

Organization	International Political Science Association (IPSA) is a non-profit academic association
Event	IPSA World Congress of Political Science
Frequency	Every two (2) years
Location	International, rotates cities around the world with a continental rotation policy
Dates	1-20 July (5-day event, Saturday to Wednesday)
Attendance	2,500 – 3,500 participants from over 80 countries The top countries are: host country, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, India, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Spain, USA, UK.

Past Congresses

City	Start Date	End Day	Total Attendance	Local Host	Name of DMC/PCO
Seoul (South Korea)	12 July 2025	16 July 2025	3,450	Korean Political Science Association	N/A
Buenos Aires (Argentina)	15 July 2023	19 July 2023	2,995	Argentine Society of Political Analysis	María Graziani y Asociados
Virtual¹ (Lisbon, Portugal)	10 July 2021	15 July 2021	2,760	Portuguese Political Science Association	B-Network
Brisbane (Australia)	21 July 2018	25 July 2018	2,153	Australian Political Science Association	ICMS
Poznań (Poland)	24 July 2016	28 July 2016	2,587	Polish Political Science Association	Mazurka Travel
Montréal (Canada)	20 July 2014	24 July 2014	2,429	Canadian Political Science Association	N/A
Madrid (Spain)	8 July 2012	12 July 2012	3,165	Spanish Political Science Association	N/A

Attendee type: Political scientists, MA and PhD students, scholars from related field of studies including sociology, economics, history, journalism, etc.

2025 World Congress Participants per Age Group and Gender

Age	Man		Woman		Other		Total	
15-24	53	1.6%	90	2.7%	1	0.0%	144	4.3%
25-34	427	12.6%	447	13.2%	3	0.1%	877	25.9%
35-44	499	14.7%	424	12.5%	7	0.2%	930	27.5%
45-54	458	13.5%	336	9.9%	3	0.1%	797	23.5%
55-64	299	8.8%	154	4.5%	0	0.0%	453	13.4%
65-74	104	3.1%	37	1.1%	0	0.0%	141	4.2%
75-84	27	0.8%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	34	1.0%
85-94	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
N/A	3	0.1%	4	0.1%		0.0%	7	0.2%
Total	1,872	55.3%	1,499	44.3%	14	0.4%	3,385	100%

Budget The estimated event budget is \$1,000,000 USD

¹ The 2020 Lisbon World Congress was postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and transitioned to a virtual format in February 2021.

Host city	Safe and accessible city (international airport) with the capacity to accommodate up to 3,500 delegates, in addition to the usual tourist flow. Second-tier cities are ideal destinations due to the lower cost of venues and affordable hotel rates.
Value	The IPSA World Congress attracts 2,500 to 3,500 participants and the average expenditure of a congress delegate is estimated at \$1,500 USD. According to the Palais des Congrès de Montréal, the 23rd IPSA World Congress was one of the largest events held in Montreal in 2014-2015, attracting nearly 2,500 participants and contributing \$6M in economic benefits.
Venue	Room and space requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 large amphitheater (up to 1,000 theater style) for the opening ceremony 1 large lecture hall or amphitheater (500-750 people, theater style) for plenaries 1 large room for the council meeting (100 people, classroom style) 45 breakout rooms for panels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 lecture halls (50-150 people, theater style) ○ 25 panel rooms (25-50 people, theater style) ○ 15 panel rooms (15-25 people, theater style) 5 admin rooms (office, storage, staff lounge, Executive Committee meeting room & media room) + Registration area, exhibition area, and reception area.
Hotels	IPSA group: 2,800 room nights in hotels (mostly 3 and 4 stars) with room rates ranging from \$100 to \$260 USD, within walking distance of venue.

Accommodation Statistics

WC2025 Seoul

Stars	Min room rate (US\$)	Max room rate (US\$)	Average room rate (US\$)	Rooms	%
5	\$ 247	\$ 349	\$258	371	28%
4	\$ 100	\$ 260	\$180	724	54%
3	\$ 90	\$ 130	\$110	238	18%

WC2023 Buenos Aires

Stars	Min room rate (US\$)	Max room rate (US\$)	Average room rate (US\$)	Rooms	%
5	\$ 186	\$ 330	\$258	N/A	N/A
4	\$ 100	\$ 260	\$180	N/A	N/A
3	\$ 90	\$ 130	\$110	N/A	N/A

WC2018 Brisbane

Stars	Min room rate (US\$)	Max room rate (US\$)	Average room rate (US\$)	Rooms	%
5	\$148	\$322	\$198	108	7.5%
4	\$118	\$243	\$182	758	52.2%
3	\$98	\$134	\$110	586	40.3%
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Bidding deadline 1 March 2026 (Congress in July 2029)

Bidding process National or regional political science association of IPSA or a university, faculty or department with support from the city or country's Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). If a bid comes from a CVB from a region/country where there is no national or regional political science association that is a collective member of IPSA, IPSA reserves the right to accept the bid.

