

# The participation at future Wikimania

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10.10-10.30 Discussion about relevance

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10.30-10.50 Discussion about participation and scholarships

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10.50 Other issues and conclusions

# An international event talking place in different locations



● 2021 online

● 2022 online

# Organised in different kind of venues: universities, hotels, an hostel, cultural and conference centres, Alexandria library, a village



2017 Sheraton, Montréal, Canada



2014 Barbican Centre in London



2005 Youth Hostel Frankfurt, Germany



2019 Stockholm University



2016 Esino Lario, Lake Como area, Italy



2010 Polish Baltic Philharmonic, Gdańsk



2006 Harvard University



2012 George Washington University



2015 Hilton, Mexico City



2008 Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt



2011 Haifa Auditorium Complex, Israel



2013 Hong Kong Polytechnic University



2007 Youth Center Taipei



2023 Singapore Suntec Convention Centre

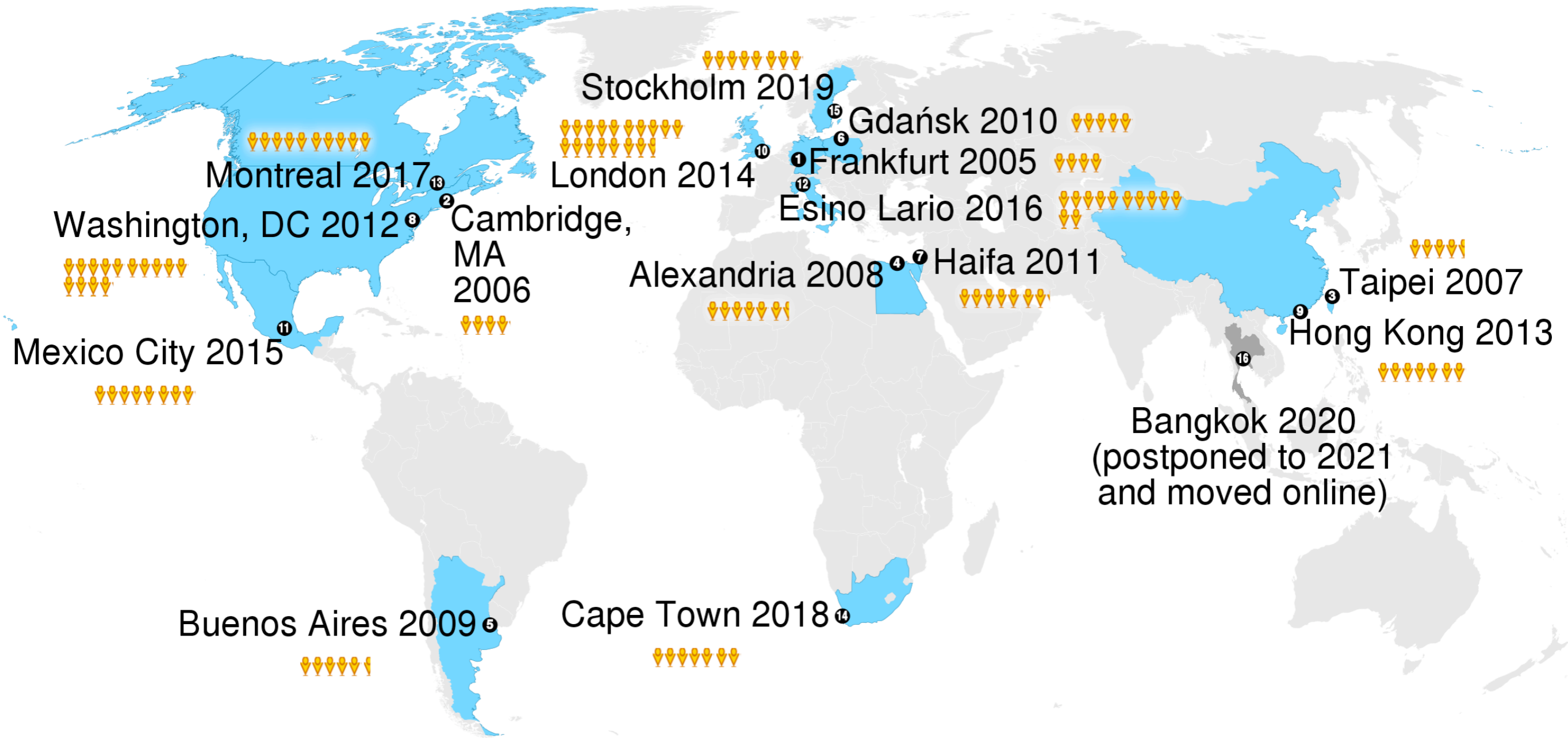


2009 Centro Cultural San Martín, Buenos Aires



2008 Cape Town Southern Sun Cape Sun Hotel

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with exceptionally 1.762 in London, 1.400 in Washington DC, and 1.368 in Esino Lario



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**2024** Kraków, Poland  
**2025** *To be determined*  
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## Wikimania Committee

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Wikimania has been a community endeavour since its inception in 2005. Year after year, previous organisers of Wikimania and some frequent Wikimaniacs have taken on responsibility to ensure that Wikimania continues and it is a success. However, local organising teams often reinvent the wheel, encountering similar issues every year.

To allow the conference to grow more smoothly, it seems sensible to pool the years of knowledge that we have into a body that oversees the Wikimania process from beginning to end in its yearly cycle. A Wikimania steering committee has been established to oversee the bidding and selection process of host cities/teams and to provide continuity of experience and mentoring to each year's organizing team.

