

Guidelines for the IBF World Congresses

These guidelines were agreed at the Council Meeting in Charleroi on 4th October 2012

The IBF World congresses are held every second year by decision of the IBF Council. If not otherwise decided - from an organisational, scientific and economic viewpoint the Congress is the task of the hosting national Balint society, in close co-operation with the IBF.

Recommendations

1. The establishment of a scientific committee chaired by a member of the hosting society and consisting in equal parts of local and international Balinters for reading and judging submitted papers etc.
2. Use the experiences of the organisers of the previous World Congresses and the evaluation of its participants
3. Use the IBF Board for the exchange of ideas
4. Shape your own World Congress!

Conditions

Publication of the Proceedings of the Congress

- Papers (and posters) accepted by the scientific committee and the Ascona Prize jury are published in the Proceedings, which are made available in print at the Congress. Each paper must include an introductory abstract
- Permission to reproduce papers in the Proceedings should be considered by the author(s), the hosting society and the IBF. A PDF version of the congress programme and the abstracts of the Proceedings must also be produced to be published after the Congress on the IBF home page
- The PDF version of the complete Proceedings and five extra paper copies must be made available to the IBF Board general secretary for the IBF archives

Certificates including continuing professional development credit to the participants are signed by the Presidents of the hosting Balint Society and the IBF jointly.

Presenters of papers and posters at the Congress

All presenters must be members of a national Balint society or hold individual IBF membership. Guest lecturers/keynote speakers who are not IBF members can also be invited, so long as their presentations are well integrated into the programme, in the spirit of 'mutual exchange'. The budget for these speakers must be approved by the IBF Board.

Finances

1. The Ascona Prize , see Guidelines
2. The aim of the IBF is that the congress will be organised and held in the idealistic, non-profit spirit of the IBF, that a stimulating and educational meeting is held at lowest possible costs for the participants (« good value for money »). The local organiser will have to present a strict and realistic budget on which the congress fee is based. This must be discussed with, and approved by, the IBF Board. Local organisers need to accept that they may have to bear small losses as a result of organising the Congress but there could also be small gains. The IBF Board will check that the budget is acceptable in these respects. A break even result will be required at a level slightly lower than the expected attendance level.

3. Delegates to the Congress who are not members of a national Balint Society or individually affiliated to the IBF will pay an extra registration fee which will be credited to the IBF.

4. Alternatively, a joint venture agreement between the IBF and the hosting society can be made based on the guidelines of the Leadership conferences