

Request for Proposals to hold the 2025 World Conference on Timber Engineering, WCTE 2025

- Revision of application submission date to 31.05.2021

Proposals to hold the WCTE 2025 conference are being sought from interested organizations from around the world. To be considered, please submit a short written proposal by 31 of May 2021 to tomi.toratti@woodworkingindustries.fi.

Note that due to the global pandemic situation, the next conference, WCTE 2021, is delayed and will be held in Santiago de Chile during 9 to 12 August 2021. Further delays on this event will not be done and if the pandemic situation is still on, the focus is placed on having an online conference. The selection of the WCTE 2025 venue will be made there by the WCTE coordinating council.

Due to the pandemic we have lost a year and the conference series has now switched to odd years. Having the conference every second year has shown to be an appropriate pace.

Proposal submission details are provided here in.

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 world. The conference has attracted wide international representation and attendance. Considering events starting from the 80's, 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
- 2014 WCTE Quebec City, Canada
- 2016 WCTE Vienna, Austria
- 2018 WCTE Seoul, Rep. of Korea

The 2021 WCTE will be held in Santiago, Chile and it is moved to 9-12 August 2021. The 2023 WCTE will be held in Oslo, Norway.

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 (40%) – 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 (20%) – how frequently and/or recently have WCTE been held within the region of the proposed bid?

Conditions and Requirements

The WCTE 2025 proposal should be submitted in written form (MS Word file or PDF), maximum of 5 pages (additional appendices or attachments may be given) to: tomi.toratti@woodworkingindustries.fi by 31 May 2021 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 numbers and e-mail addresses.
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) 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 2025.

About WCTE-CC

The WCTE Coordinating Council (WCTE-CC) was formed between 1996 and 1998 through the initiative of the chairmen of the conferences of that era, to provide consistency and harmony in the naming and scheduling of the international conference series on timber engineering. The advice and comments of international key stakeholders in the field were sought and this became the basis for the Council operations.

At present, WCTE-CC is comprised of the three preceding WCTE conference chairmen and their respective conference secretariats. This means a total of three formal votes, in case voting is required to make a decision, e.g. selection of the next WCTE venue. The Chairman and Secretary of the current WCTE (2021) will be observing members, until the end of WCTE 2021, at which time they replace the representatives from WCTE 2014 in the Council.

Thus, the current WCTE-CC members are:

- Dr. Richard Desjardins, Prof. Alexander Salenikovich and Dr Caroline Frenette, Canada (WCTE 2014)
- Prof. Wolfgang Winter and Prof. Josef Eberhardsteiner, Austria (WCTE 2016)
- Prof. Jung-Kwon Oh and Dr. Kug-bo Shim, Rep. of Korea (WCTE 2018)
- Prof. Jan Willem van de Kuilen, Germany, CC secretariat
- Dr. Tomi Toratti, Finland, CC secretariat

The chairman and representation of WCTE2021: Prof. Juan José Ugarte Gurruchaga, Dr. Sebastian Carcamo and any other persons in the organisation of WCTE 2021 are currently invited as observers in the WCTE-CC and will be formally joining WCTE-CC as explained previously.

The contact persons for WCTE2023, Prof. Anders Nyruud, Dr. Kristine Nore, and any other person in the organisation of WCTE2023, are also invited to attend the WCTE-CC meetings in WCTE2021 as observers.

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