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## **Report of the site inspection of Vancouver for the 22nd IFOS Congress 2021**

### ***Site Inspection Committee:***

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with spouses

Sept 14-17, 2016

### ***Introduction***

The Canadian Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and Head and Neck Surgery have officially applied for the Vancouver 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. During the Site inspection we have met Dr. Brian Westerberg (designated president of the Congress), Dr. Fred Kozak (designated scientific committee chair), Dr. Murray Morrison (designated scientific committee co-chair), Dr. Dale Brown (designated sponsorship chair), Dr. Gigi Osler (designated chair for CME), Dr. Mark Taylor (President of the Canadian ORL HNS Society 2016) and Donna Humphrey (permanent secretary to the Canadian ORL HNS Society). Proposed date for the IFOS Congress 2021 is June 19-23, 2021. Weather in the beginning of June is very pleasant with temperature around 25°. Vancouver is the largest city of British Columbia with 600.000 inhabitants but covering the area of 2.000 000 people in the Vancouver region. Inside the bid book there are letters of support from the Prime Minister of Canada Mr. Justine P.J. Trudeau, Premier of British Columbia Christy Clark, Mayor of Vancouver Mr. Gregor Robertson, CEO of Tourism Vancouver Mr. Ty Speer. From the medical field the Vancouver IFOS 2021 candidacy is supported by Dr. Jason R Frank, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and by chairpersons of the major University OHNS departments in Canada (Schulich Medicine and Dentistry, McGill University, University of Toronto, University of British Columbia etc.)

The site inspection visit took place during the period Sept. 14-17, 2016. The site visit was very well prepared with the focus on all aspects of the site visit manual.

The previous IFOS congress in the region of North America was organised in Miami in 1985.

### ***The Canadian Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and Head and Neck Surgery***

The Canadian Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and Head and Neck Surgery has 800 members. Activities of The Canadian Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and Head and Neck Surgery are well known and respected all over the world. The



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extreme stress is given to the structure of postgraduate education and training program. The scientific program of the 2021 Congress is planned to start on Wednesday 13.00 pm continuing for full 3 days 8.00-18.00 with closing ceremony on Saturday afternoon 16.00.

Brian Westerberg was designated as the Congress President, Dr. Fred Kozak was proposed as the Scientific Committee Chair with Dr. John Yoo as the treasurer, Dr. Dale Brown as the sponsorship chair, Dr. Gigi Osler as responsible for CME. Subspecialty experts will be chosen for the communication with IFOS subspecialty groups to organize the scientific program. Dr. Mark Taylor and Donna Humphrey participated as the executives of the Canadian ORL HN Society.

The Canadian ORL HNS Society has proposed following scientific committee:

Dr. Brian Westerberg, Neurotology  
Dr. Murray Morrison, Laryngology  
Dr. Frederick Kozak, Pediatric OHNS  
Dr. Pat Gullane, Head and Neck Surgery  
Dr. Ian Witterick, Rhinology  
Dr. Dale Brown, Head and Neck Surgery  
Dr. Lorne Parnes, Neurotology  
Dr. Sam Daniel, Pediatric/Basic Science  
Dr. Wayne Matthews, Head and Neck Surgery  
Dr. Peter Spafford, General OHNS  
Dr. Manohar Bance, Neurotology  
Dr. John Yoo, Head and Neck  
Dr. F. Gigi Osler, Rhinology  
Dr. Brian W Rotenberg, Facial Plastics

The Canadian National ORL HNS Congress would be a part of the IFOS Congress in case Vancouver would be elected for the IFOS 2021.

### ***Support of the meeting***

The support for the IFOS Congress is demonstrated by the personal letters in the bid book from the Prime Minister of Canada, Prime Minister of British Columbia and other official bodies in Vancouver. City of Vancouver, The Canadian National ORL HNS, private organizations will support the IFOS congress if Vancouver is chosen to host the IFOS 2021 Congress

### ***PCO***

MCI Company was founded in 1986 and it specializes in organization of medical events. They are used to deliver medical and health-related information to medical



professionals and the public. They have 60 offices all over the world, very close relation to media to realize promotion of the congress. They were fully involved in preparation of the bid-book, site visit inspection they cooperate with the Canadian National ORL HNS in realising the bidding procedure for the IFOS Congress 2021. They realised more than 5.000 projects in 2015 with the budget more than 50 million CAD.

The largest event the MCI organised in Vancouver was the Dermatology World Congress with 15.000 attendees.

### **Convention**

The Vancouver Convention Centre is very functional congress Centre approved by several international events as well as Winter Olympic Games 2010. The main hall will accommodate 6.000 sitting guests in very comfortable chairs. It is directly connected to 5 star hotels Fairmont and Marriot. The Vancouver Convention Centre is located in the Vancouver downtown with the sea view from the corridors of the. Modern technical facilities and skilled technical staff provide support for presentations, video, e-posters, previews etc. Additional meeting rooms and amphitheatres (100-2000 seats) provide excellent facilities for scientific program. The Vancouver Convention Centre is located in the of the city within walking distance to the major hotels and metro station and access to the train connection to the Vancouver International airport

### **Hotels**

All categories of the hotels with approximately 20.000 rooms of different categories are available in Vancouver. More than 6000 rooms are available in the 15 minutes walking distance from The Vancouver Convention Centre and 7.200 rooms in 20 minutes walking distance are available. Price for the hotels very reasonable, 4-5 star hotels are available from 210 CAD, 3 star hotels from 190 CAD, budget hotels from 40 CAD.

### **Safety**

Canada is very safe country and Vancouver is very safe city. This information comes from our personal experience as well as from local citizens. The tradition of Canadian culture, education and respect are the reasons for friendly and respective behaviour. Foreigner always feels warm hospitality and willingness to make his stay safe. Population is very divers, you can hear hundreds of languages in the streets. All of them feel to be proud Canadians, keeping their national traditions. People can walk late in the night without any danger.



**Travelling**

Entry to Canada is very easy, many countries are eligible for visa exemptions for short-term stay. Vancouver was 2010 Winter Olympic Games city, due to this fact airport, hotels, Convention Centre, city Centre were renovated significantly. Train service (several trains an hour) will bring you in 30 minutes to Vancouver. Metro brings you to all important places in the city. Taxi fare is very reasonable even for longer distances.

**Social program**

Opening ceremony, Faculty Dinner, Gala Dinner are planned for the social events during the world congress. The exhibition hall of The Vancouver Convention Centre co is 20.000m<sup>2</sup>. Part of it can be used as a banquet hall for 3000 sitting guests. There are 5 star diamonds) hotels with suitable facilities for any social activity during the congress.

Near to Vancouver there are very attractive places to see like Grouse mountain, Capillano park, Lynn canyon etc.

**Promotion**

PCO MCI is very experienced company to realize promotion of the Congress. They have direct link to public media, press, TV, Radio. The promotion from The Canadian National ORL HNS Society before the bidding procedure was discussed with Professor Westerberg. The promotion to attract attendees from all over the world will be prepared in case Vancouver will be chosen for the IFOS Congress 2021

**Conclusion:**

Site inspection committee recommends accepting Vancouver as a candidate city for IFOS 2021.

Vancouver, Sept 19, 2016 Chong Sun Kim .....

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