

**Motion: As VP Meetings, based on discussion with the 2018 site selection committee appointed at the March face-to-face meeting, I recommend that the 2018 conference be held in Reykjavik, Iceland, hosted by the Iceland System Dynamics Centre at the University of Iceland for the dates August 5-9, 2018.**

History: At the March 2017 Winter Policy Council Meeting, the President convened a group to work with Erik Pruyt (VP Meetings) to make the conference site decision for 2018. The team consisted of Len Malczynski, David Andersen, Roberta Spencer, Pål Davidsen, Étienne Rouwette, and Bob Eberlein. Erik and Roberta conducted a site visit in April with subsequent investigation by the local team (Harald Sverdrup and Anna Ólafsdóttir). An evaluative report was presented to the group on May 9. The group's decision is to move a motion to host the 2018 ISDC in Iceland.

In sum: The University facilities are logistically sound for our conference, the local hosts enthusiastic, and the City of Reykjavík an appealing and welcoming location. The conference budget works with registration fees for members at \$600 and for students at \$285. About 450 participants are required to meet the mandated revenue of \$25000, and 382 participants are required to meet the break-even point. The dates of the conference will be 5-9 August 2018, with a summer school immediately before the conference. Since hotel rooms are very expensive in the holiday season, block reservations will be arranged with three hostels, two of which have agreed, one of which also has hotel rooms. Room/bed reservation will be managed directly by the hostels. Groups and participants travelling with their families are urged to seek accommodation via AirBnB, which have prices significantly lower than hotels. The local hosts will be supported by an experienced local host, Erik (and if need be, the home office), for the short term actions as well as ahead of and during the conference.

Action plan: Short term actions that need to be taken and decisions made, include:

- A third hostel needs to be found, agreements with all three hostels need to be finalized: we need block reservations for all rooms/beds in the Oddson, Gardur, and the third hostel, with proper release dates and a good cancellation clause.
- Venue reservations for meeting rooms at the University need to be finalized (with clauses that allow us to be somewhat flexible wrt numbers of participants). Reservation of the plenary rooms will be done in consultation with the Program Chairs.
- The Program Chairs need to clarify program related decisions regarding use of plenary space that might impact the budget and planning by the local team. Most important is the choice between the 900-seat plenary room and a 300 person room with video streaming into a nearby overflow room.
- Major venue details have firm estimates. Other final local details need to be sorted out and decisions need to be made and the final budget refined. Based on the final budget, a MOU needs to be drafted. The person to sign the MOU needs to be identified. And the MOU needs to be signed.
- Proposed agreements with caterers, suppliers, the PhD Colloquium venue, and conference dinner venue need to be finalized.
- Sponsors need to be identified by the local team and asked for sponsorship support.

After a slow start, the campaign has begun in earnest and we are working actively to make Iceland a fantastic conference. For more information, please consult the evaluative report (in Reports Posted).