

## Announcement

### Call for Proposals to Host the 2024 or 2025 IDRiM Society Conference

The International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management (IDRiM) is issuing a call for pre-proposals to host the 2024 or 2025 Annual Conferences. Pre-proposals only require a one-page letter expressing interest in hosting an IDRiM conference, including a brief statement of qualifications, and preference in terms of timing (interest in hosting the 2024 or 2025 IDRiM Conference).

The IDRiM Conferences have been held annually since 2010 in different parts of world including Japan, Austria, Italy, Canada, China, the United States, India, Iran, Iceland, Australia and France. Due to the pandemic, IDRiM2022, which was hosted by Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj, Romania, was held in an online format. The IDRiM 2023 Conference, hosted by the Indian Institute of Technology at Roorkee (IIT Roorkee), India from 28-30 September will be held in person. We hope that as the situation around the world continues to improve, the IDRiM 2024 and 2025 conferences can be held face-to-face.

Nonetheless, in the case of an extended impact of the pandemic situation into 2024 or even 2025, or other possible disruptive events, we ask hosts to indicate a back-up plan, for example, having the conference in a hybrid manner (physical and online sessions), or other options when submitting the full proposals.

Prospective hosts will have the opportunity to work with the IDRiM Board of Directors and the IDRiM Conference Organizing Committee in formulating a program. Typically, the program includes keynote addresses, plenary lectures, parallel sessions, young scientists' sessions, the IDRiM Society General Assembly, social events, interactive workshops and other activities. The IDRiM Society has a broad view of research and practice on integrated disaster risk management and welcomes participation in the conference from a broad range of disciplines.

Please submit letters of expression of interest by **May 31, 2023**. Formal full proposals will be due by July 31, 2023. A list of criteria for the final selection of proposals is presented below. Please note that it is important for the proposing organization to have a proven track record of conference organization and to commit to securing funds to help provide adequate resources for the conference.

The letter of interest should be addressed to Ana Maria Cruz, President, IDRiM Society, and sent by e-mail to:

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### Conference Host Selection Criteria (Formal Proposal Stage)

1. Formal offer in the form of a “Letter of interest from host institution” (Max. 10 points)
2. Details of the offer (maximum 15 points)
  - Conference organizing committee
  - Timetable for conference planning
  - Facilities/accommodations
  - Attractiveness of location
  - Accessibility (cost, travel times, visas, etc.)
  - Timing of the conference
3. Possibility to offer or secure funding for the conference (for inviting keynote speakers, etc.): (Max. 15 points)
4. Membership in the IDRiM Society: (Max. 10 points)
  - Founding member or years of membership
  - Active member (actively supporting IDRiM Society activities)
  - Institution has supported IDRiM activities
  - Existing local network of IDRiM related experts and/ or members
5. Benefit to the IDRiM Society (Max. 10 points)
  - raising the visibility of the IDRiM society
  - promoting the goals of IDRiM principles
  - improving the network of IDRiM members (potential number of local participants, student participation, networking with other interested departments or researchers interested in IDRiM from local host’s network, etc.)
6. Benefit to the local institution, country or region by hosting the conference (Max. 10 points)
  - Supporting the hosting country/ institution to implement the IDRiM principles
  - Widening the disaster risk reduction network locally and regionally
7. Balancing regions to host (the IDRiM Conference should rotate between Asia, Europe, the Americas, etc.) (Max. 15 points)
8. Feasibility/workability against contingent scenarios: factors that may impede or hamper the development of the conference) (Max. 10 points)
  - financial/ budgetary
  - political
  - natural hazard event or other disaster
  - organizational, etc.
9. Other positive issues/impacts expected (explain) (Max. 5 points)  
Please list.