

Canada to Host ISI WSC 2023

The ISI Executive Committee (EC) has selected Canada to host the 64th ISI World Statistics Congress in 2023. Bids from Canadian congress venues will be invited in September 2019 and a decision on the city and venue will be made by February 2020. Anil Arora, Chief Statistician of Statistics Canada, and Bruce Smith, President of the Statistical Society of Canada, said: 'We very much look forward to providing support to the ISI and welcoming you all to Canada in four years' time.'

In January 2019, the ISI invited its members to suggest locations for the WSC 2023. The EC received proposals for 27 cities from 19 countries from all regions of the world. Many thanks to all who made suggestions. In deciding on the host country the ISI EC took into account the following factors:

- Locations of recent WSCs. We try to choose places that have not hosted a WSC in the past 20 years and also aim for geographical spread;
- Travel implications and visa requirements of the host country;
- Availability of conference venues large enough to hold a conference for 2,500 persons;
- The requirement to host the conference in July or August;
- Expression of intention to support the organization of the WSC from the national statistics office and national statistical society.

The aim of this first stage selection was to select a country, or group of countries, which have a range of suitable venues which could be invited to bid for the WSC. Canada has a number of suitable venues.

The last WSC in North America was the Congress (then referred to as ISI Session) held in 1971 in Washington DC.

At this point, ISI is discussing possible dates with Statistics Canada and the Statistical Society of Canada, and will publish the Request for Proposal document shortly to initiate the bidding process.

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