



IFHRS
International Federation
of Hair Research Societies

World Congress for Hair Research Open Slot 2030

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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce the launch of the **2030 Open Slot bidding process**. This is a new initiative, recently introduced into the calendar of the World Congress for Hair Research. In this unique instance, a bid to host the Open Slot need not come from an existing IFHRS member society. However, the bid must come from a bid team with a genuine interest in promoting Hair Research with the strengths, confidence, and capabilities to organize and host this event and the team must outline compelling reasons for their choice of location/timing which make the event unique in the cycle of hair research congresses.

The timeline for the process is below. Expressions of interest are invited via the **Google Form** as a preliminary step in the process. We hope that there will be several potential teams interested in this unique opportunity.

The IFHRS Board expects to select the **best two initial expressions** and invite these bid teams to prepare a **full and detailed proposal** for a decision in May 2026 during the World Congress in Korea. A general guidance document called "WCHR OPEN SLOT BID GUIDE" has been prepared for bid teams when preparing their full and detailed proposals and is available to download from <https://www.ifhrs.com/>.

The **Expressions of Interest stage need not be very detailed**, and we do not expect presentations or video submissions at this stage. Details of what we require are in the Google Form.

The **Expression of Interest** should be submitted via the following Google Form:

<https://tinyurl.com/WCHROpenSlot2030GoogleForm>

Timeline

Process	Key Dates	Method
Outline bid letter and form links sent to all societies	March 23, 2024	Email
Open Slot bid Q&A arranged (Dallas)	April 9, 2024, 1:30-3:00pm during Session 32: Closing Ceremony & Lunch	In person
Expressions of Interest Form open	April 1, 2024	Email
Expressions of Interest Form closed	May 31, 2025	Email
IFHRS Board meet to review applications	July 2025	Zoom
Selected Bid Teams invited to submit full proposal	July 2025	Email
Full proposal sent to IFHRS Board by Bid Teams	April 2026	Email
Bid Teams present proposals to IFHRS Board (Korea)	May 28, 2026	In person/Zoom
Decision made and communicated to the winning team (Korea)	May 28, 2026	In person/Zoom
Winning Bid team will present their bid at the closing ceremony in Korea	May 31, 2026	In person/Zoom

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