

Report VP Meetings, Policy Council Meeting Winter 2010

2010 Seoul, Korea

Conference brochures were printed and submission for papers will be open from 2 January on. Some open questions are related to the financial bottom line of the conference, in particular concerning local sponsorship. However, the local team is still optimistic to acquire a substantial amount of local money. More information is available in the Executive Director's report, who is working with the Korean team on a more regular basis.

2011 Washington, DC

Hotels in Washington and Boston have been compared and it seems that Washington is the better choice (taken into account that differences are small and the conference has never been in Washington). A contract with the Hyatt/Crystal City has been made to host the conference (after a PC vote). A local "team" emerged at the ABQ conference with Imrana Umar as the driving force, see his report. George Richardson and Jim Lyneis volunteer as program co-chairs (to be approved in the PC meeting).

2012 Europe, with a strong (pre-)proposal from St. Gallen, Switzerland

We have a strong (pre-)proposal for hosting the conference 2012 in St. Gallen, Switzerland, supported by Markus Schwaninger and Stefan Grösser. Since the summer PC meeting, dates have been double checked and it appears that the original proposal for dates (22-26 July) is the only feasible period. Additionally, hotel capacity has been confirmed to be appropriate (participants will not stay in one hotel). David Lane and Elke Husemann accepted to be program co-chairs (to be confirmed by PC vote). Currently, the pre-proposal is updated into a full proposal with the aim of having a vote on it during the PC meeting.

Update 09/01/2010: I now have the updated files and make them available as supporting material to this report. Note that the files still talk about a pre-proposal; however, given the accurateness and completeness of the information, I suggest we consider them as a proposal and discuss seriously about it with the aim of voting about it in the winter PC meeting.

2013 North-America

A call for proposals will be published in spring 2010. Until now, no proposals or statements of interest have been received.

Other issues

Conference organization: allocation of expenses, relationship between local organizers and home office, having the conference organization outsourced to a professional organizer (see Agenda&Schedule, items V.A.1+3)

Conference location: proposal to hold the conferences in a limited number of cities within North-America and Europe (see Agenda&Schedule, item V.A.2)

Conference fee: no updates concerning a tiered conference fee structure

Carbon-offset policy for conferences (see Agenda&Schedule, items V.A.5)

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