

10th June 2022

Dear Member,

IPWSO Conference 2025

The IPWSO International Conference is held every 3 years and the General Meeting is, in accordance with our constitution, held at the same time. The venue for an International Conference has always been chosen at the preceding one. Hence, the General Meeting in Limerick would usually make the decision on the venue for the next Conference.

In the Guidelines issued to all Members of IPWSO in November 2021, we stated that completed bids must be received by the IPWSO secretariat at least 3 months before the General Meeting on 10th July 2022. That deadline therefore expired in early April 2022.

I am sorry to inform Members that no bids to host the 2025 International Conference and General Meeting have been received.

We will accordingly propose the attached Resolution (Annex 1) to set a new deadline of 31st January 2023 for completed bids to host the Conference in 2025.

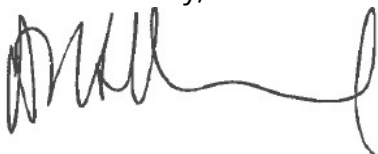
If the resolution is accepted at the General Meeting, we will then re-circulate the updated guidelines and timetable. This will enable IPWSO to receive completed bids and evaluate and clarify them in the usual way before they are presented to Members.

Within 2 months of the closing date for host bids, the bids in final form will be circulated to all Members and if there are competing bids, presentations will be arranged via Zoom around the end of April 2023. Members will then be asked to vote via a dedicated email address and the result will be announced with approximately 2 years available for final organisation by the host.

The Board regards the current position as extremely regrettable, but understandable given the global pandemic and the uncertainty about travel and assembly in large groups that has prevailed since early 2020. We are confident that suitable bids will be forthcoming in the extended time period.

The IPWSO Board does sincerely hope that there will be several bids now that we have more certainty about our ability to travel and meet.

Yours faithfully,



Tony Holland, President

Annex 1

Resolution

That this General Meeting, assembled at Limerick, Ireland on the 10th July 2022, resolves that the deadline for bids by Members to host the International Conference of IPWSO in 2025 be extended to 31st January 2023.

For:

Against:

Abstentions:

Signed:

Tony Holland, President