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## Purpose and process [edit | edit source]

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To ensure that the legacy of knowledge is effectively and efficiently passed on to the organising teams and to ensure a smooth and successful Wikimania.

This includes:

- Setting Wikimania policy
- Soliciting and reviewing proposals to host
- Conference oversight and review
- Best practice development

## Members [edit | edit source]

- **Current membership:**
  1. [Phoebe Ayers](#) (WM 2006, representing WM 2017), Vice-Chair
  2. [Butch Bustria](#) (ESEAP representative, WM 2023)
  3. [Florence Devouard](#)
  4. [Gnangarra](#) (representing WM 2021 and 2023)
  5. [Andrew Lih](#) (core organizing team of Wikiconference North America, WM 2013)
  6. [Eric Luth](#) (representing WM 2019)
  7. [Iván Martínez](#) (representing WM 2015)
  8. [Iolanda Pensa](#) (representing WM 2016), Chair
- WMF supporting staff: [Lisa McCabe](#), [Mehrdad Pourzaki](#)

Thanks to all previous members of the Wikimania Committee: [James Forrester](#), [Carlos Barcenilla](#), [Jeromy-Yu Chan](#) (representing WM 2013), [James Hare](#), [Orsolya Virág Gyenes](#) (representing WM 2012), [Deror Avi](#) (representing WM 2011), [Edward Saperia](#) (representing WM 2014), [Manuel Schneider](#), [Romaine](#), [Muhammad Yahia](#).



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2013 (Hong Kong SAR, China)

2012 (Washington, D.C., USA)

2011 (Haifa, Israel)

2010 (Gdansk, Poland)

2009 (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

2008 (Alexandria, Egypt)

2007 (Taipei, Taiwan)

2006 (Boston, USA)

2005 (Frankfurt, Germany)



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# Wikimania:Expressions of Interest

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The [Wikimania Steering Committee](#) is seeking expressions of interest from community groups to host the 2024 Wikimania in-real-life. We hope to announce the host location by 1 April 2023 to create learning and collaboration between current and future organizing teams. Continue reading to learn more.

