

Request for Proposals to hold the 2022 World Conference on Timber Engineering, WCTE 2022

Proposals to hold the WCTE 2022 conference are being sought from interested organizations from around the world. However, as the conference locations rotate between Europe – Asia & Pacific – Americas, the highest priority is given for Europe in 2022. To be considered, please submit a short written proposal by 15 of June 2018 to tomi.toratti@woodworkingindustries.fi.

Selection will be made during the WCTE 2018 conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea (20-23 August 2018). Proposal submission details are provided herein.

History & Background

The series of conferences known as the World Conference on Timber Engineering (WCTE) is the world's premier forum for presenting and discussing the latest technical and architectural developments and innovations in timber engineering and construction. The scope covers research, education and practice topics from all over the world. The conference has attracted wide international representation and attendance. The past conferences are:

- 1984 PTEC Auckland, New Zealand
- 1988 ICTE Seattle, USA)
- 1989 PTEC Auckland, New Zealand
- 1990 ITEC Tokyo, Japan
- 1991 ITEC London, UK
- 1994 PTEC Surfer's Paradise, Australia
- 1996 IWEC New Orleans, USA
- 1998 WCTE Montreux, Switzerland
- 1999 PTEC Rotorua, New Zealand
- 2000 WCTE Whistler, Canada
- 2002 WCTE Shah Alam, Malaysia
- 2004 WCTE Lahti, Finland
- 2006 WCTE Portland, USA
- 2008 WCTE Miyazaki, Japan
- 2010 WCTE Trentino, Italy
- 2012 WCTE Auckland, New Zealand
- 2014 WCTE Quebec City, Canada
- 2016 WCTE Vienna, Austria

The 2018 WCTE will be held in Seoul, Rep. of Korea on 20-23 August 2018 and the 2020 WCTE will be held in Santiago, Chile.

WCTE Selection Criteria

WCTE exists primarily to:

- Provide a forum for dissemination of the latest developments, technologies and innovations in wood or timber design, engineering and construction and
- Encourage the construction and use of engineered timber structures.

The selection criteria for WCTE proposals include:

1. Organizational ability & funding (30%) – indications that the host organization(s) have the management and financial capacity to manage the organizational issues and financial risks of organizing the event.
2. Country technology and/or market potential (30%) – indications of potential for significant local participation, timber technology development and application in the host country, and/or attractiveness of the market for significant use of timber in construction.

3. Attractiveness of location (10%) – indication of attractions (natural or man-made, historical or new) to attract attendees and their families to come, especially those from overseas.
4. Global dimension (30%) – how frequently and/or recently have WCTE been held within the region of the proposed bid?

Conditions and Requirements

The WCTE 2022 proposal should be submitted in written form (MS Word file or PDF), maximum of 4 pages (additional appendices or attachments may be given) to: tomi.toratti@woodworkingindustries.fi by 15 June 2018 and, at the minimum, include the following:

1. Complete contact information of the proposing organization(s) or consortium(s) *and* the key individual representing them in the bid – complete mailing address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
2. Proposed date and location of the event, even if preliminary.
3. Key information that specifically address the selection criteria given above.
4. There must be a commitment to:
 - a) include members of the WCTE-CC in appropriate committees of WCTE
 - b) consider the feedback and lessons learned from previous WCTEs in its planning and operations
 - c) submit a representative (usually WCTE Chairman and/or Secretary) to participate in future WCTE-CC meetings and activities (e.g. to decide on bids for future WCTEs)

The conference shall be known and referred to (in brief) as WCTE 2022.

About WCTE-CC

The WCTE Coordinating Council (WCTE-CC) was formed between 1996 and 1998 through the initiative of the chairmen of the conferences of that era, to provide consistency and harmony in the naming and scheduling of the international conference series on timber engineering. The advice and comments of international key stakeholders in the field were sought and this became the basis for the Council operations.

At present, WCTE-CC is comprised of the three preceding WCTE conference chairmen and their respective conference secretariats. This means a total of three formal votes, in case voting is required to make a decision, e.g. selection of the next WCTE venue. The Chairman and Secretary of the current WCTE (2018) will be observing members (no voting rights), until the end of WCTE 2018, at which time they replace the representatives from WCTE 2012 in the Council.

Thus, the current WCTE-CC members are:

- Prof. Pierre Quenneville and Dr. Hugh Morris, New Zealand (WCTE 2012)
- Dir. Richard Desjardins, Prof. Alexander Salenikovitch and Dr Caroline Frenette, Canada (WCTE 2014)
- Prof. Wolfgang Winter and Prof. Josef Eberhardsteiner, Austria (WCTE 2016)

The chairman and representation of WCTE2018: Dr. Moon Jae Park, Dr. Kug-bo Shim and any other person in the organisation of WCTE 2018 are currently invited as observers in the WCTE-CC, and will be formally joining WCTE-CC as explained previously.

The contact persons for WCTE2020, Prof. Juan José Ugarte Gurruchaga and any other person in the organisation of WCTE2020, are also invited to attend the WCTE-CC meetings in WCTE2018 as observers.

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