

# Request for Proposals to hold the 2018 World Conference on Timber Engineering WCTE 2018

Proposals to hold WCTE 2018 are being sought from interested organization(s) from around the world. To be considered, please submit a short written proposal by 21 June 2014 to [tomi.toratti@rakennusteollisuus.fi](mailto:tomi.toratti@rakennusteollisuus.fi).

Selection will be made during the WCTE 2014 in Quebec City, Canada (10-14 August 2014). 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 globe. 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

The 2014 WCTE will be held in Quebec City, Canada on 10-14 August 2014 and the 2016 WCTE will be held in Vienna, Austria on 18-21 July 2016

## 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 2018 proposal should be submitted in written form (MS Word file or PDF), maximum of 4 pages (excluding supporting appendix/attachment) to: [tomi.toratti@rakennusteollisuus.fi](mailto:tomi.toratti@rakennusteollisuus.fi) by 30 May 2014 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 and fax numbers and e-mail address.
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) undertake a conference participant survey near the end of WCTE 2018 and provide a synthesis report to WCTE-CC
  - d) 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 2018 or 2018 WCTE (i.e. its place/order in the series should *not* be used – e.g. “12<sup>th</sup>” WCTE, etc – to avoid further confusion).

## About WCTE-CC

The WCTE Coordinating Council (WCTE-CC) was formed between 1996 and 1998 through the initiative of Dr. Greg Foliente (who became Operating Secretary), Prof Vijay Gopu (Chairman of IWEC 1996) and Dr Bob Leicester (Chairman of PTEC 1994) to provide consistency and harmony in the naming and scheduling of the conference series. The advice and comments of key international stakeholders in the field were sought and became the basis for Council operations.

At present, WCTE-CC is comprised of the preceding three WCTEs and their respective Conference Secretariats. This means a total of three formal votes, where voting is required to make a decision (e.g., selection of the next WCTE). The Chairman and Secretary of the current WCTE (2014) will be observing members (no voting rights), until the end of WCTE 2014, at which time they replace the representatives from WCTE 2008 in the Council.

Thus, the current WCTE-CC members are:

- Prof Takanori Arima and Dr Shiro Aratake (2008 Japan)
- Prof Ario Ceccotti and Prof. Jan van de Kuilen (2010 Italy)
- Prof. Pierre Quenneville and Dr. Hugh Morris and (2012 New Zealand)

The chairman and representation of WCTE2014: Mr. Richard Desjardins, Prof. Alexander Salenikovich and Mr Christian Dagenais are currently invited observers in the WCTE-CC, and will be formally joining WCTE-CC after WCTE 2014.

The contact persons for WCTE2016 Prof. Wolfgang Winter, prof. Josef Eberhardsteiner and prof. Francoise-Helene Jourda are also invited to attend the WCTE-CC meetings in WCTE2014 as observers.

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