Potential sites for the International Conference of the System Dynamics Society

Since the decision to hold the ICSDS at default sites there have been no full proposals submitted for hosting the conference. The conventional wisdom is that the Society will rotate between Cambridge, Massachusetts and Delft, The Netherlands.

The Society conference policy states that the conference will rotate for a 4 year period between the sites indicated above. Those sites will continue to be used post-2016 in the absence of a proposal from another site that passes the criteria established by the site selection committee.

Below is a table indicating written and verbal indications of interest to host the site after 2016.

Site	Year	Communication	Current status
London, England	2020	Verbal expression of interest.	No activity.
Mexico	?	Verbal expression of interest.	No activity.
Singapore	2017 ->	Email expression of interest.	No activity.
Riga, Latvia	2018	Verbal, email, several discussions with Society staff and VP.	Potential locations identified. Single person effort. No activity for several months.
Las Vegas, Nevada	2017 ->	Verbal expression of interest	No activity.
Orlando, Florida	2017->	Active communication with Society office and VP.	Ongoing inquiries and proposals. No local host.
Albuquerque, New Mexico	2017, 2019	Verbal expression of interest.	Ongoing inquiries, hotel proposal for 2017; 2019 forthcoming. Single person effort.
Spain	2017 ->	Interest from professional conference organizer.	Informing organizer of conference format, finances, etc. No local host.

Issues

1. We continue to depend on the default sites. One site is strictly commercial (Cambridge) and probably not a problem the other (Delft) may depend on the goodwill of the Technical University Delft.
2. There is no de facto 'host' for either default site. Delft organizers actively provided Delft information aiding attendees, VP and assistant VP did so for Cambridge.
3. The Society membership is not widely aware of the conference site policy; possibly explaining why we do not have a set of proposals post 2016.

Suggestions

1. Actively solicit proposals via Society website, Facebook, and email to members.
2. Develop network of volunteers to serve a local hosts at the default sites and/or a chosen site without local hosts.