

International Association for Travel Behaviour Research
14th International Conference (IATBR 2015)

Announcement and Invitation for tendering
to host IATBR 2015



Submission Deadline: July 1, 2012

The International Conference is the premier event of the International Association for Travel Behaviour Research (IATBR) and is held every three years. It is traditionally hosted by a leading transport research institution and moves around the world. The conference usually counts between 150 and 300 participants, although the number is constantly growing due to the high interest it attracts among researchers and practitioners in the discipline.

The International Conference requires considerable advance planning and organisational capabilities on the part of the host institution to ensure that the high quality level that characterises it is maintained. The organisers should be prepared to keep the traditions of the IATBR, but they have the freedom to make the conference an event showing the uniqueness of the host site.

IATBR now invites bids from academic/research institutions or their representatives who wish to be considered as prospective organisers for IATBR 2015.

Proposals should be submitted to the co-Chairs of the IATBR Prof. Juan de Dios Ortúzar (jos@ing.puc.cl) and Prof. Harry Timmermans (H.J.P.Timmermans@tue.nl) **no later than July 1, 2012.**

During the forthcoming IATBR conference in Toronto (July 2012), the IATBR Executive Board will evaluate the proposals and select the location where the next conference will be held in 2015. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of a set of criteria that are listed below as minimum requirements.

Please note that since the previous two IATBR conferences were held in Asia (IATBR 2006 and 2009) and the coming one will be in North America (IATBR 2012), priority will be given to locations outside Asia and North America to ensure a fair rotation in terms of hosting countries.

The proposal should be 2-3 pages long and should contain, as **minimum requirements**, the following information:

Hosting organisation:

1. Host institution and conference chair: names and some basic information regarding scientific reputation and main researchers in transport behaviour.
2. Names and affiliations of organisers, with an indication of previous experience organising conferences or workshops (please indicate type of conference and number of participants).
3. Cooperating organisations, sponsors and level of sponsorships that the host can generate.

The venue:

1. Description of the city and its attractiveness (an indication of the weather conditions during the period of the congress will be appreciated).
2. Description of the location and its main characteristics. It is desirable to indicate 2-3 (as maximum) feasible options, with a brief description of their main characteristics, especially if these locations are substantially different (such as a hotel in the downtown area versus a university campus outside the city).
3. Description of the possible venues (hotel/university/conference centre), with an indication of capacity in terms of total number of delegates that can be accommodated and enough rooms to run parallel sessions.
4. An indication of the accessibility of the city (international connections) and of the intended locations.
5. An indication of the hotels available, in terms of distance from the venue, categories and average costs (as expected in the period of the congress).

Preliminary information about the conference design:

1. Alternative months when the conference can be held.
2. Format of the conference with an indication of its length and structure (parallel sections, workshops, and plenary sessions) as well as typical social activities such as opening reception and social dinner.
3. Potential registration fee amounts for delegates and students.
4. Plans for publication of selected papers from the conference.