Local Organizing Committee (LOC) – main responsibilities

Fundraising: Raise approximately \$200,000 USD in cash and/or value-in-kind (or \$100,000 in cash and/or value-in-kind if the venue is free of charge). At the confirmation stage, a deposit of \$20,000 USD and a commitment of \$5,000 USD for the World Congress 2027 closing ceremony reception are required.

Academic program: Organize 50+ panels within 3-10 LOC tracks.

Opening Ceremony: Venue and AV + cultural program + reception (1,500 people)

Closing Reception: \$5,000 USD contribution for the closing ceremony reception of the 2027 Congress.

Volunteers: Recruit 100 volunteers.

Bidding Process – Timeline

CALL FOR BIDS Launch of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to IPSA collective members (national political science associations) and convention bureaus (region). All information will be posted on the IPSA website.	8 December 2025
BID PROPOSAL DEADLINE Bid candidates must complete the formal bid proposal and submit all required questionnaires and signed documents.	1 March 2026
SHORTLISTING World Congress and Events Senior Director evaluates the bids and sends them to the members of the Bid Committee by the end of March. The Bid Committee holds an online meeting and decides on a short list, usually including no more than three (3) locations, during the first half of July.	8 April 2026
BID CHALLENGE Bid candidates may be requested to review or improve specific items of their proposal.	29 April 2026
SITE INSPECTION The site inspection committee will visit the shortlisted locations to validate feasibility and verify the commitment of the bid candidates. The visits will have to be sponsored by the relevant bidders.	May, June, July 2026
EVALUATION AND FINAL DECISION IPSA Secretariat prepares site inspection reports during month of August. The Bid Committee will perform a final evaluation.	30 August 2026
DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE The Bid Committee recommends the host city to the Executive Committee for decision.	October 2026
2029 HOST CITY ANNOUNCEMENT	October 2026
DEADLINE TO PROVIDE GUARANTEES The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) must be signed by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and a \$20,000 USD deposit shall be made.	December 2027

Bid Proposal - Required Documents

DOCUMENTS	REQUIREMENT
Full bid organized by section , as described above under “Proposal Guidelines”, and including all cost proposals as required.	Mandatory
Official letter from the national political science association (PSA) or another body recognized by IPSA The letter shall: 1) stipulate the candidate’s formal agreement with the conditions that apply to the bidding process, as stated in this document and its Annexes and Appendices; 2) guarantee the candidate’s legal capacity to fulfill the required commitments such as contracting with third parties (e.g., sponsors).	Mandatory
Official letters of support from local, regional and national authorities as well as other organizations.	Mandatory
Official letters of financial support (in cash and/or in-kind contributions) from local governments, agencies, organizations or institutions (chambers of commerce, convention/tourist bureaus, universities, foundations, etc.). Intention expressed in these letters of support will require formal commitment and be considered a factor in the bid evaluation.	Recommended
An official letter from the host city’s convention bureau , stamped and signed by a senior manager, stating that the host city has the capacity to accommodate up to 3,000 delegates, in addition to the usual tourist flow during the period proposed in the bid.	Mandatory
The duly completed Appendix 1. Host City Questionnaire	Mandatory
The duly completed Appendix 2. Host Country Visa Requirements Questionnaire	Recommended – will be required only for short-listed candidates.
Up to two congress venue proposals as per the criterion specified in <i>Annex 1. Congress Venue & Audiovisual-IT Requirements RFP</i> . Each venue proposal should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The duly completed Appendix 3. Congress Venue Questionnaire • The duly completed Appendix 4. Venue Rooms & Equipment Requirements • Official quotation(s) for Audiovisual and IT as per the criterion specified in <i>Annex 1. Congress Venue & Audiovisual-IT Requirements RFP</i> • Official quotation(s) for Food and Beverage as per the criterion specified in <i>Annex 3. Food and Beverage RFP</i> • Floor plan(s) of the venue(s) with proposed room allocation clearly marked. 	Mandatory
Hotel Grid for Participant Hotels as per the criterion specified in <i>Annex 4. Accommodation For Participants RFP</i> .	Mandatory
Proposals for the Headquarter Hotel including official proposals as per the criterion specified in <i>Annex 5. Congress Headquarter Hotel RFP</i> .	Mandatory
Other documents/information that the candidate may consider relevant.	Optional

SUMMARY

Venue:	45+ Rooms and a large amphitheater up to 1,000 people.
Fundraising:	Local/international funding and sponsorship for Opening Ceremony, delegate bags & badges, printed program, coffee breaks, events & receptions, etc.
Fundraising (LOC):	Raise approximately \$200,000 USD in cash and/or value-in-kind (or \$100,000 in cash and/or value-in-kind if the venue is free of charge). At the confirmation stage, a deposit of \$20,000 + \$5,000 USD commitment for the World Congress 2027 Closing Ceremony Reception.
Hotel prices:	Targeted hotel room rates range from \$100 to \$250 USD and most delegates book hotels at \$100-\$140 USD.