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Wikimania 2015

Dear Mr Scott,

The Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) is privileged that the Wikimedia Foundation is considering Cape Town, South Africa, as a meeting destination for Wikimania 2015.

Our state-of-the-art, world-class centre would be the perfect venue to host the Wikimania delegates. Our centre is both adaptable and multi-functional and has a surprising number of facilities all under one roof. Apart from the two Auditoria seating 1500 and 620 delegates, there is a large ballroom with a seating capacity of 2000, no less than 33 break out rooms, five exhibition halls (11 200 m²), various restaurants and foyers and an in-house 483 room deluxe business hotel. We are able to meet any of your meal requirements in a variety of venues whether these are small exclusive functions or large scale sit-down or buffet style events.

Cape Town has a myriad of attractions, history, beauty and easy accessibility all supported by a technologically advanced infrastructure. The city is home to many of Africa's leading companies, three premier universities and is a centre for scientific research.

In addition Cape Town has a tremendous congress infrastructure. The city has about 15 000 hotel rooms. Several three, four and five star hotels with 3500 - 4000 rooms are within walking distance of the CTICC, not to mention the 483 room adjacent hotel, The Westin Cape Town. In addition, the city is an ideal destination for interesting and diverse social programmes with a perfect location for pre- and post-conference sightseeing tours.

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It is also an easily accessible congress destination. There is no time difference with Europe, therefore no jet lag. SAA and various other international airlines directly connect Cape Town with numerous worldwide destinations in Europe and the USA. Via Johannesburg, many more have connections with Cape Town. The city centre is just a 20-minute drive from Cape Town International Airport, making the transfer for convention delegates an easy shuttle drive away.

We have been the privileged hosts of many successful events in the past. One in particular was the 19th World Diabetes Congress in December 2006, an extraordinary event that attracted 12 300 delegates, to our Centre and the City of Cape Town. Apart from the above we have also hosted various events that have also left their mark such as:

- Laboratory Medicine Conference Congress 2013
- International Design Indaba Conference and Expo 2013
- 6th World Congress of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in 2013
- International Academy of Pathology 2012
- 30th International Congress of Psychology 2012
- International Design Indaba Conference and Expo 2012
- The World Veterinary Congress in 2011
- 19th FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology & Obstetrics in 2009
- The World Congress of Anaesthesiologists 2008
- The 28th Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie 2006
- The 24th International Congress of Radiology 2006

Forthcoming we will be the proud hosts of the following prestigious events:

- World Congress of Paediatric Infectious Diseases 2013
- International Design Indaba Conference and Expo 2014
- World Small Animal Veterinary Conference 2014
- 16th IUPHAR World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology in 2014

An invitation letter has its inherent restrictions. Words are hardly sufficient to express the welcome and hospitality your delegates will receive, in the most beautiful city in the Southern Hemisphere. I therefore, sincerely hope we have the pleasure of welcoming you and the Wikimania delegates, where you will then have the opportunity to experience it for yourselves!

Sincerely yours,



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