PReS 2027 Call For Proposals Guidelines







According to UEMS and/or MedTech regulations, the PReS Executive Committee and PReS Council may discard any destination that may not be considered compliant. Please refer to the following principles:

<u>Geographic location</u> - Principle: *NOT the main attraction*

Requirements:

- In or near a city, scientific or business centre, conducive to knowledge
- Central location
- Ease of access
- In addition, consideration of the seasonality, if the location is predominantly a touristic or holiday destination, it may still be considered noncompliant

<u>**Congress venue**</u> - Principle: Venue conducive to the exchange of scientific and medical information and the transmission of knowledge.

Requirements:

- Appropriate conference facilities
- The image of the venue among the public, media and authorities cannot be perceived as luxury, touristic/holiday
- and/or entertainment/leisure facility
- Spa & hotel resort; 5* hotels; hotels with beach access, golf, on-site casino...; cruise ship
- Museums and stadiums can be compliant if offering proper conference facilities.

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Call for proposal

The PReS Executive Committee invites PReS members to submit a proposal to host the 2027 congress.

Any member interested in hosting the 2027 congress should submit a formal proposal to the council no later than <u>31 October 2025</u>. Members who previously submitted a bid will be required to re-submit a new proposal.

Your proposal should contain the following documents:

- Letter of expression of interest
- Designation of the PReS member who will act as local host and a local organizing team to support local host with organizational aspects
- Completed Excel "Bid document" please download it here or on the PReS Society website
- Completed Powerpoint "Your destination and venue" please download it here or on the PReS Society website

MCI Suisse SA is the official professional congress organizer appointed by PReS to organize the 2026 congress and will be responsible for contracting the venue, pre-booking hotel rooms, managing the congress finances, managing registrations, sponsorship and exhibition logistics, speakers' logistics, abstract handling, etc.

Should you work on your proposal with a local agency, please note that no financial agreement can be found to compensate their work

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CAREFULLY READ FOLLOWING PAGES



Selection criteria

✓ Proposal must be submitted or endorsed by an active PReS Member and will act as the "local host".

- ✓ Proposal made solely by destination's convention bureau will be discarded.
- The total cost of the destination will be a key element in the decision-making process (venue rental, AV equipment, accommodation, catering, etc.)
- ✓ PReS is looking for accessible second tiers cities in Europe.
- ✓ Local benefits from the destination will be considered (discounts, subvention, transportation passes, etc.)
- \checkmark The venue should be proposed at an already negotiated rate.
- ✓ Applicant will have to make a proposal for space allocation to ensure unity of space.
- ✓ Any proposal received from convention bureaus, destination management companies or PCOs with no involvement of a scientific local host will be rejected. If not already a member of PReS, the local host will be required to subscribe to the PReS membership.
- ✓ All proposals will be reviewed by MCI Suisse SA and the PReS Council.
- Depending on the number of proposals received, the council may draw-up a shortlist of three hosts / destinations for further discussion.

CONGRESS DATES

The congress should be held in the second half of September. The first week of October may also be considered under very specific circumstances. Major religious holidays should be avoided.

The congress is generally held over 4 days, from Wednesday to Saturday.

PReS also organizes the Young Investigator Meeting (YIM) and may need additional spaces for courses on pre/post congress days.



Others

SCIENTIFIC LOCAL HOST

The scientific local host will be responsible for:

- co-developing the scientific programme with the PReS scientific chair appointed by the council
- organizing the opening ceremony
- raising funds from local and regional sponsors
- proposing venues and entertainment for the Faculty dinner and the PReS networking dinner.
- proposing entertainment for the Welcome reception if budget allows.
- coordinating the organization of the Young Investigator Meeting together with the EMERGE team and MCI Suisse SA for logistical aspects.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR MEETING (YIM)

This is an essential part of the PReS congress. You can find more information here: <u>YIM programme example</u>

The scientific local host is requested to coordinate the organization of the YIM prior to the main congress. This meeting is organized over 2 days before the congress - usually from the Tuesday preceding the congress to the Wednesday.

Meeting spaces for the YIM should be negotiated <u>free of charge</u>, usually on a campus and ideally not more than 20 minutes away from the congress venue. Hotel rooms are also needed as well as a venue for the YIM dinner.

The scientific local host may seek help from the convention bureau or the proposed venue to build the proposal. Negotiation with the potential venue should include a meeting room for up to 20 pax for the PReS Council meeting.



Others

FACULTY DINNER

One that Faculty are looking forward to attend. We're looking for a nice comfy place in a privatized area.

The scientific local host is requested to suggest 2-3 potential venues, preferably accessible by public transportation.

<u>Key information</u>:

- Usually on the Thursday evening of the congress
- Budget: to be determined together
- Expected attendance: 70-75 pax seated Starter, main course, desert + welcome bubble drink, red/white wine, coffee/tea
- Venue with a nice and comfy vibe → see picture from 2024 on next slide *should not feel like a "meeting room"*
- No specific decoration needed
- No entertainment is needed.

NETWORKING DINNER

This is one of the congress highlights and a way for participants to network with their colleagues in a different way.

The scientific local host is requested to suggest 2-3 potential venues, preferably accessible by public transportation.

Key information:

- Usually on the Friday evening of the congress
- Budget: the cheaper the better food, welcome bubble drink and 3-4 drinks per person.
- Expected attendance: 250-300 pax $\frac{1}{2}$ seated, $\frac{1}{2}$ standing dinner with drinks
- Relaxed venue with a good vibe → see picture from 2024 on next slide *should not look like a "meeting room"*
- Venue should already have its own decoration in place i.e. no decoration is needed
 - Entertainment: PReS participants like to dance and party! Depending on the congress budget, we will work



Others

FACULTY DINNER 2024 World of Volvo, Gothenburg





NETWORKING DINNER 2024 Kooperativet, Gothenburg





Post submission process:

SELECTION

- > All proposals will be reviewed by the PReS Council and MCI Suisse SA.
- > Depending on the number of proposals received, the council may draw-up a shortlist of three hosts / destinations for further discussion.
- > If your proposal is shortlisted, you will be invited to pitch for it.
- > Each local PReS Member would present for 15 min.
- > Meeting(s) is recorded
- > Other shortlisted candidates will be placed in a waiting room until it's their turn to present
- > PReS Council will vote through a dedicated link that will be sent after the presentations
- > PReS Council will have a week to review the recordings and vote.

TIMELINE – subject to change

June 2025: Launch of the call for proposals 31 October 2025: deadline to submit proposal Until end of November 2025: review of applications by MCI Suisse SA and the PReS Council. Mid-December 2025: pitch from applicants (by local host) to PReS Council January 2026: decision rendered by PReS

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You may send your questions prior to the submission deadline to <u>pres@mci-group.com</u> Complete application should be sent to <u>pres@mci-group.com</u>



Thank you

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