

## Call for Proposals to Host Regional and Thematic IASC-Conferences

The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) is now accepting preliminary proposals from individuals/organizations interested in

### HOSTING REGIONAL AND THEMATIC IASC-CONFERENCES

for 2017-2018

#### IASC-Conferences

IASC-Conferences bring together scholars and practitioners from around the world interested in a specific theme related to commons or from a specific continent. Hosting these conferences can bring your organization an expanded network of both global and regional commons scholars and a major opportunity to place a spotlight on specific regional or thematic issues related to commons. The IASC-Secretariat offers extensive support to local organizers to set-up the conference, from conference registration to the actual conference.

Most recent regional conferences:

- Europe
  - Bern 2016, see [http://conferences.iasc-commons.org/index.php/iasc/IASC\\_Europe\\_Bern2016](http://conferences.iasc-commons.org/index.php/iasc/IASC_Europe_Bern2016)
  - Umeå 2014, see <http://www.slu.se/iasc-europe2014>
- Africa
  - Cape Town 2013, see <http://www.iasc-commons.org/conferences/regional/2013-iasc-africa-regional-meeting>
- North-America
  - Tempe, AZ 2010, see <http://www.iasc-commons.org/conferences/regional/2010%20North%20America%20Regional%20Meeting>

Recent thematic conferences:

- Urban Commons
  - Bologna 2015, see <http://urbancommons.labgov.it/>
- Knowledge Commons
  - Paris 2016, see <http://knowledgecommons.paris>
  - New York 2014, see <http://iasckc.nyuengelberg.org/>
  - Louvain-la-Neuve 2012, see <http://biogov.uclouvain.be/iasc/>
- Design and Dynamics of Institutions for Collective Action
  - Utrecht 2012, see <http://www.iasc-commons.org/blog/2012-design-and-dynamics-institutions-collective-action-tribute-elinor-ostrom>

These conferences have drawn up to 220 participants per conference, from numerous countries and disciplines. For a full overview of upcoming and past conferences, see <http://iasc-commons.org/conferences>

## Interested in organizing a Regional or Thematic Conference?

If you are interested in organizing an Regional or Thematic IASC-Conference, please submit your proposal identifying your interests.

The proposal should include the following detailed information:

- Title of the conference**
- Region or Proposed theme and subthemes**  
Mention the themes and subthemes you are proposing for the conference, explaining their global relevance.
- Description of host Institution**  
Briefly describe the institution that is planning on hosting the conference. Include the following:
  - Name of institute or department within the institution that is carrying out the conference and give reasons to why it has been chosen.
  - Relationship with IASC and its members.
  - Indication of the main organizer(s), position(s) within the department
  - Composition of the local organizing team
  - Have you as main organizer already attended IASC-conferences? If yes, which ones?
  - Ongoing research, activities and publications on the theme by the members of the local organizing committee
  - Sum up the institution's possibilities and expertise in organizing academic events like this:
    - > Previous experiences
    - > Academic capacities
    - > Administrative and logistic capacities
    - > Personnel
- Conference Chair and co-chairs**
  - Listing of qualifications.
  - Brief description to past events organized by the chair or co-chair.
- Conference Team or Secretariat**
  - Main people involved and their roles before, during, and after the conference.
  - Brief description to past events organized by the team.
- Potential co-sponsors**  
List the possible co-sponsors for the conference mentioning the connection with them and the relevance of their participation.
- Conference venue, size and dates**
  - Describe the venue, stating why it is convenient for hosting a regional conference.
  - Give proposed dates to hold the conference.
  - Estimated number of participants and countries to come to the conference; past conferences have drawn 100-160 participants.



- Purpose pursued for hosting the Thematic or Regional IASC-Conference**  
Describe the impact you hope to achieve with the organization of the conference, including:
  - Academic advancement
  - Impact on policy or grassroots action
  - IASC membership
  - Post-conference dissemination of information and activities
  
- Proposed logistical arrangements**
  - Field trips (tentative).
  - Other proposed activities (parallel sessions, pre-conference workshops).
  - Accessibility of the venue and travel and transportation cost.
  - Visa or other document arrangements for international participants.
  
- Accommodation**
  - Availability of dormitories and hotels in various price ranges at or near the conference venue.
  - Approximate cost of lodging.
  
- Projected budgetary information**  
Include an itemized budget considering amounts for a regional conference, using the outline (Annex I).
  
- Funding agencies for the conference**
  - ***Please note*** that the responsibility of sourcing funds to hold the Conference rests with the host institution.
  - ***Please note*** that the IASC itself does not fund the conference.
  - ***Please note*** that the IASC uses an income-based conference fee grid, which results in multiple categories of conference fees; the Secretariat can inform you about the exact categories used. The actual conference fees will however depend on the costs made for the conference

Registration will of all IASC-conferences will run through the IASC Conference-Module, administered by the IASC-Secretariat.

### **Deadline for proposals**

Proposals must be sent electronically in PDF-format no later than 15 March 2017 to the IASC Secretariat, [iasc@iasc-commons.org](mailto:iasc@iasc-commons.org).

### **Additional info**

For additional information, please contact the IASC Secretariat, [iasc@iasc-commons.org](mailto:iasc@iasc-commons.org).



## ANNEX I

### BUDGET OUTLINE FOR IASC REGIONAL CONFERENCE (TEMPLATE)

\* Note: Sponsorships plus registration fees will need to cover costs; field trip and conference banquet can be charged separately. All amounts should be in US\$ only.

Item	Estimated amount in USD	Specification of estimated amount
<b>COSTS</b>		
Coordinator(s)		
Organizing team		
Consultant – for logistic arrangements		
Sponsored keynote speaker(s)		
Venue/facilities charges		
Transportation (excluding field trips)		
Catering (coffee, lunches if to be included in registration fees)		
IASC fees		The IASC receives an organizational fee of USD 50 per participant from the local organizers
Cultural event for the closing ceremony		
Office supplies		
Program formatting and printing		
Abstract booklets and posters		
Anticipated sponsorships		
Other fixed costs (specify)		
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Registration fees		
Sponsorships		
Other (specify)		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		