



Call for “Expressions of Interest” to Host the 16th World Congress of Bioethics in 2022

The [International Association of Bioethics](#) (IAB) is now receiving “Expressions of Interest” from universities, bioethics institutions / organizations to host the 16th World Congress of Bioethics, to be held in June 2022.

To link internationally those working in bioethics and related fields, facilitate mutual contact, and encourage the discussion of cross-cultural aspects in bioethics, the IAB holds biennial international bioethics conferences in even numbered years. Past Congresses have been held in Bangalore (2018), Edinburgh (2016), Mexico City (2014), Rotterdam (2012), Singapore (2010), Croatia (2008), China (2006), Australia (2004), Brazil (2002), the United Kingdom (2000), Japan (1998), the United States (1996), Argentina (1994), and Amsterdam (1992). The upcoming conference (2020) will be in the United States.

In selecting the host for the World Congress, the IAB Board considers several factors, including:

- Proposed theme of the Congress
- Location of host country or region (the IAB seeks geographical diversity in Congress locations and accessibility for as many participants as possible who come from around the world)
- Capacity of the venue: hotel accommodations, transportation, accessibility and communication (the congress typically attracts between 500–900 participants)
- Commitment, synergy and quality of the local academic bioethics community and (if applicable) the congress organization team
- Level of engagement with the diverse networks of the IAB, that link their activities to the Congress, [in particular FAB](#) which holds its conference in the two days prior to the main IAB Congress
- Organizational management, including plans to secure financial and sponsorship support for the Congress, and plans to organize scholarships for participants from Low Income Countries, students and early career researchers.

Institutions / organizations interested in hosting the 2022 Congress should submit an “Expression of Interest” in the form of a document of not more than 10 pages, which includes the following:

- Name and complete address of the bidding institution / organization (including the name of a contact person)
- Members of the local organizing committee
- Proposed theme and dates of the Congress
- Proposed meeting site and its accessibility
- Potential sources of financial and sponsorship support for the Congress, including the ability to sufficiently underwrite any losses that may be incurred during the Congress
- Translation services and language policy if necessary (the official language of the IAB is English)
- Ability to livestream the Congress and allow online presentations and participation (if possible)
- Special considerations deemed relevant to the local context



The “Expression of Interest” should be submitted by **June 1st, 2019** to:

The International Association of Bioethics Secretariat
Email: iabioethics.contact@gmail.com

Selection Process

- The IAB Board will acknowledge receipt of all “Expressions of Interest” and review them carefully relative to the selection criteria above.
- Institutions / organizations submitting the best bids will be invited to present their proposal and provide further information at a subsequent IAB Board video conference meeting.
- The winning bidder will have an opportunity to make a brief presentation concerning plans for the 16th World Congress at a ceremony during the 15th World Congress in Philadelphia in 2020.

Potential sponsors for World Congresses *after 2022* may also express their preliminary interest in hosting a Congress to the IAB Secretariat. Please note, however, that the selection criteria and process described above are revised periodically and are subject to change.

Other Hosting Opportunities

Institutions or organizations wishing to hold a conference or symposium as a means of hosting a meeting of the IAB Board in an odd-number year between World Congresses should also contact the Secretariat for further information. These interim meetings, though not World Congresses, offer a unique opportunity for bioethics institutions to increase the local and international presence of their institutions through their association with the IAB. Board members are pleased to present lectures and/or participate in other educational activities in host institutions during these meetings (please see the professional descriptions of IAB [Board members](#)).