Request for Proposals to Host IJCAI-ECAI-2026

International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) Organization hereby invites proposals to host the 35th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence to be held jointly with ECAI (IJCAI-ECAI-2026). IJCAI-ECAI-26 will be held in July or August 2026 in Europe. These proposals will be evaluated by the IJCAI Board of Trustees. The final selection of the IJCAI-ECAI-26 site will be made at the IJCAI-ECAI-22-Executive Committee Meeting at IJCAI-ECAI-22 conference in Vienna, Austria on July 25th, 2022.

The IJCAI conferences are the premier international conferences in Artificial Intelligence, having been held in major world centers since 1969. Until 2015, our conferences were held every two years. In the recent past, IJCAI-17 was held in Melbourne, Australia, IJCAI-ECAI-18 was held in Stockholm, Sweden, IJCAI-19 was held in Macao, PR China, IJCAI-PRICAI-20 was held in a Japan-themed virtual reality and IJCAI-21 was held in a Montreal-themed virtual reality.

Please see https://ijcai.org for more information.

Because of the size and complexity of IJCAI conferences, it is necessary to plan some years ahead. Due to the multifaceted nature of the conference, it is important for cities that would like to host IJCAI-ECAI-2026 to submit final proposals by **July 15, 2022**.

The proposal should be short but provide sufficient details on the:

- Local AI organization, potential organizing committee and its Chair, and the primary contact person who will interact with IJCAI
- Detailed budget estimates (including break-even figures) as a function of the expected number of participants, budget template is available from IJCAI Executive Director and Secretary
- Monetary support that the local committee expects to raise through various sponsorships (public and private)
- Logistics (flights and local transportation, etc), weather, etc
- Potential conference/workshop&tutorial venues, accommodations (hotels, student housing, etc) and their impact on the budget

A detailed list of required site information, a set of budget categories, and a list of selection criteria used to judge site proposals, are available from the Executive Director and Secretary.

Proposals will be evaluated in relation to a number of site selection criteria:

1. National, regional, and local AI community support.

- 2. National, regional, and local government and industry support, especially financial.
- 3. Appropriateness of proposed dates.
- 4. Adequacy of conference and exhibit facilities for the anticipated number of registrants (currently around 3000).
- 5. Adequacy of residence accommodations and food services in a range of price categories and proximity to the conference facilities.
- 6. Adequacy of budget projections.
- 7. Accessibility, attractiveness, and desirability of proposed site.
- 8. Balance with regard to the geographical distribution of previous conferences.

This call is open to European AI societies/groups, only!

*** Bids from Convention Centers, Tourism Bureaus and/or PCO's will NOT be considered!***

Proposals and inquiries should be sent to the <u>IJCAI Executive Director and Secretary</u> by **July 15, 2022**.

Please allow 24 hours for electronic receipt confirmation from the IJCAI Secretariat!