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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to propose Gothenburg as the host city for the ICS 2019 Annual Meeting. Annual ICS meetings have been held since 1971 and the 11th Annual ICS Meeting was held in Lund in 1981.

It is our pleasure, after many years, to welcome you back to Sweden and to the city of Gothenburg. Sweden has a long scientific tradition in incontinence research and many prominent scientists have been engaged in the International Continence Society and its important work.

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Chair: Ian Milsom (Gynecologist)



Chairman and Professor at the Institute of Clinical Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg. Professor Milsom has been a member of the Board of the Swedish Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology as well as the Nordic Federation of Gynecologists. He is an active member of ICS and has been an invited speaker at numerous ICS Annual Meetings. He is also the current chairman of the Epidemiology Committee for the International Consultation on Incontinence. Attended 11 ICS meetings.

Scientific Co-chair: Karl Erik Andersson (Clinical Pharmacologist)



Professor Andersson is one of the most well-known members of ICS and has contributed important new scientific knowledge to the pharmacological management of lower urinary tract dysfunction. He was a member of the organizing committee at the ICS meeting in Lund 1981 and a recipient of the ICS Lifetime Award 2014. Attended 35 ICS meetings.

Scientific Co-chair: Anders Mattiasson (Urologist)



Professor of Urology at the University of Lund and long-standing member of ICS. Prof. Mattiasson has made considerable scientific contributions to the work of ICS and has been involved for many years in the Standardisation of Terminology Working Groups. He was a member of the organizing committee at the ICS meeting in Lund 1981 and was made coordinating chairman in the ICS Standardisation Committee during the 1990's. Attended 27 ICS meetings since 1979.

PROPOSED DATES

17-20 September 2019 (Tuesday - Friday). A preliminary reservation is secured at the proposed venue.

There are no public or religious holidays during the suggested time period. Early autumn is a beautiful time as the colourful fall foliage starts but the weather is mild enough to enjoy outdoor activities at sea.

Scientific Co-chair: Kari Bø (Physiotherapist and Exercise Scientist)



Professor Bø is a highly recognized international researcher in the area of pelvic floor dysfunction and pelvic floor muscle training. Besides her full time position as professor at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Department of Sports Medicine, Kari is a project leader at Akershus University Hospital, Department of Gynecology (20%) and board member of the multidisciplinary Pelvic Care Center. Attended 27 ICS meetings since 1987.

LOC Secretary: Ralph Peeker (Urologist)



Professor Ralph Peeker is senior consultant at the Department of Urology, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg. His main scientific as well as clinical interests comprise reconstructive surgery, traumatology, neurourology, inflammation and benign prostatic hyperplasia. During the years 2008-2011, he was President of the Swedish Association of Urology. Attended 10 ICS meetings.

Magnus Fall (Urologist)



Professor at the Department of Urology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital since four decades. He has been involved in the ICS Standardisation of Terminology Working Groups, chaired the committee for the preparation of the European guidelines on chronic pelvic pain and is a board member of the International Society for the Study of Bladder Pain Syndrome. Attended 20 ICS meetings since 1975.



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ESCAPHERE FAVOURITE 2013.

WHY GOTHENBURG?

The entire city is your venue

Gothenburg is just the right size to give a large meeting high visibility. The city has an almost unbelievable concentration of big-city attributes all contained within a pocket-sized format.

Great value at lower cost

Prices are below average European level.

Transport

International airport with 100 direct routes enables swift, convenient travelling to Gothenburg. Travel time from the airport is 20 minutes by shuttle bus which stops outside the congress entrance. A bridge connects Sweden and Denmark. Together with trains and an excellent road and ferry network it ensures a fast journey to Gothenburg. Walking distances in the city also means there is no need for transportation.

Accommodation

Preliminary hotel bookings, including the congress centre's in-house hotels, are made to secure availability for the ICS AM. All booked hotels are within walking distance from the venue. In total, Gothenburg offers 10,000 centrally located hotel rooms ranging from budget to five-star. All 65 member hotels of the two local hotel associations are eco-certified and offer free Wi-Fi.

Sustainable city

Gothenburg is a world leader within sustainable meetings as well as a Fairtrade City. It is also the greenest hotel city in the world.

Gastronomic brilliance

This gourmet's dream offer innovative cuisine using local produce. Specially fish and shellfish is our claim to fame. Cuisine from all over the world is offered at reasonable prices at first-class, gourmet, trendy or traditional restaurants. Six restaurants are awarded with a Guide Michelin star.

