

IAVCEI - Cities and Volcanoes Commission

Protocol for selecting venues for “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings

Background

To date there have been five “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to bring together volcanologists, city authorities, sociologists, psychologists, emergency managers, economists and city planners to evaluate volcanic crises preparedness and management in cities and densely populated areas.

In 1995 the “Volcanoes in Towns” meeting was held in Rome, Italy. From that developed the first “Cities on Volcanoes”, held in June-July 1998 in Rome and Naples, Italy with over 100 people attending. This was followed by the second in February 2001 in Auckland, New Zealand, the third in Hilo, USA in July 2003, the fourth in Quito, Ecuador in January 2006 and the most recent in Shimabara, Japan in November 2007. The sixth meeting is planned for May-June 2010 in Tenerife, Spain.

Future Planning

- Future CoV meetings are required to have a core focus on the links between volcanoes and society. Community and disaster/emergency management participants are to be actively encouraged to participate and supported where possible.
- Future “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings will be aligned to fall in the years between the IAVCEI General Assembly and IUGG meetings; they will continue to be held approximately every two years.
- Venues for “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings will change for each successive meeting
- The venue for the seventh “Cities on Volcanoes” meeting to be held in 2012 will be selected by a Committee of the Cities and Volcanoes Commission.
- Brief nominations for hosting the next meeting will close on 1 July 2009.
- Formal written proposals arising from these nominations are to be submitted by 1 November 2009 and must outline briefly:
 - dates
 - venue for conference
 - locality (e.g. volcano characteristics, activity, exposed population, vulnerability, etc)
 - transport options for international attendees
 - session/programme ideas (e.g. session topics, plenary speakers, field trips)
 - arrangements for logistics and handling of these by the host country
 - potential sponsorship
 - preliminary estimates of the registration fees.
- The Commission will consider the proposals and may seek further details from the applicants.
- The Commission will announce the next venue on 1 February 2010.
- The Commission will assist the hosting country where possible but organisational and financial responsibility rests with the host.

Important Dates

1 January 2009	Formal call for nominations for hosting CoV7
1 July 2009	Deadline for nominations for hosting CoV7
1 November 2009	Deadline for written proposals for hosting CoV7
1 December 2009	Deadline for further information requests by Commission
14 December 2009	Deadline for further information submissions
January 2010	Meeting of the executive committee of the Cities and Volcanoes Commission to decide venue of CoV7
1 February 2010	Venue for CoV7 announced.