



CALL FOR FUTURE CONFERENCE VENUES

ICOH Scientific Committee on Work Disability Prevention & Integration

The Work Disability Prevention & Integration (WDPI) Scientific Committee of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) is seeking interest to host their future scientific conferences. One of the primary functions of the WDPI Scientific Committee has been to host and organize periodic conferences focusing on the scientific study and practice of work disability prevention. Prior conferences have been held in Angers, France (September, 2010), Groningen, The Netherlands (October, 2012), Toronto, Canada (October, 2014), Amsterdam, The Netherlands (September, 2016), and Odense, Denmark (June, 2019). The conferences have attracted from 200 to 300 attendees, and the 3-day conferences have included a scientific program of more than 200 scientific presentations in the form of posters, symposia, workshops, podium presentations, and keynote addresses. At the most recent conference in Denmark, 28 countries were represented among conference attendees. The Executive Committee of the WDPI Scientific Committee is soliciting interest among local planning groups to host future scientific conferences in 2023, 2026, and 2029. Information to be included in a statement of interest to the Executive Committee should include the following:

Venue: A description of the conference location and its capacity to host a scientific conference in terms of rooms, space, accessibility, and environment.

Organizers: The name and contact information for a local organizing chair and other likely members of the Organizing Committee.

Accommodations: A description of hotel accommodations and choices that would be available to attendees.

Finances: A description of the tentative financial plan and organizational support or sponsorship that would help to reserve the location and pay for the event, including an estimated registration fee.

Travel: Ease of travel to and from the venue from an international airport.

Management: A tentative plan for how the event would be planned and publicized, including abstract submission, registration, and other administrative requirements.

Attendance: Plans for attracting local professionals and scientists to the event.

Cultural attractions: Information about the conference vicinity that might be appealing to attendees.

Time frame: Please indicate the conference years that would be most feasible for the organizing committee in light of organizing, publicity, and administration.

Hybrid conference arrangements: Please indicate whether a hybrid (in-person and virtual) conference arrangement might be feasible as an alternative to in-person only.

For more information or to submit a tentative statement of interest, please contact William Shaw, Secretary of the WDPI Scientific Committee, at wshaw@uchc.edu. For the 2023 scientific conference venue, statements of interest should be received by March 1, 2022. In the event of multiple statements of interest, more information may be requested of applicants, and a final decision will be made by the WDPI Executive Committee.