Cultural attractions

Gothenburg and West Sweden offers an exceptional combination of city life, culture and nature. Historical and contemporary attractions and activities are mixed with a wide repertoire of entertaining shows, sports, cultural events, shopping, fairs and exhibitions.

A number of prominent cultural institutions are found on five minutes walking distance. View the unique collection of Nordic art at the Museum of Art or enjoy Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra at the Concert Hall. The many city-centred parks, the picturesque archipelago as well as forests and lakes are only a stone's throw away.

The amazing wilderness areas creating incredible possibilities for social activities are just a tram ride away.

VENUE - SWEDISH EXHIBITION & CONGRESS CENTRE

This city centred, eco-certified venue is Europe's largest fully integrated hotel and congress facility. Modern facilities are combined with the convenience of walking distance to access to numerous excellent hotels and a guaranteed friendly reception. Thanks to great logistics and innovative technology it is one of the most effective meeting places in Northern Europe.

- Total capacity of 9,500 people.
- In-house hotels with 1,200 rooms. 4 and 5-star.
- 41,000 m² meeting and exhibition and congress space.
- 63 flexible meeting rooms.

- Auditorium seats 2,800 people.
- Free Wi-Fi and latest technical equipment.
- Inhouse suppliers; logistical management, catering, stand service, technical service.
- 24 hours service.
- 8 restaurants and 5 bars. Fine dining to grab'n'go.
- 3 banquet rooms for 1,100, 700 and 300 people.
- Catering arrangements possible for up to 12,800 people.
- Equality-certified by Tourism for All.
- Environmentally certified by the City of Gothenburg.



SOCIAL EVENT PROPOSALS

A multitude of dining options are available.

City-hosted welcome reception: Tuesday, 17th September

The Swedish Exhibition & Congress Centre trade exhibition area.

Chairman's reception: Wednesday, 18th September

Sjömagasinet is Guide Michelin awarded and one of the leading restaurants in Sweden. It is originally an East India Company warehouse from 1775.

Universeum is Sweden's national science discovery centre. Enjoy dinner amongst aquariums filled with sharks, rays and corals or with a rainforest as backdrop.

The Swedish Exhibition & Congress Centre newest function room/restaurant on the 29th floor has a panoramic city view. Customise your menu with the executive chef; the previous captain of the Swedish Culinary Team, moreover the only chef in the world to have won four gold medals at the Culinary Olympics.

Annual dinner: Thursday, 19th September

Kajskjul 8, built in the late 19th century, is a rustic venue originally used as a warehouse located by the water. It is now a popular dinner show venue with many guises; from festive crystal chandelier gala to west coast themes and wild west style.

Clarion Hotel Post has a sophisticated yet relaxed atmosphere. The formidable former central post office is now designated a historic building. The Aquavit New York star chef, Marcus Samuelsson, originating from Gothenburg is the food and beverage concept creative partner.

Restaurant Trädgår'n overlooks the beautiful Horticultural Gardens in the middle of the city. It is well-known for its extensive concert programme, dinners and other exciting events.

PRE AND POST CONGRESS PROGRAMME

Full-day: Tour of Gothenburg and the west coast

Experience the city highlights and the exotic archipelago. The Bohuslän coast, is ranked a top 7 wilderness area 2013 by CNN.

Full-day to two days: Swedish design

Sweden is a world-leading design country. Travel east to the Textile Kingdom and Kingdom of Crystal for interior design, textiles and fashion, metal, glass and ceramics. You might even meet the mighty elk.

Three days: Three capitals

The Scandinavian capitals, Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen are located so close that you can visit all of them in three days.

LOCAL SUPPORT

The ICS bid is supported by:

- The Swedish Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Scandinavian Association of Urology
- University of Gothenburg
- Astellas Farma (Scandinavia) AB
- Allergan (Scandinavia) AB
- SCA
- City of Gothenburg
- Swedish Exhibition & Congress Centre
- Göteborgshotellen and Storhotellgruppen - the two hotel associations
- Taste of Gothenburg restaurant association
- West Sweden Tourist Board
- Gothenburg Convention Bureau

GOTHENBURG - CITY SUPPORT

- Dedicated convention bureau – support free of charge.
- City dressing.
- City-hosted welcome reception.
- Site visit.
- Tailor-made concepts, delegate boosting and public reach-out.
- On site venue visitor's information.
- City information.
- Volunteers – 40 languages.
- Sponsor cars and drivers.
- PR/media services; prints, promotional images, films etc.