ISQOLS International Conference Proposal to Host

The Conference Committee of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS) invites interested organizations to submit a proposal for hosting future ISQOLS Conferences. Hosting the conference can provide considerable exposure regarding quality of life in the area. Further, holding the conference can provide an economic stimulus to the area as well as opportunities to gain recognition for the sponsoring organization.

ISQOLS Conference Description:

ISQOLS conferences typically attract about 300-400 attendees, and the conference is held over a three-day period (four days including the pre-conference workshops) and includes an opening session and reception, multiple sessions in which attendees present their research, a keynote luncheon, and a closing awards dinner. We strive to keep registration fees affordable, yet we also must realize revenue from the conferences to support ISQOLS as a nonprofit scholarly society.

ISQOLS retains intellectual ownership of conferences, determines themes, sessions, and oversees the process of session and paper proposals. This can be done in conjunction with the organizing committee that is composed of the local partner and the ISQOLS President, Treasurer, Executive Director and VP of Programs along with selected other members as needed. Organizational matters can be handled in a partnership arrangement with the local organizer to secure venues and ISQOLS to assume financial responsibility unless other arrangements are made with the partner. Sponsorships are always needed, and the organizing committee should help secure these. ISQOLS will coordinate with the conference committee on items such as ensuring conference proceedings are provided, along with any special publications, and marketing of the event.

Conference Host Selection Process:

The conference selection is a two-part process. First, an interested local host committee should submit a proposal via the application below.

Next, the committee will invite complete proposals from groups who make especially strong proposals. It is crucial that ISQOLS conferences be self-supporting, held in a site with easy or low-cost air access, affordable housing options, and meeting space with minimal costs. Because the costs should be kept low, we encourage submissions from host organizations partnering with universities or other institutions where low or no cost meeting space and affordable housing options are available. After completed proposals are received, the committee will negotiate a memorandum of agreement detailing conference specifics with the host organization.

After the Executive Committee selects the proposal, we will finalize details and clearly outline responsibilities for the organizing committee. Please submit proposals by January 30th, 2018. The intent is to rotate through the major regions – Europe, North America, Asia, and South America or Africa – on a regular basis. Our intent is to have a three-year schedule of conferences identified for ISQOLS.

2019- Granada, Spain
2020- Rotterdam, Netherlands
2021- Available, Deadline for submission is January 30, 2018
2022- Available, Deadline for submission is January 30, 2019

All interested organizations should examine the "Guidelines for Hosting the ISQOLS Conference" document provided. We invite and encourage your submission.

Conference Proposal Application:

We invite you to consider this exciting opportunity to host an ISQOLS conference in your community. Please send the following information to be considered by the ISQOLS Executive Committee:

1. Conference Host Committee Member Information. Please include all names/titles, email addresses, website of affiliated organizations, etc.

2. Statement of Interest. Please include possible locations in the region, proposed dates of conferences, and descriptions of quality-of-life issues.

3. Suggested conference theme (note this will be decided in conjunction with the conference committee) and any ideas for major speakers (along with sponsorship as needed).

4. Level of support, both financial and otherwise, from local agencies and members.

5. Describe venue for hosting the conference (often at universities but not always, we can host at a hotel if cost effective), description of facilities, space available and estimated costs.

6. Housing/Lodging space available and estimated costs.

7. Brief overview of the host city (description of local attractions).

8. Ideas for potential sponsorship, particularly of the opening session and reception, or awards dinner and any other events during the conference.

9. Any other suggestions or ideas for implementing a successful conference are welcome including scholarships, or potential exhibitors for increasing revenues and interest in the conference.

Please submit completed proposal via email to office@isqols.org