



CALL FOR BIDS TO HOST CONFERENCE

ISA 2027: Deadline for applications 30 June 2025

Where can the conference be held?

ISA aims to alternate our annual conferences between high-income countries (HIC) and low- or middle-income countries (LMIC). HIC conferences are generally larger (400+ delegates); LMIC conferences are smaller, often more regional than global in scope. We also aim for wide geographic representation of our conferences over time. Past conferences have been held in HIC, including the USA, the UK, Norway, the Netherlands, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Australia and Japan, and LMIC, including South Africa, Vietnam, Antigua, Uruguay and Sri Lanka. In 2027, we are prioritizing HIC.

What should the focus of the conference be?

Each conference has its own themes, but all conferences must:

- accommodate the needs of bereaved parents, health practitioners and researchers;
- focus on perinatal death, including prevention, awareness, education and bereavement;
- align with ISA's [Core Principles](#) and [Strategic Plan](#).

What does hosting a conference entail?

The host organization is responsible for setting up a Conference Organizing Committee (COC) which has overall responsibility for the Conference. The COC sets up the Scientific Committee which is responsible for the scientific program. For more details on committee membership and responsibilities, see the ISA Conferences Protocol (posted on ISA website). The host organization is also responsible for conference financing and must generate sufficient funds to cover all costs incurred.

Who may submit a bid?

All ISA member organizations may submit a bid, and they may do so in partnership with other relevant organisations. Organizations that are not members must join ISA in order to submit.

What must the bid include?

- A [proposal](#) following "Bid for hosting an ISA conference" format (see Protocol Appendix B)
- A [cover letter](#), including the organization's name, website link, and location; the name, title, and contact information of the contact person; and a description of why the organization wishes to host the conference. Please confirm in your cover letter that you are an ISA member.
- Bids must be in English and no longer than 10 pages

Where can I submit a bid?

Please send your submission in a single PDF document to info@stillbirthalliance.org with the header "Bid for hosting ISA 2027 Conference" If you have not received an acknowledgement of submission within 7 days, please contact us to follow up.

What if I have more questions?

Refer to the Conferences Protocol or contact info@stillbirthalliance.org

We thank you for your interest!!