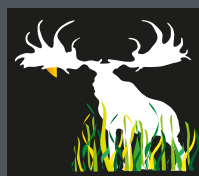


BID PROPOSAL

XX INQUA Congress 2019

25th-31st July 2019 Dublin, Ireland

Life on the Edge



INQUA 2019
DUBLIN
IRELAND

The Irish Quaternary Association (www.iqua.ie) has submitted a bid to host the XX INQUA Congress in Ireland in 2019. We are asking for your vote for Dublin!

Ireland has a history of successfully hosting large international conferences and other major events, and in 2012 Dublin was the European City of Science with the European Science Open Forum congress attracting 5,000 participants.



Ireland, and Dublin in particular, is recognised internationally and regarded as a very popular and interesting destination, with unparalleled hospitality and beauty of scenery. This reputation leads in general to increased conference attendance, both of delegates and accompanying persons.

LOCATION

- » Dublin is a popular, historic capital city, friendly and English-speaking.
- » Base of premier European low cost airline – frequent, very low cost flights to all major European cities.
- » Daily direct flights to North America and via Middle-East hubs to Asia. Over 190 destinations have regular scheduled flights into Dublin.

CONGRESS VENUE

- » National Convention Centre with exclusive use for INQUA Congress.
- » Award-winning, purpose-built venue.
- » City-centre location, 20 minutes from Dublin Airport, all city attractions within easy reach.
- » Entire congress requirements provided in state-of-the-art surroundings.
- » Wide range of accommodation within walking distance – all hotel categories, university rooms and budget options, city apartments suitable for groups/families.

We now have a brand new state of the art Convention Centre, in the heart of Dublin city, very suitable for large congresses and with all of the city amenities within a few minutes of the venue.

We have very strong governmental support behind our bid, as well as our famous hospitality and culture to offer visitors. We also have one of the best Quaternary landscapes in Europe which will be explored by delegates during the congress.



ATTRACTIONS

- » Strong local society and tradition of world-class Quaternary research.
- » Spectacular landscapes shaped during the Quaternary. A wide range of national heritage sites of geological and archaeological interest will be visited on the excursions, including unique botanical wetlands, mountains, lakes, and coasts, all with specific Quaternary interest.
- » General scenic and cultural attractions of Ireland integrated into the excursions and social events for the congress, including the Congress Party at the Guinness Storehouse, the #1 visitor attraction in the country!
- » Excursions and social events can be enjoyed in our comfortable summer weather, allowing their full appreciation.

SECURE FINANCES

- » Recognition as an "Exceptional Conference" for government and city supports.
- » €40,000 committed from Tourist Board for initial funding of the congress.
- » Up to €100,000 additional funding pledged by Government agencies to support speaker travel and student participation.
- » Student bursary fund already secured to support minimum 100 bursaries.
- » Experienced Professional Conference Organiser employed.
- » Full financial guarantee in place for congress budget.



www.iqua.ie/INQUA_2019.html

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In conclusion, Dublin offers an exciting and very accessible destination, with low cost travel and accommodation options for delegates. We have a superb new convention centre in the centre of the city and only 20 minutes from the airport. We have very strong city and government support for our bid, alongside a very active Irish association and tradition of Quaternary studies. Our exciting social programme will be matched by wonderful excursion opportunities to view the best of Ireland and our many sites of geological and historical interest. We have a very secure financial model to offer the best possible congress for all participants, and to include a committed fund for travel bursaries.

Finally, we can guarantee you a great experience and enjoyable visit to Dublin and Ireland.

