details). Also include proposed involvement of IOMP officers and nominees in the organisation.

- Aim of Conference and Programme Outline. Initial proposals for scientific, educational, training and professional aspects. In addition, any linked meetings or special events.
- Options for alternative arrangements as applicable; e.g. hybrid event with webcasting and remote attendance possible.
- Exhibition. Expected size, nature and facilities.
- Accommodation for Participants. Hotel and other accommodation available, with typical price range (low cost accommodation option essential).
- Publication of abstracts.
- Finance
 - ✓ *Preliminary draft budget.*
 - ✓ *Proposed registration fees scheme, including any special arrangements for grants.*
 - ✓ *Proposed arrangements for profit share and loss responsibility. IOMP will accept no liability for any loss and will normally expect to receive a minimum of one third of the surplus accruing after settlement of all debts arising from the conference and exhibition.*
 - ✓ *Loan requested from IOMP. Up to 15,000 USD available.*
- Criteria for Selection. Brief statements on each of the selection criteria if not covered elsewhere in the bid.

7. Contract

The IOMP will enter into a contract with the successful bidder.

8. Appeal

The only grounds for appeal are alleged errors in procedure. Appeals will be considered by Council who may take any action it so decides.

9. Enquires

All enquiries about requirements and procedure should be sent to the Secretary-General: Prof. Eva Bezak, Secretary-General, IOMP, email: sg.iomp@gmail.com

Note: Voting

Each voting Council member will record on the voting paper his or her order of preference (1, 2, 3 etc.). An outright majority (more than 50% of votes cast) is required to identify the winner. If 'first preference' votes do not identify a winner then the bid with the fewest votes is eliminated and the 'second preference' votes, of those whose 'first preference' were for the eliminated bid, are distributed among the remaining bids. This procedure is repeated until an outright majority is achieved. In the event of an equal number of votes the President has a casting vote.