

Bids now open to host the 2022 International Stuttering Association (ISA) World Congress

Every three years the ISA selects a member association to hold a World Congress to bring people together to meet and share information about stuttering. Hosting a World Congress is a major undertaking yet the rewards and memories will last a lifetime.

Eligibility to host the ISA World Congress

Bids to host the ISA World Congress can be made by any active member national association. Under the auspices of the ISA, the national association applying to host the ISA World Congress must have fulfilled its membership dues in full during the last year and remain in good standing until the congress takes place.

Guidelines for hosting an ISA World Congress

It is the responsibility of the hosting national association to organize the Congress – including developing the program, issuing calls for participation, publicizing the Congress, arranging accommodation, arranging special programming, and arranging for funding through local grants, sponsorships, donations, and the like.

To establish the feasibility of submitting an application, a potential applicant might begin with an overview of some logistical issues for proposing a Congress venue:

- Is there a conference venue to host at least 200 participants?
- Are there sufficient hotel rooms? (approx. 100-200) close to the conference venue (or is transportation to the conference venue easy and frequent) that allow a range of rates?
- Is there a strong stuttering community to develop the program?

How Are Countries Selected?

Presentations will be made in person or through pre-arranged video at this year's World Congress in Iceland at the Membership Meeting to be held at Hotel Ork, Hveragerði. There will be open discussions after all presentations with members in attendance with the final decision made by the ISA board.

The board typically takes the following items into account (the order of the items which are listed below is not necessarily in the order of importance):

Geographical Rotation among continents and countries. In an attempt to guarantee broad geographical coverage, the board will be likely to favor applications that enable access across the major regions of the world. Though a country may have held a World Congress in the past, it is the goal to bring the opportunity to as many associations as possible. Exception will be made based on previous attendance for those who have hosted previously.

For your information, here follows a list of recent and future Congress venues:

1986 - Kyoto, Japan,
1989 - Cologne, Germany
1992 - San Francisco, USA
1995 - Link Ping, Sweden
1998 - Johannesburg, South Africa
2001 - Ghent, Belgium
2004 - Perth, Australia
2007 - Cavtat-Dubrovnik, Croatia
2011 - Buenos Aires, Argentina
2013 - Lunteren, Netherlands
2016 - Atlanta, USA
2018 - Hiroshima, Japan
2019 - Hveragerdi, Iceland

Other Criteria include but not limited to:

- Local support.
- Budget to support event.
- Availability of needed meeting facilities.
- Infrastructure (meeting rooms).
- Technical equipment.
- Social events.
- Local transportation.
- Details of travel aspects and visa requirements.
- Direct access from most continents.

Deadline to submit your bid is June 1, 2019. At the time of submission, please state if you will be presenting your bid in person in Iceland or by video so arrangements can be made in advance.

NOTE: There will be no preference made to those presenting in person or through video.

Submit your bid to admin@isastutter.org. An ISA board member will contact you to make arrangements for your presentation.