



Report of the site inspection of Dubai for the 22nd IFOS Congress 2021.

Committee

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Introduction

The ORL society of United Arab Emirates and its president Dr. Hussain Abdul Rahman Al Rand have officially applied for the Dubai candidacy for the 22nd IFOS Congress. They have sent 5 bid books to the IFOS General Secretary. The bid book contains all necessary documents to fulfil formal requirements for application acceptance. Inside the bid book there are letters of support from the undersecretary of Ministry of Health, Minister of Education, General Director of the Department of Tourism, Director of Dubai Business Events, Dubai World Trade Centre, Vice president of Emirates Airlines and Dubai airport. There are also support letters from ORL societies of all the GCC countries. The organizer clearly declared that all countries have very easy access to UAE either without visa (45 countries) or with simple (online) application for visa. The site inspection visit took place during the period January 9 – 12, 2016. The site visit was extremely well prepared with the focus on all aspects of the site visit manual.

Society of Oto-rhino-laryngology and Head and Neck Surgery of UAE

The society has now 178 members. They have very close cooperation with all the Gulf countries; they organize the Gulf ORL Congress every year with the attendance in 2016 2000 participants. President and Chairperson– Dr. Hussain Abdulrahman, Asst. Undersecretary, Ministry of Health, UAE

Vice President – Dr. Mohammad Falasi, Consultant and head of ENT department, Al Ain Hospital, UAE

General Secretary – Dr. Hussain Talib, Consultant, ENT department, Dubai Hospital, UAE

Scientific Committee Chairperson – Dr. Aiman Freihat, Consultant, ENT Department, Sulaiman Habib Centre, Dubai Healthcare City, UAE, Culture Committee Chairperson – Dr. Hatem Dalati, Specialist, ENT Department, Dubai Hospital, UAE

If Dubai would be chosen to host the IFOS 2021 the congress will be conducted in cooperation with the GCC ENT societies. Professor Dr. Abdulrahman Hagr (President of ORL – HNS Saudi Arabia) is chosen as chairperson of the Scientific committee and Dr. Hussain Abdulrahman as the President of the Congress. They have close cooperation with the French, Korean, German and US ORL societies and these societies have also promised close collaboration in the scientific program preparation. During the personal meeting with the representatives of UAE ORL societies we came to the conclusions that they are capable to prepare scientific program in close cooperation with the Gulf ORL Societies and experts from the above mentioned international ORL societies. The scientific level of the congresses they have already organized



(annually for 6 years Emirates Otorhinolaryngology Audiology and Communication Disorders Congress) as well as the level of training courses in the temporal bone dissection, endonasal dissection, sleep surgery cadaver dissection show their capacity to do so. Regarding the date for the IFOS Congress it is possible to organize it in the second half of 2021. But due to possible link to Dubai EXPO 2020 (will be held until April 2021) and better weather condition there was a discussion about moving the congress to the second half of January 2021. This question remained open for evaluation the pros and contras. The IFOS Constitution does not define strictly the date of the IFOS Congress.

Support of the meeting

The support for the IFOS Congress is demonstrated by the personal letters in the bid book. Above this we were personally received by the Vice ruler of UAE, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health of UAE and General Director of the Dubai Health Authority (Minister of Health of Dubai Emirate).

PCO

Dubai Tourist Office is an organisation that controls all providers of congress and touristic activities. They guarantee the quality of the recommended PCO in the Dubai Emirate. Dubai Tourist Office has confirmed MCI as a reliable PCO to co-organize IFOS World Congress in 2021. MCI is an internationally based PCO with offices all around the world. They have organised in Dubai World Congress of cardiologists (12.000 participants) and several other medical international congresses. Its Czech branch Guarant has organised European Congress of ORL HNS in Prague 2015. MCI closely cooperates with UAE Society of ORL HNS in organising their congresses. Especially Emirates Otorhinolaryngology Audiology and Communication Disorders Congress they have organized from 2010 started with 200 participants coming to 2000 participants in 2016. The PCO gave a detailed presentation showing their enormous experience in organizing major international events in medical but also in other business field. MCI is a member of all major international societies of PCOs like IAPCO, ICCA etc.

Convention Centre

The Site visit committee has been received by the CEO of The Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre (DICEC). We clearly could feel full support from the Centre to help in the organization of the Congress. DICEC fulfil all requirements to host major medical congress with capacity up to 15.000 attendees. It is very flexible and versatile in managing the lecture halls and meeting halls. The main auditorium has a seating capacity 4500 – 7000 seats. It has a representative exhibition space connecting by the corridor with the lecture halls with possibility to organize coffee breaks and company exhibition and demonstrations. The most modern audio-visual technology is part of the DICEC equipment.

Hotels



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All categories of the hotels are available for the Congress. Approximately 10.000 rooms of different categories are available in the walking distance from the DICEC. Additional hotel rooms are available easily to be reached by metro which has a station by the DICEC

Safety

Dubai is very safe city. This information comes from our personal experience as well as from local citizens and expatriates. People can walk late in the night without any danger. Many nationalities and religions live together peacefully and safely in Dubai

Travelling

We had a meeting with the representative of Emirates Airlines. Emirates Airline will be the official carrier if the congress will be held in Dubai. For the congresses like IFOS they may offer reduction up to 10%, depending on how many participants will purchase the Emirates ticket. They will offer a special code for the congress and with this code participant will be identified as an IFOS attendees and she/he can book the ticket with agreed reduction. Emirates Airline has a direct connection from Dubai to more than 160 cities all over the world.

Local transportation is very efficient, Metro brings you to all important places in the city, and the ticket is valid also for buses which bring you to more distant places. The price of the ticket will be included in the congress fee.

Taxi fare is very reasonable even for longer distances.

Social program

We have seen several hotels where seated Gala Dinner can be organized for 3000 participants. Social program for accompanying persons will offer Desert Safari, City tour, Burj Khalifa tour, Seawings flights over Dubai, pre- and postcongress tours in Emirates and Gulf countries.

Promotion

MCI is very experienced company to realize promotion of the Congress. Dr. Hussain and his team will travel in the major conferences, continental conferences to promote the candidacy.

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