

13th World Conference on Sampling and Blending (WCSB13) – Call for Hosting Bids

IPGSA Calls for WCSB Bids 2026

The Council of the International “Pierre Gy” Sampling Association (IPGSA), in accordance with its Constitution’s mandate, is officially opening the call for bids to host WCSB13, to be held in May 2028. The last two WCSBs were held in London, United Kingdom (WCSB12) and Johannesburg, South Africa (WCSB11) respectively. IPGSA, as owner of the conference brand and lead, is looking for a dedicated and energetic host for the next edition. The conference draws together the world’s leading sampling practitioners, manufacturers and experts to promote, network, discuss and inform participants about the latest advances in the theory and practice of sampling and blending with respect to scientific research, technology developments and practical applications.

Requirements

Bids must address all the points listed below:

1. Brief description of the hosting organisation
2. Brief description of the conference venue
3. Brief description of the conference programme including possible topics/themes and side events (i.e. welcome reception and at least one social event)
4. Brief introduction of the conference Chair(s) and Conference Organising Committee, including experience at hosting conferences
5. Proposed date of the conference
6. Budget proposal: provide estimations of budget¹ and how it will be covered for three size scenarios: 100, 150, 200 participants.
7. Potential to obtain sponsorship from industry and government
8. Description of how conference proceedings shall be organised & produced, including deadlines for abstract submission, reviewing and revision
9. Description of public transportation and access from nearby airports
10. Visa regulations of the host country

¹ Please see section “Preparing budget proposal” for more details.

Key dates

- **15th July, 2026:** Submissions open
- **30th September, 2026:** Submissions close
- 15th October to 31st October, 2026: Interviews, if necessary
- **26th November, 2026:** Announcement of winner

All communications, including request for information and bid submission, should be sent to the IPGSA:

ipgsa_mailbox@protonmail.com

Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Experience and reputation of hosting organisation
- Experience and reputation of Chair(s)
- Support and opportunities for students
- Accessibility and attractiveness of proposed site
- Suitability of proposed dates (with list of specific conflicts to avoid)
- Adequacy of conference facilities for the anticipated number of attendees
- Adequacy of accommodations and food services in a range of price categories and close to the conference facilities
- Overall balance of budget projections
- Geographical balance with regard to previous WCSB meetings
- Evidence of financial coverage
- Attractiveness of proposed social engagement activities

Preparing a budget proposal

Based on estimates from previous attendance, about 150 participants attend a WCSB conference. Please, provide three budgets, one for 100 participants, a second for 150 participants and the last one for 200. Costs that will have to be covered include:

- Rental of conference space and meeting rooms
- AV equipment
- Coffee breaks and possibly lunch
- Registration desk/technical helpers (e.g., student volunteers)
- Pre-conference short courses
- Production of conference proceedings
- 10% contingency fund
- Conference poster and advertising

- Social event(s)²
- Gold medal expenses and other awards (e.g. Young Scientist Award)

In addition to these, please be aware WCSBs bear the responsibility to support IPGSA budget as detailed below:

- 1000€ flat fee
- 50€ per registered attendee
- 100€ per sponsor and 100 euro per exhibitor
- 20% of the total revenue generated from short courses (calculated by multiplying the number of attendees for each course by the corresponding course fee)

These contributions cover both IPGSA's support of the conference (e.g. in programme drafting, evaluation of abstracts and review of papers), as well as costs for the other activities of the association throughout the year. IPGSA's Council has over 20 years of expertise in organising successful conferences and will be looking forward to collaborate and support the preparation of another outstanding WCSB.

² Social events typically include, but are not limited to, a dinner to celebrate the Gold Medal winner.