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## Expressions of interest for 2024, 2025, and beyond [\[ edit source \]](#)

Interested community groups do not need to have a venue selected, contracts drafted or sponsors lined up. The Wikimania Steering Committee and Wikimedia Foundation staff are here to help. The points below give some idea of minimum requirements for hosting Wikimania and some of the responsibilities of the hosting team/organization. We will be taking into account various factors about potential sites and hosts, especially the cost, accessibility, security, global rotation of Wikimania, and the strength of the organizing team.

If a group is interested in hosting Wikimania, but may not be ready for 2024, we will consider expressions of interest for 2025 and even beyond, let us know. Kindly consult your community first before making a submission. We discourage a single person expression of interest.

If a [region](#) is interested in hosting Wikimania, you can express interest for multiple cities. Submitted entries are placed under [Category:Wikimania 2024 expressions of interest](#).

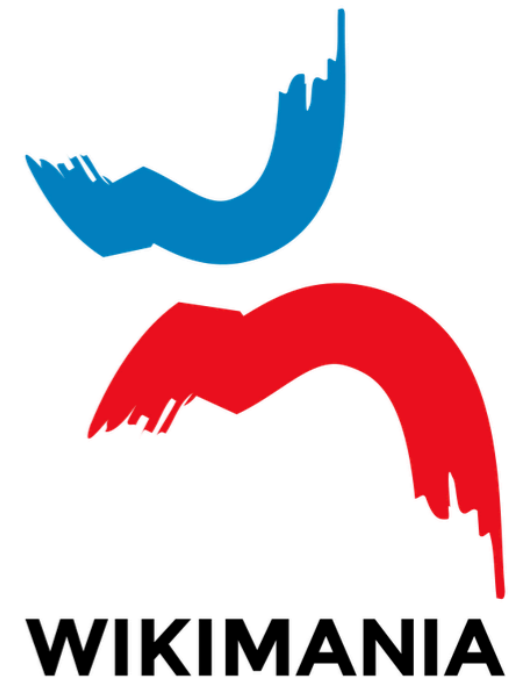
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- The call for the Expression of Interest remains open from Oct.31 to Dec.16, 2022 January 8, 2023 **CLOSED**
- Initial reviews: January 2023
- Second, expanded call with short-listed candidates: February 2023
- Selection announced: March 2023
- Observing and learning with Singapore organizers: April to August, 2023

### Requirements [\[ edit source \]](#)

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- Keep in mind previous cities and regions
  - We love to bring Wikimedians together in different parts of the world to connect with diverse cultures and local communities, sharing the sum of our knowledge and the magic of Wikimania at different destinations. We also aim to leave a lasting legacy of projects and partnerships wherever we go.
  - We have hosted Wikimania since 2005 in the following locations. It might be time for your region to welcome the world: Frankfurt (Western Europe), Boston (North America), Taipei (East Asia), Alexandria (North Africa), Buenos Aires (Latin America), Gdansk (Central & Eastern Europe), Haifa (West Asia), Washington DC (North America), Hong Kong (East Asia), London (Western Europe), Mexico City (Latin America), Esino Lario (Western Europe), Montreal (North America), Cape Town (Sub-Saharan Africa), Stockholm (Northern Europe), and Singapore (South East Asia).



## Relevance

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## Relevance

Wikimania is a large-scale event which has a significant economic and environmental cost. It is important that the event has the greatest impact and truly serve the movement in the most efficient way.

### Questions:

What is important?

What do you think are the most relevant elements of Wikimania?

How can the event have the greatest impact?

What makes it unique compared to other Wikimedia events and why do we need to keep it an annual meeting?

## Participation and scholarships

Wikimania has around 800 participants (with few largest events in London, Esino Lario and Washington DC). The main language for conferences and discussions is English (with some conferences and meetings in other languages and few preparatory events in local languages). Most participants can attend the event thanks to scholarships provided by the Wikimedia Foundation, other affiliates and some universities or institutions. The criteria for scholarships - which at largest have been benefitting around 600 people - are central to determine participation.

### Questions:

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