

International Association for Travel Behaviour Research
15th International Conference (IATBR 2018)

Announcement and Invitation for tendering
to host IATBR 2018



Submission Deadline: July 1, 2015

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 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 the IATBR 2018.

Proposals should be submitted to the Vice Chair of the IATBR, Prof. Patricia Mokhtarian (patmikh@gatech.edu) **no later than July 1, 2015.**

During the forthcoming IATBR conference in London (July 2015), the IATBR Executive Board will evaluate the proposals and select the location where the next conference will be held in 2018. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of a set of criteria that are listed below as minimum requirements.

Please note that IATBR wishes to maintain its international character by wide geographic diversity of the conference location. Please consult the website (<http://iatbr.org/>) for previous conference locations; preferential consideration will be given to locations that support the goal of geographic diversity.

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 number of 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, social dinner, and potential leisure activity.
3. Expected registration fee amounts for delegates and students.
4. Plans for publication of selected papers from the conference.